



2018 SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCK SOFTBALL

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2018 Schedule/Results (43-13, 15-9 SEC)

Date	Opponent	W	L	Score/Time
FIU Tournament				
2/9	Eastern Carolina *	W	3-0	
2/9	Hofstra *	W	4-2	
2/10	Hofstra *	W	11-0	
2/10	Florida International *	L	3-1	
2/11	St. John's *	W	6-3	
2/14	@ Charlotte	W	5-2	
GAMECOCK INVITATIONAL				
2/16	MICHIGAN STATE **	W	5-1	
2/17	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS **	W	2-0	
2/18	GEORGETOWN **	W	5-3	
2/18	MERCER **	W	7-2	
2/20	NORTH CAROLINA **	W	5-0	
<i>D9 Citrus Classic</i>				
2/23	Louisville	W	5-3	
2/23	Bradley	W	8-0	
2/24	Miami (OH)	W	12-0 (5)	
2/24	South Alabama	W	1-0	
2/25	Lehigh	W	15-0 (5)	
2/28	DUKE	POSTPONED		
CAROLINA CLASSIC				
3/2	LIBERTY ***	W	12-1 (6)	
3/3	GEORGE WASHINGTON ***	W	2-0	
3/3	MARSHALL ***	W	5-2	
3/4	MARSHALL ***	W	11-3 (5)	
3/6	YOUNGSTOWN STATE ***	RAINED OUT		
Oklahoma Tournament				
3/10	Illinois State	W	9-0 (5)	
3/10	Oklahoma	L	4-2	
3/11	Indiana	W	7-3	
3/11	Oklahoma	L	5-1	
3/13	TEXAS	W	1-0 (8)	
3/16	Ole Miss %	W	7-3	
3/17	Ole Miss %	W	5-2	
3/18	Ole Miss %	L	1-0	
3/20	DUKE	W	6-1	
3/23	TENNESSEE %	W	8-7	
3/24	TENNESSEE %	W	5-4	
3/25	TENNESSEE %	W	15-5 (5)	
3/28	FURMAN	W	1-0	
3/30	Texas A&M %	L	3-0	
3/31	Texas A&M %	L	2-1	
4/1	Texas A&M %	W	5-3	
4/4	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W	5-2	
4/6	ARKANSAS %	W	2-1	
4/7	ARKANSAS %	L	4-0	
4/8	ARKANSAS %	W	6-2	
4/11	Winthrop	W	7-0	
4/13	Florida %	L	3-1	
4/14	Florida %	L	7-0	
4/15	Florida %	L	3-0	
4/18	CAMPBELL	L	3-2	
4/20	MISSOURI %	W	6-3	
4/21	MISSOURI %	W	8-3	
4/22	MISSOURI %	W	6-2	
4/25	@ USC UPSTATE	W	7-1	
4/27	MISS. STATE %	W	5-2	
4/28	MISS. STATE %	W	8-1	
4/29	MISS. STATE %	W	5-4	
5/2	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	W	14-0	
5/4	Kentucky %	L	7-5	
5/6	Kentucky %	L	8-4	
5/6	Kentucky %	W	9-3	
SEC Tournament				
5/10	Texas A&M/Miss. State	Noon ET		
5/11	Semifinal Game	3:00 PM ET		
5/12	Championship Game	8:00 PM ET		

* FIU Tournament; % SEC Games; ** Gamecock Invitational
 Home games in bold; *** Carolina Classic

Upcoming Opponents (May 10-12)



South Carolina
15-9 SEC record
Won 2 of last 3 series
Finished in Third Place
Last time
 Took 1 of 3 at No. 20 UK
Series wins
 5-for-8 on the year
Next up
 SEC Tournament (Columbia)

POSSIBLE SECOND ROUND OPPONENTS: No. 6 Texas A&M (1-2 this year) or No. 11 Mississippi State (3-0 this year).

RECORD VS. THEIR SIDE OF THE BRACKET: 7-5

RECORD VS. OTHER SIDE OF THE BRACKET: 5-4

TOURNAMENT RECORD UNDER BEVERLY SMITH: 3-5

TOURNAMENT RECORD ALL TIME: 18-20 (.474)

TOURNAMENT RECORD LAST SEASON: 0-1 (7-3 loss to Kentucky in Knoxville, Tenn.)

BEST TOURNAMENT FINISH: Tournament champion, twice. (1997 and 2000)

Live Coverage: SEC Tournament (Second Round)

TV/Live Stream: SEC Network

Live Stats: gamecocksonline.com

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2018 South Carolina Pitching Staff

No.	Name	Ht.	Class	ERA	W-L	App-GS	Sv	IP	BB	SO	H	Avg.	WP	HBP	EBH
12	Kelsey Oh	6-0	Fr.	1.85	13-4	29-16	1	117	44	108	82	.195	4	3	19
53	Dixie Raley	6-0	Jr.	2.18	11-4	25-14	2	99.2	43	89	78	.211	2	8	24
9	Cayla Drotar	5-6	So.	2.24	19-5	29-26	0	149.2	41	50	127	.228	7	12	27

Projected Starting Lineup (based on previous games)

Pos.	Name	B/T	Ht.	Class	Avg/Runs/RBIs	Notes
DP/P	Cayla Drotar	R/R	5-6	So.	.296/17/24	.300 OB percentage vs. possible first opponents
SS	Kenzi Maguire	R/R	5-5	RS-So.	.347/48/30	SEC Player of the Week on 4/10 (First career)
2B	Mackenzie Boesel	L/R	5-5	So.	.366/50/45	Batting .412 vs. possible first opponents
3B	Jana Johns	R/R	5-9	Fr.	.243/26/36	Named Frosh of Week twice (first in SC history)
1B	Krystan White	R/R	5-6	Sr.	.247/23/21	Hit first-career walk-off home run to beat Texas
OF	Tiara Duffy	L/L	5-9	Sr.	.190/14/16	Named SEC Player of the Week on 3/27
OF	Kennedy Clark	L/L	5-5	JR.	.280/34/25	Carolina best .484 BA over last 10 games of year
OF	Kamryn Watts	L/R	5-6	Sr.	.275/27/3	.385 on-base percentage in neutral site games
DP/C	Alyssa VanDerveer	R/R	5-7	Sr.	.304/17/40	Team-best 20 RBI in last 10 games of year
OF	Alex Fulmer	R/R	5-5	Fr.	.273/8/0	Reached base in first-career SEC AB
DP/C	Alyssa Kumiyama	R/R	5-10	Fr.	.248/9/36	Batting .385 in neutral site games this year

2018 Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Beverly Smith (pitching coach)
Associate Head Coach	Lisa Navas (third base coach)
Assistant Coach	Matt Lisle (hitting coach)
Volunteer Assistant	Matt Stewart (first base coach)



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South Carolina Coaching Highlights

- Led Gamecocks to 5 NCAA Tournaments in 7 years
- 2nd winningest coach in SC Softball history
- Recruited and coached 2015 First-Team All-American Alaynie Page
- Coached five All-Region and three All-SEC players
- Team has matched or improved its win total the last four seasons and improved its RPI finish in each year
- That includes an RPI finish at 24 in 2016

Coaching Timeline

2011-present.....Head coach, South Carolina
 2008-10.....Associate head coach, North Carolina
 2005-2008.....Assistant head coach, North Carolina
 1998-2002, 2004.....Assistant coach, North Carolina
 1997.....Assistant coach, Tampa Bay FireStix (WPSL)
 1996-1998.....Head coach, Episcopal High School (Bellaire, Texas)

Smith's South Carolina Record

Year	Record	Final NCAA RPI	NCAA Finish
2011	26-30	82	--
2012	23-32	99	--
2013	34-25	37	Austin Regional Finals
2014	36-22	34	Tallahassee Regional
2015	38-22	32	Tallahassee Regional
2016	38-23	24	Tall. Regional Final
2017	34-25	22	Tucson Regiona Final
7 years	229-179		5 NCAA Regionals

North Carolina Coaching Career Highlights

- Helped UNC to eight NCAA Tournament appearances
- Recruited and coached five All-Americans
- Coached 32 All-Region and 37 All-ACC players
- That includes three-time ACC Player of the Year and two-time All-American Danielle Spaulding

North Carolina Playing Career Highlights

- 1994 ACC Player of the Year, first in UNC history
- 1994 All-Southeast Region Player
- ACC 50th Anniversary Team
- Tossed two career no-hitters
- Tied for 17th in NCAA Division I history in triples (27)
- Still ranks in the top 10 at UNC in 11 career stats (seven offensive, four pitching)

Education

North Carolina, 1994
 B.A., Speech communications & Political science

Playing Timeline

1991-1994.....North Carolina
 1997..... Tampa Bay FireStix (WPSL)

South Carolina has seen its star rise again in the collegiate softball world, and head coach Beverly Smith has guided that process since arriving as head coach in July of 2010. She oversees all aspects of the program and works most closely on the field with the pitchers. As a head coach, Smith's overall record is 272-191, becoming only the second Gamecock softball coach with over 200 career wins.

From 2010-17, Smith has guided the Gamecocks to five-consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, three times making the regional championship round. The team's offense has posted some of its strongest seasons during Smith's tenure, setting 25 team program records in her seven years at the helm. In the per-game team records, Smith's group holds eight of the 16 tracked. Gamecock pitching has improved markedly during that same tenure. From 2013-15, Smith's staff improved its strikeout-to-walk ratio in each season, while the 2016 group posted the program's lowest earned-run average (2.82) since 2008.

Many Gamecocks have broken out with their hard work under the watchful eye of Smith and her coaching staff. In 2016, Kaylea Snaer led NCAA Division I in doubles and broke the Gamecocks' and Southeastern Conference's single-season marks, settling at 27 on the year. Alaynie Page set five single-season records, including a new program record of 15 home runs for a Gamecock during her 2015 NFCA First-Team All-America campaign, the first for a Gamecock under Smith. Tiara Duffy also earned Southeastern Conference All-Freshman Team honors in 2015.

In 2014, Ashlyn Masters posted 15 single-season top-15 marks, including setting what was a new record of 0.34 doubles per game en route to NFCA Second-Team All-Southeastern Region accolades. Snaer and Nickie Blue also earned SEC All-Freshman Team honors during the year, with Blue leading the nation in saves as well as making the inaugural NFCA Division I Freshman of the Year watch list.

Two Gamecocks have moved onto the National Pro Fastpitch circuit. Garcia spent three years in the league with the NY/NJ Comets and the Pennsylvania Rebellion, getting drafted by the Comets in the fourth round of the 2013 College Draft. Page played for the NPF's 2016 champs, the Chicago Bandits.

Prior to coming to South Carolina, Smith served as the top assistant at North Carolina, working mostly with the pitchers and catchers. The final three years, she was the associate head coach after nine as an assistant. Smith helped the Tar Heels to two Atlantic Coast Conference titles in 2001 and 2008 and eight of their nine NCAA Tournament appearances. She served as the lead recruiter for the Tar Heels during that time, helping to bring in five All-Americans into the UNC program.

She coached a pitching staff that ranked in the top 10 in the nation in ERA in three of her final four seasons at North Carolina. Her top pupil was three-time All-American and two-time ACC Player of the Year Danielle Spaulding. During her final three seasons, Spaulding finished in the nation's top six in strikeouts per seven innings.

A standout player for head coach Donna Papa before joining her staff, Smith was the 1994 ACC Player of the Year. A dual threat, Smith still ranks ninth in Tar Heel history in slugging percentage, second in triples, third in RBI, fifth in shutouts and seventh in ERA. Smith was honored as one of the top 50 softball players in ACC history during the league's 50th-anniversary celebration in 2002.

In addition to her coaching, Smith has been a speaker/clinician at many camps and conventions. She graduated from North Carolina in 1994 with a double major in speech communications and political science.

THE GAMECOCKS

- Carolina comes into the 2018 season looking to build upon a 34-25 season in which the Gamecocks reached the regional final for the third time under the direction of head coach Beverly Smith.
- The Gamecocks welcome seven freshmen and transfer Dixie Raley to the program this season to bring the Gamecocks to 20 active members.
- Head coach Beverly Smith has been California Dreamin' with her roster, as South Carolina has six Californians on the team, more than any other state combined. The next closest is a tie with three between Georgia and South Carolina.
- Carolina won't be lacking arms this season with five available coming into the new season, leaving 15 fielders.

THE UPCOMING WEEK

- The Gamecocks (No. 12/12) hit the road for the SEC Tournament in Columbia, Mo., with a first round bye meaning the Gamecocks won't play until noon ET on SEC Network on Thursday against either Texas A&M or Mississippi State.
- Carolina comes into the weekend with an impressive 43-13 record, including a 15-9 mark in SEC play. Carolina closed the regular season winning eight of its last 10, including four wins over ranked opponents.
- Carolina is set to be on TV for the 41st time this season with the first game of the SEC Tournament.
- South Carolina's opponents on its side of the bracket come in with an impressive 186-77 (.707) record, but are just 26-5 (.839) in neutral games this season.

THE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- The 2018 SEC Tournament in Columbia, Mo., opens with four games on Wednesday starting with Texas A&M against Mississippi State at noon ET on SEC Network. The second day will have four more games starting with South Carolina at noon ET against the winner between the Aggies and Bulldogs on SEC Network. Friday will feature two semifinal games starting with the game on Carolina's side of the bracket on ESPNU at 3:00 PM ET. The Championship game is set for Saturday at 8:00 PM ET on ESPN2.
- Adam Amin and Amanda Scarborough will be on the call with Laura Rutledge for Carolina's first game. Beth Mowins, Michele Smith, Holley Rowe and Scarborough will be on the call for the semifinal and championship games.
- SEC Now will be on location with full coverage throughout the tournament. Molly McGrath and Kayla Braud will cover the day shifts while Laura Rutledge and Madison Shipman will have the night.
- The tournament concludes before Sunday, when the NCAA Softball Postseason Show will announce when and where everyone is set to go in the postseason.

TALK ABOUT THE LAST 10 GAMES OF THE REGULAR SEASON

- Carolina closed the last 10 games of the regular season on fire, posting an 8-2 record while outscoring teams 71-31 (+40) with an incredible 18 home runs.
- The offense has been rolling, posting a .634 slugging percentage, .426 on-base percentage and 66 RBI. Kennedy Clark has led the way, batting .484 with 15 hits, seven runs and eight RBI. Total, Carolina has had three people (Clark, VanDerveer and Boesel) hitting above .400.
- The defense has been great, as well, with a .986 fielding percentage with just four errors and 198 putouts.
- Four of the the eight wins came over ranked opponents (Mississippi State and Kentucky).

SCHOOL QUICK FACTS

Location	Columbia, S.C.
Founded	1801
Enrollment	31,288
Colors	Garnet (PMS 202) and Black
Nickname	Gamecocks
Affiliation	Southeastern (Eastern Division)
President	Dr. Harris Pastides
Athletic Director	Ray Tanner
Executive Associate AD/SWA	Judy Van Horn
Executive Associate AD (Supervisor)	Charles Bloom
Faculty Athletics Representative	Dr. Valinda Littlefield

HOME/PROGRAM HISTORY

Home Field	Carolina Softball Stadium at Beckham Field
Capacity	1,480
Dimensions	L-200, C-220, R-200, Alleys-210
NCAA Tournament Appearances	20
NCAA Super Regional Appearances	1
NCAA College World Series Appearances	3
AIAW College World Series Appearances	5
SEC Championships	1
SEC Eastern Division Championships	4
SEC Tournament Championships	2

2017 RESULTS/ROSTER INFO

2017 Record	34-25
2017 Conference Record	8-15
2017 Conference Finish	10th
Postseason	NCAA Regional Finals
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	11/6
Position Starters Returning/Lost	6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost	2/2
Newcomers	9

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INTERVIEWS/PRACTICE

South Carolina practices in the weekday afternoons at Carolina Softball Stadium at Beckham Field, located in the Athletics Village. Mondays are normally off days. Interviews are preferred around practice times, either before 2 p.m. or after 5 p.m. Please contact Patrick Osborne at least 24 hours before to schedule your interview.

PREFERRED ABBREVIATIONS

When needing to abbreviate South Carolina for your scoreboard or broadcast boxes, the preferred shortenings are 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 for your help.

MATT LISLE FEATURE

South Carolina assistant softball coach Matt Lisle has made a name for himself as one of the top hitting coaches in the country. Lisle has specialized in helping softball and baseball players with their swing, ranging from high school age student-athletes to Major League Baseball players, and his following on social media has made him somewhat of a "rock star" in the field.

"My career has been interesting because I have about 500,000 followers (on social media)," Lisle said. "About four years ago, I thought social media would be a good vehicle to share my coaching philosophies.

"The demographics I resonate the most with are coaches, parents and players, so I thought I could start sharing things I think are valuable to them. For whatever reason, it just took off. I started getting Major League Baseball players to call me, and I got some job offers. It's amazing the reach social media can have."

Lisle is in his first season as an assistant coach with the Gamecocks after serving as the head coach at Menlo College in California. His background includes stints as a college head softball coach and assistant coach, college baseball assistant coach, and high school baseball head coach. Wherever he's been, it's his knowledge of hitting that has made a difference for each team.

"I dug into hitting, and I learned from some really good coaches on hitting," Lisle said. "That sparked my passion. The deeper in the rabbit hole I got, the more I loved it."

Lisle noted that he plans to use his success on social media to help in recruiting and marketing the South Carolina program.

"It's a great way to show what we do here," Lisle said. "Not just what I do as a hitting coach, but our culture and values in the program here at South Carolina. Now recruits can really see what it's like here. I try to share a lot of hitting and coaching tips."

That leads to Lisle checking social media notifications on his phone a couple hundred times per day.

"It's all business, and it's not like I'm sharing cat memes on Instagram," Lisle chuckled. "Everything I do on there has a purpose."

*Full Story on gamecocksonline.com

MISSOURI WEEKEND... IT'S A SWEEP!

- Carolina got back to its winning ways two weekends ago with a three-game sweep of SEC foe Missouri. The sweep was the Gamecocks' first over the Tigers in program history.
- For her efforts in the Missouri series and midweek game, Jana Johns was named SEC Freshman of the Week for the second time this season.
- Kennedy Clark led the way at the plate batting .667 with six hits with a .667 slugging percentage and a .667 on-base percentage.
- Carolina had three difference pitchers (Cayla Drotar, Kelsey Oh and Dixie Raley) earn victories on the weekend. The Carolina staff had nine strikeouts against one of the best offensive teams in the country.

THE 2018 SEASON... IT'S BEEN A REAL HIT!

- Carolina hasn't been afraid to get hit by pitches this season, posting an SEC-best 74 thus far through 56 games. The next closest? Mississippi State at 54.
- Jana Johns has led the way in the hit by pitch race with a team-best 24 thus far.
- With 24 Johns has as many hit by pitches by herself as the entire Georgia team has put together. She is already seventh all-time in hit by pitches in Carolina history.
- In the national standings, the Gamecocks are very well represented as well. Johns checks in at No. 5 in the hit by pitches per game, while Kenzi Maguire is at 35 and Kennedy Clark is at 124. In the SEC, they check in a No. 1, 2 and 7 (in that same order).

ANOTHER SERIES WIN... THIS TIME IT'S ARKANSAS

- The Gamecocks came into the weekend looking to make history and did just that. Carolina earned its third SEC series win over a ranked opponent with the victory over the Razorbacks, marking the first time ever the Gamecocks have done so.
- At the plate, Kenzi Maguire and Mackenzie Boesel led the way. Maguire posted a .400 batting average with a run while Boesel finished with a .300 batting average with a run scored and a team-high three RBI.
- In the circle, it was the Cayla Drotar show as she posted a 0.70 ERA with two SEC wins in 10 innings of work.
- The series win marked the six-straight for the Gamecocks over Arkansas and the third in four tries this season. The victories kept Carolina in third-place in the SEC Standings up to this point, only behind Florida and Georgia. Carolina also tied last season's win total in conference play with eight.

LET'S DANCE... JUST LIKE THE GAME!

- Fan of the popular game, Fortnite? Well then you'll recognize the dance moves Carolina will hit when they get a hit. Each base has a different dance move from the game.
- A single, and you'll see the Gamecocks do the "Fresh Dance" at first base with first base coach Matt Stewart (who had the idea for the dances).
- A double is a little more exciting, which means it's time to pull out the "L Dance" substituted with the "Spurs Up" sign on the forehead.
- Does it get more exciting than a triple? Other than a home run, nope. So they've saved the best one for third. On every triple, you'll see the Gamecocks hit the "Ride The Pony" dance on base with the dugout joining in.

SEC RANKINGS										
	SEC	Pct.	All	Pct.	H	A	N	Top 25	Last 10	Streak
Florida	20-4	.833	47-8	.855	28-2	13-6	6-0	22-6	9-1	W4
Georgia	16-8	.667	43-10	.811	31-4	8-5	4-1	12-6	6-4	W1
South Carolina	15-9	.625	43-13	.768	25-2	7-11	11-0	12-11	8-2	W1
Tennessee	14-10	.583	44-11	.800	16-3	7-7	21-1	15-10	7-3	W1
LSU	13-10	.565	40-13	.755	32-3	5-8	3-2	11-10	7-3	W3
Texas A&M	13-11	.542	40-15	.727	34-4	3-9	3-2	16-13	4-6	L3
Arkansas	12-12	.500	37-14	.725	24-2	4-11	9-1	7-11	5-5	L3
Alabama	12-12	.500	32-17	.653	17-6	9-9	6-2	12-15	6-4	W4
Auburn	11-12	.478	40-14	.741	29-3	8-9	3-2	10-9	4-6	W2
Kentucky	8-15	.348	31-18	.633	18-5	6-12	7-1	8-16	5-5	L1
Mississippi State	7-17	.292	35-20	.636	24-10	8-8	3-2	5-16	2-8	L1
Ole Miss	7-17	.292	30-22	.577	16-9	6-11	8-2	8-17	6-4	L1
Missouri	6-17	.261	28-7	.509	13-7	5-11	10-9	5-20	4-6	L3

*As of May 6

FINISHING THIRD... WHY THIS WAS A SPECIAL DEAL

- The Gamecocks finished third in the SEC standings this year, their highest finish since moving away from the divisional format in 2014. Carolina was picked to finish 12th in the preseason poll as voted upon by the SEC coaches. No other team made a higher jump in their predicted finish.
- The 15 conference wins was the most for the Gamecocks since winning 18 in 2003, while the 43 wins is currently the most since winning 46 in 2002. The 15 conference wins give head coach Beverly Smith 71 SEC wins in eight years.
- The South Carolina pitching staff has been outstanding this year. Its 2.10 ERA is the program's best since its 1.79 ERA in 2007. Its 127 runs allowed up to this point are the lowest since Carolina allowed just 123 in 2004. Cayla Drotar is on pace to be the first Gamecock pitcher other than aces Jessica Elliott or Nickie Blue to lead the Gamecocks in wins since Julie Sarratt did so in 2013. Showing great control, the Gamecocks have had just 13 wild pitches this year, the lowest since posting 12 in 2007.
- Of course when you're talking about "Launch Angle U" as hitting coach Matt Lisle has dubbed Carolina, you can't forget about the offense. The Gamecocks are just two home runs away from breaking the school record for home runs in a season (currently 60). This is just the third time in program history the Gamecocks have hit 50 or more home runs.

ALL SEC GAMECOCKS

- The Gamecocks had five players recognized on three difference All-SEC Teams this year. Kenzi Maguire, Mackenzie Boesel and Alyssa VanDerveer were named to the Second Team All-SEC, Jana Johns and Kelsey Oh were named to the Freshman All-SEC Team while Johns was named to the SEC All-Defensive Squad for third base.
- This marks the first time since 2015 Carolina has had a player named to the first or second team, and the first time since 2002 its had three. This is just the fifth time since the SEC started in 1997 Carolina has had more than one in a year.
- This is the second-straight year the Gamecocks have had at least one player named to the All-Freshman Team and the second time ever they've had more than one (Nickie Blue and Kaylea Snaer 2014).
- This is the second-consecutive year Carolina has had a person named to the All-Defensive Team and the first at third.

SOFTBALL BONDS WITH LOCAL TEAM

"Just to hit the ball, and touch 'em all, a moment in the sun."

John Fogerty sang those words in his 1985 classic song "Centerfield," and it represents the ageless joy of playing ball. South Carolina softball student-athletes have been helping to share that joy with a local team made up of children and adults with special needs each Thursday this fall.

"The team was all for it," said South Carolina senior catcher Jordyn Augustus. "We were just so excited for the opportunity to give back to the community in a way that involved our sport. We do community service at Harvest Hope Food Bank and Transitions and help out at other places throughout the year, but this was something that was directly related to our sport. We just thought it would be really cool to teach them what we know. Being a student-athlete is really about using the foundation we've been given to impact our community."

The Irmo/Chapin Recreation Commission's Therapeutic baseball team for children and adults with special needs, known as the "Cardinals," have partnered with area high school baseball and softball teams over the last three years.

"We reached out to the softball team and asked for them to come out for one night, and they said 'no, let's do the whole season,'" said Jordan O'Keefe, Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator for the Irmo/Chapin Recreation Commission. "They adopted our players as their buddies for the season. They have secret handshakes. They want to take them trick or treating. It's just really special."

"They originally asked us to come for one night, but we wanted to establish a relationship with these kids," Augustus added. "We wanted to show that we cared, and that we're interested in our community. We felt it would be better to create that relationship with the kids and the adults, so we wanted to come once per week."

The Cardinals consist of 37 special needs athletes, with one group playing early in the evening made up youngsters ranging from elementary school to 15 years old, and the older group ranging from 16 to 30 years old playing afterwards. The Gamecocks along with community volunteers have been meeting at Seven Oaks Park in nearby Irmo, S.C.

*Full story on gamecocksonline.com

GAMECOCK AWARD WINNERS

Jordyn Augustus	NFCA Scholar-Athlete 2015-16-17
.....	SEC Honor Roll 2015-16-17
Mackenzie Boesel	SEC All-Freshman Team 2017
.....	NFCA All-Southeast Region Third Team 2017
.....	SEC Freshman of the Week (3/6/17)
.....	NFCA Scholar-Athlete 2017
.....	SEC Honor Roll 2017
Kennedy Clark	SEC Freshman of the Week (3/7/16)
.....	NFCA Scholar-Athlete 2016-17
.....	SEC Honor Roll 2016-17
Hayley Copeland	NFCA Scholar-Athlete 2015-16-17
.....	SEC Honor Roll 2015-16-17
Cayla Drotar	SEC Freshman of the Week (4/18/17)
.....	SEC Honor Roll 2017
Tiara Duffy	SEC All-Freshman Team 2015
.....	NFCA Scholar-Athlete 2015-16-17
.....	SEC Honor Roll 2015-16-17
.....	SEC Player of the Week
.....	SEC Honor Roll 2016-17
.....	SEC Player of the Week (3/27/18)
Alexis Lindsey	SEC Honor Roll 2017
Jana Johns	SEC Freshman of the Week (2/26/18)
.....	SEC Freshman of the Week (3/23/18)
Kenzi Maguire	SEC Honor Roll 2016-17
.....	SEC Player of the Week (4/10/18)
Lauren Stewart	SEC Honor Roll 2017
Alyssa VanDerveer	SEC Honor Roll 2017
Kamryn Watts	NFCA Scholar-Athlete 2017
.....	SEC Honor Roll 2015-16-17
Krystan White	NFCA Scholar-Athlete 2015-16-17
.....	SEC Honor Roll 2015-16-17

THE HOSTING CASE

- Big/Key wins include: No. 8 Tennessee (3), No. 13 Texas A&M (1), No. 14 Kentucky (1) No. 19 Arkansas (2), No. 20 Mississippi State (3), No. 23 Missouri (3), No. 22 Hofstra (2), No. 39 Texas (1), No. 34 Ole Miss (2), No. 36 Liberty (1), No. 44 Louisville (1) based on latest RPI rankings. Eight of those 20 wins away from Columbia, S.C. This would be the first time Carolina has hosted since 2002 and the seventh overall. The Gamecocks also hosted in 2007, but were the No. 2 seed with Oregon being the No. 1.
- Checking in at No. 11 in the latest RPI Poll, South Carolina is the fourth-highest ranked SEC team according to those rankings.
- Carolina has posted an 12-11 record against top-25 teams with more chances coming in the SEC Tournament.
- Carolina's "worse" loss of the season came at home a couple Wednesdays ago against Campbell but still has 23 RPI-top 75 wins.

HOME SWEET HOME

- Home is where the heart is, and it's also where plenty of success has been found for the Gamecocks with an 25-2 record thus far.
- Carolina is batting .305 in home games, outscoring opponents 157-56 (+101) in 27 games. The Gamecocks pitching staff has produced with a 1.91 ERA with 130 strikeouts and just 54 walks.
- Kenzi Maguire sure has loved playing at home. She's posted a .410 batting average on 34 hits with 25 runs and 14 RBI.
- Knowing the grass has paid off for the defense, as they've posted a .984 fielding percentage at home this year with just 10 errors.

CAROLINA HISTORY LESSON... LET'S TALK ABOUT THE SEC

- Since moving away from the divisional format in 2014, Carolina's best finish has been 8th in 2014. The Gamecocks finished that season 11-13 in conference play and 36-22 overall. (Gamecocks currently sit in 3rd).
- Carolina has taken four conference series over ranked opponents this season, marking the first time ever in the SEC era the Gamecocks have done so.
- The Gamecocks have had three different players recognized by the conference office this year, marking just the third time in program history the Gamecocks have had three different players recognized.
- The most conference wins of the Beverly Smith era prio to this season came in 2014 (11). Carolina has three games left this season and so far has 14 SEC wins. The most SEC wins ever came in 1997 as the Gamecocks posted a 25-1 SEC record on their way to advancing to the Women's College World Series.

DOWN GOES NO. 2!

- South Carolina capped a memorable 4-0 week with a three-game sweep of No. 2 Tennessee a few weekends ago. The sweep was big for many reasons, including: This marked Carolina's first sweep over a top-5 team in the SEC era, it was the first time since 2002 the Gamecocks swept the Lady Volunteers (just third time ever) and was just the third time since 2011 the Lady Volunteers have been swept by anyone.
- The Gamecocks were behind at one point in all three games, showing the will to come back each time. No. 2 Tennessee notably led 7-3 heading to the bottom of the fifth on Saturday night before Carolina pulled off the comeback victory.
- While all three wins were big, Sunday's was especially notable as the 15 runs scored were the most runs Carolina has ever scored on the Lady Volunteers. This was just the second-ever run rule over Tennessee for the Gamecocks.
- Tiara Duffy led the way at the plate for the Gamecocks hitting .625 with two home runs and four RBI in the series.

WHAT A YEAR... SOME MORE BIG POINTS

- Carolina has achieved some major highpoints 56 games into the 2018 season. The first came early in the year, when the Gamecocks posted a 17-game winning streak, marking the longest streak of its kind since 1997.
- With the 17-game victory streak, Carolina got off to its best 20-game start in program history with 19 wins. Nine of those wins came at home at Carolina Softball Stadium at Beckham Field.
- The Gamecocks have been no stranger to the polls, as Carolina entered the rankings for the first time this season on Feb. 20 at No. 24. Fast-forward to May 1, and the Gamecocks are ranked No. 12 in the latest NFCA Coaches Poll and come in at No. 11 in the NCAA RPI rankings. The Gamecocks are also No. 12 in the USA Softball Polls.
- With 43 victories on the season, Carolina has matched the 30-win mark for the sixth-straight year. Carolina has won 30 or more games 24 times since 1987. The 43 are the most in the Beverly Smith era. The Gamecocks have also won 40 games for the first time since 2003. The Gamecocks reached the Regional Round of the postseason that year.

NOT A BAD START TO SEC PLAY IN OXFORD

- Carolina started the 2018 SEC schedule with a 2-1 series win over No. 23 Ole Miss in Oxford a few weekends ago. Carolina took the first two games of the set, finishing the weekend outscoring the Rebels 12-6. For comparison, Kenzi Maguire finished with six RBI herself.
- The Gamecocks' pitching staff was incredible, posting a 0.70 ERA from three pitchers (Kelsey Oh, Cayla Drotar and Dixie Raley) on their way to holding Ole Miss to just two earned runs on the weekend. The Rebel batters could only muster a low .194 batting average on 14 total hits in the series. For comparison, the pitching staff closed with 14 strikeouts.
- Kenzi Maguire destroyed at the plate, batting .273 with a series best six RBI and also accounted for three runs scored. She had a Carolina-best .727 slugging percentage, as well. In the win on Saturday, she blasted her third-career home run to extend the Carolina lead to 5-2 in the top of the seventh.
- Dixie Raley (6-1) and Cayla Drotar (12-1) earned the victories in the circle for the Gamecocks. The pair combined for nine strikeouts and just four walks.

WE'RE GOING BACK... TO THE OKLAHOMA WEEKEND

- The Gamecocks (No. 17/18) traveled to Norman, Okla., earlier this year for the OG&E Tournament, facing Illinois State, Oklahoma and Indiana. Carolina posted a 2-2 record with wins over Illinois State and Indiana.
- While Carolina dropped both games to the Sooners, when you take a deeper look into the game you'll notice both were equally close and well played softball games. In 14 innings of action against Oklahoma, the Gamecocks held the Sooners scoreless for 12 frames.
- Alyssa VanDerveer couldn't have asked for a much better performance against one of the best teams in the country. She posted a .400 batting average with two hits, both home runs, against the Sooners. She produced with a 1.600 slugging percentage and .400 on-base percentage.
- As a staff, the Gamecocks struck out seven Sooner batters between the two games, allowing just six walks and two extra-base hits.

MORGAN DAVIS FEATURE

Morgan Davis is inspired to chase her passions, which include softball, art, and becoming a brain surgeon. Throw in an affinity for Elvis Presley music, and speaking with the freshman from Mount Zion, Ill., is like opening four different sections of the daily newspaper all at once. It's a lot to take in, but Davis is confident she can do it all.

"I think I'll be a brain surgeon by the time I'm 32, if I've done the math right," Davis said. "I love a fastball, so probably becoming an (successful) artist would be the biggest challenge."

The McKissick scholarship recipient is studying biochemistry and molecular biology at South Carolina with the goal of becoming a brain surgeon. The passion for the medical field came at an early age after her cousin, Chase, was diagnosed with Adrenoleukodystrophy when he was approximately ten years old.

"He lost his eye sight one day at Disney World, and he lost his ability to use his legs," Davis recalled. "He had to go through a ton of different treatments that were new in the United States at the time. His story inspired me to help children get back to their families and their lives because of how he was able to fight through everything that he did with the help of God and all of the doctors who were involved."

"He is wheelchair bound and can't move his legs, and he can't really speak. Our family is really close to each other, so whenever I'm home, I get to see him a lot."

Adrenoleukodystrophy, or ALD, is a genetic brain disorder that destroys myelin, the protective sheath that surrounds the brain's neurons -- the nerve cells that allow you to think and to control muscles. "Just seeing him fight and seeing him grow up with that is what got me interested in [the medical profession]" Davis said. "He has been an inspiration. I can get up every day and do things that I love. His life is a lot harder than mine, so with any problem I have, it puts things into perspective."

Davis' passions don't stop there as she is also an artist.

"Oil painting is my favorite," Davis said. "I got into oil painting when I was in the eighth grade. I like to paint trees; a lot of trees. And mountains. A lot of landscapes. I like to turn on music when I paint. It kind of relaxes me. I love to see how a picture in your mind turns out on a canvas."

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**2017 GAMECOCKS' LAST AT-BAT
GAME-WINNING PLAYS**

<i>Tiara Duffy (SB, E2)</i>	vs. <i>Longwood, 2/11</i>
<i>Mackenzie Boesel (GO)</i>	vs. <i>Charlotte, 2/12</i>
<i>Kaylea Snaer (HR)</i>	vs. <i>College of Charleston, 2/25</i>
<i>Shannon Plese (2B)</i>	vs. <i>Winthrop-2, 2/28</i>
<i>Tiara Duffy (1B)</i>	vs. <i>Virginia Tech, 3/8</i>

Italics means play came in extra innings

**2018 GAMECOCKS' LAST AT-BAT
GAME-WINNING PLAYS**

<i>Kyrstan White (HR)</i>	vs. <i>Texas, 3/13</i>
<i>Kennedy Clark (1B)</i>	vs. <i>No. 2 Tennessee, 3/25</i>

Italics means play came in extra innings

BACK TO WEEK FOUR... THE STREAK CONTINUES

- No. 20 South Carolina posted another perfect record in the fourth week of the season, as the Gamecocks posted wins over Marshall, Liberty and George Washington in the Carolina Classic after the game against Duke on Wednesday was rained out and rescheduled to March 20.
- With the four wins, Carolina improved to 19-1 on the season through 20 games, marking the best 20-game start in school history.
- The Gamecocks finished the week with two run-rule victories, making it five games in the past two weeks (10 total games) that the team has ended early via run rule.
- Carolina's most impressive win of the week came over 14-5 Liberty, who left the Carolina Classic with a 4-1 record with wins over everyone except the Gamecocks. Carolina defeated the Flames 12-1 in six innings on Friday night.

GOING BACK... TO THE THIRD WEEK OF SUCCESS

- The Gamecocks posted a perfect 6-0 record in the third week to move to 15-1 on the season and keep their season-long 12-game winning streak going. The last time Carolina had a streak this long? The team's youngest player (Anna Vest) wasn't born and its oldest (Jordyn Augustus) was three-years old.
- Carolina defeated UNC, Louisville, Bradley, Miami (OH), South Alabama and Lehigh. Two of Carolina's six wins were five-inning games (Miami (OH) and Lehigh) due to run-rule.
- What was going on the last time they had a streak this long? Well, The Lion King Musical on Broadway made its debut. Tiger Woods, just 21-years old, became the youngest golfer ever to win the Masters, and the hit movies of the time were Titanic, Men in Black and The Lost World: Jurassic Park.
- On the week, Carolina outscored its opponents 46-3 and finished with 28 more hits. The Gamecocks produced with 45 RBI while opponents had a low three. As a team Carolina finished with a .535 slugging percentage and .487 on-base percentage.

A LOOK BACK... THE SECOND WEEK OF SUCCESS

- The Gamecocks posted a perfect 5-0 record in the second week of 2018 against Charlotte, Michigan State, Southern Illinois, Georgetown and Mercer. Carolina won by a combined 24-8 on the week.
- Kamryn Watts couldn't have asked for a much better five games, as the senior posted a .500 batting average on five hits and a .545 on-base percentage.
- Mackenzie Boesel continued to lead the way at the plate for the Gamecocks during the week, hitting .429 on six hits with 5 RBI and a .529 on-base percentage.
- Teams struggled against Gamecock pitching as the trio of Dixie Raley, Kelsey Oh and Cayla Drotar held opponents to a low .168 batting average while striking out 36.

STRONG IN THE POLLS

- Released on March 19, Carolina opened up at No. 14 in the first RPI Poll. With the most recent poll coming out on May 7, the Gamecocks find themselves at No. 11 after a series win over Mississippi State a couple weekends ago in Columbia.
- Carolina has improved its RPI in each of the past six seasons (Final: '17-22nd, '16-24th, '15-32nd, '14-34th, '13-37th and '12-99th) showing constant improvement during the Beverly Smith era in Columbia.
- Finding itself in the just outside the top 10 of both major polls last week, Carolina finds itself in ground it hasn't often been. When recently ranked within the top 10, it was just the fifth time ever the Gamecocks have been ranked at any point of a season in the top-10.
- Carolina sits alone at 3rd in the standings thus far through 24 conference games, only behind Florida and Georgia. The Gamecocks are one game up on Texas A&M, two on Tennessee, two on Arkansas and three on LSU. Carolina was picked to finish 10th in the league in the preseason poll. The Gamecock had never finished higher than 8th since the conference moved away from divisions in 2014.

RUNS! RUNS! RUNS! PLENTY OF OFFENSE FOR THE GAMECOCKS

- Carolina hasn't been hurting in offense this season, as that side of the ball has outscored opponents 298-127 (+171) through 56 games. A deeper look into that, on average the Gamecocks are outscoring teams 5.06-2.08 thus far.
- Where there are runs, there must be hits. Carolina batters have out-hit opponents 396-287 thus far, average about two more hits a game than their opposing batters.
- While opposing batters have struggled to get on base against the Gamecocks this season (.291 on-base percentage), Carolina has had no problem getting on base with a .376 on-base percentage.
- The one, two, three batters in the lineup (Maguire, Boesel and VanDerveer) have been the driving force behind the 288 runs. The trio has combined for 115 (38 percent) of Carolina's runs scored and 115 (40 percent) of all RBI on the season. Throw in Cayla Drotar and Kennedy Clark (who routinely hit in the four and five spots, and those numbers jump to 166 runs (55 percent) and 164 (56 percent) RBI.

HOW ABOUT THAT PITCHING... AND DEFENSE

- While Carolina's offense has been outstanding, you can't forget about the pitching staff and defense.
- Carolina turned seven double plays in the Missouri series, a new season high for a three-game set. The defense has also played seven of its last nine SEC games without an error, it's best stretch of the year. The Gamecocks have also turned a program best 30 double plays, the most in the SEC this season and the sixth most in conference history.
- As a trio, the pitching staff of Kelsey Oh, Dixie Raley and Cayla Drotar have produced a 2.10 ERA with a .213 opposing batting average on 247 strikeouts. While Carolina has hit 10 or more hits 14 times this season, the pitching trio has allowed that number just twice and hasn't allowed more than nine runs in a single game all year long. They also haven't allowed more than seven earned runs in a game all year, which has happened just twice itself.
- Six Gamecocks have a perfect fielding percentage through 56 games (Kumiyama, Clark, Drotar, Lindsey, Vest and Raley).

WHITE CHANNELS DAD'S STRENGTH

Krystan White is strong. The senior South Carolina infielder gets that from her father, Buck. Now more than ever, she tries to channel her dad's strength. Forrest Baxter "Buck" White III died November 30, 2017, due to injuries sustained in a car accident a couple of weeks prior. He was 51.

"Some days are tougher than others," White said. "All these people have said 'you remind me so much of your dad.' I just want his light and his spirit to continue to shine through me. During those broken times, that's what gets me through. I can just feel his spirit coming through me and picking me up through those moments."

White has the words "play for him" on her glove to honor her father, and the Gamecocks placed his name and a special ribbon on the seat he normally occupied behind the first base dugout at Carolina Softball Stadium at Beckham Field this season.

"He sat in the same spot, right above our dugout in the middle section, about four seats over," White said. "Every time I would go to bat, I would look at my mom (Leigh Ann). I'd point at her, and she'd give me a thumb's up. Daddy is sitting beside her, and he's always give a little fist pump, a 'let's go,' or a little wink or something. I would definitely look up there before every at bat."

White also designed a special wristband to carry with her throughout the season.

"I finally ended up going with 'Buck Strong,'" White said of the wristbands, which will also be worn by teammates and staff. "It has two buck heads on the end, and on the back-center it has a cross. Just for something to look at when things get tough in the game, or just any situation to remember the strength, and his character and qualities that he had. I just want to try to bring that to the game this year. He was fearless and confident."

White always believed in her dad. She wears number 11 because that was her dad's number, and she fondly recalls a lot of days playing ball with him in the yard as a youngster.

"Not just softball," White said. "We played football, basketball; every single sport. He was very athletic. I was very fortunate to adapt those athletic abilities from him. It was always catch. It was always going to the field and just having fun together through sports. That's what we shared the most."

*Full story on gamecocksonline.com

20 NCAA TOURNAMENT BIDS EIGHT WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES APPEARANCES

BETTER LOOK INTO BOESEL

- Just 53 games into 2018, Mackenzie Boesel has picked up right where she left off last season leading the Gamecocks' offense. She boasts a .366 batting average (best on the team) on 63 hits with an impressive .622 slugging percentage.
- Up to this point her 18 multi-hit games is most on the team (Maguire is just behind with 16) and her 10 multi-RBI games is just behind team best (VanDerveer has 11). While the streak was broken earlier this season, she owns a team-high 10-game (tied with Clark) hitting streak on the season.
- Where do her numbers through 56 games stack up to her career numbers? Her batting average (.366) is a career-best, her 63 hits a career best, her 50 runs is a career best, has a career-best 16 doubles, while her slugging percentage (.622) is also a career best. She's also set a career high with 45 RBI. Her .449 on-base percentage is also a career best. She also boats a career-best .967 fielding percentage.
- In 2017, led the team in batting average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage, home runs, RBI, hits and runs. She was the first Gamecock freshman in program history to lead the team in batting average, homers and RBI.

BETTER LOOK INTO MAGUIRE

- Thus far through 56 games, Kenzi Maguire has been the offensive force in the one-spot for Carolina. Maguire has really turned it on during conference play, batting .313 (third-best on the team behind Boesel and Clark) with a team-second best 25 hits and 16 runs scored. Also hit game-winning home run to beat Texas A&M on April 1 with a three-run deep shot with two outs in sixth. Shined during the last 10 games of the year, batting .371 with 13 hits and six RBI. Has been on base a lot lately with a .463 on-base percentage during that stretch.
- Earned her first career SEC Player of the Week honor on April 10th of this season after hitting .500 the week before to help the Gamecocks to a series win over Arkansas in Columbia.
- Her .347 batting average is a career best, as is her 48 runs, 59 hits, 13 doubles, two triples, 30 RBI, 82 total bases, .482 slugging percentage, 18 walks, 16 hit by pitches, .451 on-base percentage and her 11 stolen bases.
- Maguire comes into 2018 looking to bounce back from a tough season in which her year was cut short to just nine games due to a broken wrist.

BETTER LOOK INTO WHITE

- Krystan White returns in 2018 looking to cap off a successful career in which she has been named in NFCA Scholar Athlete three times.
- Last year, started all 59 games, mostly at shortstop while she ranked second on the team with 38 RBI while finishing among the leaders in many categories.
- Having played four infield positions in her career, White will move to the fifth and final (excluding pitching) this season as she has been starting at first every game up to this point.
- Hit her first-career walk-off home run in a 1-0 win over Texas in eight innings (3/13/18) just four months after losing her dad.

BETTER LOOK INTO DUFFY

- For her efforts a few weeks ago, was named SEC Player of the Week on March 27, becoming just the 12th ever Gamecock ever to be achieve the honor. Batting .636 through four wins on the week, became the second Gamecock this season to be recognized by the conference office. She is the first Carolina player to be named SEC Player of the week since Ansley Ard in 2016.
- Duffy, a senior, comes into 2018 looking to build off a successful 2017 in which she started 47 games and saw action in 54.
- Was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team in 2015.
- Shined off the field throughout her career, as she has been named an NFCA Scholar athlete three times.

SC IN THE SEC STATS (as of May 6)

OFFENSIVE CATEGORY	Stat	Rank
Batting Average	.281	10th
Slugging Percentage	.477	2nd
On-Base Percentage	.367	7th
Runs Scored	298	4th
Hits	396	T8th
RBI	283	4th
Doubles	79	2nd
Triples	10	6th
Home Runs	59	1st
Total Bases	672	4th
Walks	148	T8th
Hit by Pitches	74	1st
Sacrifice Bunts	4	13th
Sacrifice Flies	15	7th
Stolen Bases	40	T9th
PITCHING CATEGORY	Stat	Rank
Earned Run Average	2.10	6th
Opposing Batting Average	.213	6th
Strikeouts	247	10th
Batters SO looking	67	T9th
FIELDING CATEGORY	Stat	Rank
Fielding Percentage	.979	2nd
Chances	1531	7th
Fielding Double Plays	30	1st

SC IN THE SEC STATS (as of May 6) SEC Only

OFFENSIVE CATEGORY	Stat	Rank
Batting Average	.263	3rd
Slugging Percentage	.445	1st
On-Base Percentage	.340	6th
Runs Scored	111	2nd
Hits	164	4th
RBI	103	2nd
Doubles	35	2nd
Triples	3	T5th
Home Runs	24	1st
Total Bases	277	1st
Walks	50	12th
Hit by Pitches	25	1st
Sacrifice Bunts	3	13th
Sacrifice Flies	5	T4th
Stolen Bases	8	11th
PITCHING CATEGORY	Stat	Rank
Earned Run Average	3.14	6th
Opposing Batting Average	.263	10th
Strikeouts	86	10th
Batters SO looking	26	10th
FIELDING CATEGORY	Stat	Rank
Fielding Percentage	.984	1st
Chances	660	8th
Fielding Double Plays	19	1st

BETTER LOOK INTO CLARK

- Junior Kennedy Clark brings plenty of experience to the outfield and plate for the Gamecocks after having started 44 games last season.
- Notably scored the game-winning run against Charlotte on Feb. 12, 2017, giving head coach Beverly Smith her 200th win.
- Hit the game winning hit to beat No. 2 Tennessee on March 24, 2018.
- Is batting .484 with 15 hits and seven runs over the last 10 games of the season. During those 10 games, she leads the team in batting average, doubles and on-base percentage. She's also posted a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage (one of six Gamecocks to do so) during that time.

BETTER LOOK INTO VANDERVEER

- Has produced at the plate in conference play to start 2018, batting .300 with a .355 on-base percentage. The month of March was great to Vanderveer, as she hit .333 (second-best on the team) with a .460 on-base percentage (including a team-best nine walks).
- Had a bases-loaded walk against Charlotte on Feb. 12, 2017, which helped lead the Gamecocks to head coach Beverly Smith's 200th win.
- Shined in 2017, her first season at South Carolina after transferring from Penn State.
- At Penn State, started all but two games in her career, and ranked fifth in home runs all-time (24). Was notably named the Big 10 Player and freshman of the week on April 6 in 2015.

BETTER LOOK INTO DROTAR

- Pitched alongside Jessica Elliott and Nickie Blue last season as a two-way player for the Gamecocks.
- In 2018, has shined at the plate and circle for the Gamecocks. Has produced at the plate with a .296 batting average and been just as successful in the circle with a 2.24 ERA. Her 19-5 record is a team best. Over the last 10 games, is batting .310 with three home runs and has a 4-1 record in the circle, as well.
- Posted a 3.53 ERA and a 7-4 record during her freshman year last season.
- Has added a new level to her offense this season, having hit her first eight career home runs through 45 games.

BETTER LOOK INTO JOHNS

- Jana Johns has exploded onto the scene in a big way this season, after posting a .600 batting average in six games a few weeks ago during the trip to Orlando. For her performance she was named SEC Freshman of the Week. She was the first Gamecock of the year to achieve the honor and the first since Cayla Drotar last season. With her being named SEC Freshman of the Week this past week, she is the only Gamecock in program history to receive the honor twice.
- John's joins the program after a successful high school career in which she tallied 224 RBI, 32 home runs and 69 doubles.
- John's is no stranger to winning, as she helped lead Calhoun High School to three-straight state titles and finished second in 2016.
- Was named the Georgia Player of the Game in both basketball and softball in the Georgia/Tennessee All-Star game.

BETTER LOOK INTO WATTS

- A senior from Los Angeles, Calif., Kamryn Watts looks to build off a year in which she started 56 games, 51 of those coming at third base.
- Posted the most assists per game for a Gamecock third baseman in the SEC era (2.35) while also standing third in assists (122) and fourth in fielding percentage (.957) on the season.
- Was named to the SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll and earned NFCA Scholar-Athlete accolades in 2017.
- Off to a great start in 2018 in conference play out of the nine-spot in the lineup.

KENZI MAGUIRE FEATRUE

If there's anyone who can make lemonade when life hands her lemons, it's South Carolina redshirt sophomore shortstop Kenzi Maguire. Getting hit by a foul ball in the on-deck circle in high school ended up improving her defensively, and sitting out last year with the Gamecocks due to injury fueled her desire to compete.

"It was definitely disappointing, but I learned a lot being on the bench and seeing how I could help team in other ways," Maguire said. "We had a good season, and it stunk not being able to play with those seniors."

After an outstanding 2016 freshman season in which she was the everyday starter at shortstop, turning in spectacular plays with her range and quick side-arm release, as well as a solid contributor at the plate with a .270 average, Maguire suffered a season-ending wrist injury that required surgery nine games into her sophomore year. Now equipped with a screw between her thumb and wrist, Maguire is itching to "get dirty" and make plays in the middle infield once again.

"Over the summer, I don't think my dad could get me off the field," Maguire said. "I missed the competition and not being able to be out there to help my teammates. It was really hard." The quick delivery with her arm angle coming from down under is a thing of beauty and can be the difference between an infield hit and an out, but it wasn't always that way.

"No, I haven't always had that (throwing motion)," Maguire said. "I was working towards it in the eighth or ninth grade. I was on deck one day and got hit with a foul ball. It hurt, so I couldn't throw overhand. I started throwing sidearm after that because it hurt my collarbone, and I couldn't really move my arm. My collarbone still sticks out a little bit now.

"Everyone thinks it hurts my elbow when I throw like that, but my arm never hurts. I'm definitely a lot quicker with my throws this way."

Maguire's dad, Kevin, had worked with his daughter from a young age, and the former professional baseball player in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization had an eager pupil.

"My dad has made a huge impact on me, and he's definitely the reason why I'm here," Maguire said.

*Full story on gamecocksonline.com

BETTER LOOK INTO OH

- Kelsey Oh has shined early in her Carolina career, leading the team with 1.85 ERA and 108 strikeouts to help her to a 13-4 record thus far. Was recently named to the NFCA Top 25 Watch List for 2018 Freshman of the Year.
- A freshman from Veron, N.J., is no stranger to success as she posted sub-1.000 ERAs her final three years of high school, including a 0.61 ERA as a senior. Notably struck out 310 batters as a high school sophomore.
- Was a two-time New Jersey Gatorade Softball Player of the Year (2015 and 2016) as well as the state's Pitcher of the Year.
- Picked South Carolina over Michigan, Minnesota and Auburn.

GAMECOCKS VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

- South Carolina is 133-303-1 (.293) against opponents ranked in the NFCA top 25 since 1995.
- Broken down by site, the Gamecocks are 62-98 (.358) at home, 28-142 (.154) on the road and 43-63-1 (.407) in neutral-site outings.
- Last season, the Gamecocks went 8-19 against ranked teams, picking up road wins at No. 14/13 Tennessee, No. 9/9 Alabama and No. 22/25 Georgia (two vs. the Bulldogs) and downing No. 1/2 Florida State and No. 7/7 Auburn at home.
- Two years ago, the Gamecocks went 7-18 against foes ranked at game time, including winning the series at home against No. 12/12 Georgia.

SOUTH CAROLINA STAFF HAS TOP CREDENTIALS

- South Carolina head coach Beverly Smith has been a part of 12 NCAA Tournament teams as a coach (eight at UNC and four at Carolina).
- Associate head coach Lisa Navas has been to six NCAA Tournaments as an assistant coach (four at Carolina, and one each at UNC and Missouri) and eight as a head coach (six Division II at Barry, two at NC State). Navas was selected to be a part of the 2017-19 USA Softball Women's National Team coaching pool alongside 21 other coaches.
- Carolina adds hitting coach Matt Lisle to the staff in 2018. Lisle joins the Gamecocks as one of the most respected hitting coaches in the country.
- Volunteer assistant Matt Stewart joined the Gamecocks last season after serving three years on staff at Florida. Stewart was a manager for both of the Gators' national title wins.

MORGAN DAVIS FEATURE PART 2

The Altima wheels into the lot, Elvis crooning from every open window, and she appears. Morgan Davis lugs a bag loaded with textbooks that would furrow Einstein's brow among the pencils, scratch pads and a few crumbs.

"I ate them," she says apologetically, explaining the lack of sweets she's known for baking for the rest of South Carolina's softball team, before plopping on the dugout bench for her photo shoot.

Words and actions mimic her life. Everything's quick but efficient, direct and productive. Davis is like the typical freshman student-athlete, where time to balance practice, school and any free minutes is the most valuable commodity of each and every day.

But no freshman student-athlete is like her. Typical is not her style.

Double-major in biochemistry and molecular biology. Wants to be a brain surgeon. An artist of such renown that one of her paintings hangs in a building back home.

She bakes. She jokes. She grooves on "Star Trek" (the original) and is listed on the roster as a utility player, which fits her mile-a-minute existence. And does it all to a soundtrack featuring The King.

Every team has characters and Davis definitely fills that role for the Gamecocks, but she's not trying to be. She's only being herself.

"They get used to it," she says with an irrepressible spirit. "I would consider myself a unique individual, but it takes a special person to put up with me."

"And you're always there to lend a hand ..."

"The Wonder of You," Elvis Presley

"Last week, it's 11:30. We just had practiced and we're going to Florida the next day," roommate Alexis Lindsey said. "I'm already in bed, come out of my room, she has five giant Wal-Mart bags putting them on the counter.

"I have to make five batches of cookies, one batch of brownies, two 12-inch funfetti cupcakes, right now, for tomorrow!" Lindsey recalls Davis saying, knowing that the alarm for 8 a.m. classes rings very early and the bus leaves at 1.

*Full story from the Post and Courier



SOUTH CAROLINA UPDATED OVERALL STATS

2018 Carolina Softball Overall Statistics for South Carolina (as of May 06, 2018) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 43-13 Home: 25-2 Away: 7-11 Neutral: 11-0 Conference: 15-9

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%	
Mackenzie Boesel	.366	56-56	172	50	63	16	2	8	45	107	.622	22	4	19	0	.449	0	0	5-5	104	98	7	.967	
Kenzi Maguire	.347	56-56	170	48	59	13	2	2	30	82	.482	18	16	20	0	.451	2	0	11-13	80	96	7	.962	
Alyssa VanDerveer	.304	55-52	138	17	42	4	0	14	40	88	.638	22	1	31	2	.401	1	0	0-0	192	6	4	.980	
Cayla Drotar	.296	48-45	115	17	34	8	0	8	24	66	.574	20	6	22	0	.420	2	1	0-0	4	32	0	1.000	
Kennedy Clark	.280	56-56	157	34	44	10	2	4	25	70	.446	14	10	24	0	.374	1	0	1-2	92	2	0	1.000	
Kamryn Watts	.275	56-56	102	27	28	1	0	0	3	29	.284	7	0	11	1	.321	0	0	11-12	72	4	2	.974	
Alyssa Kumiyama	.248	48-32	101	9	25	5	0	9	36	57	.564	10	3	18	0	.328	2	0	0-0	6	0	0	1.000	
Krystan White	.247	56-56	146	23	36	8	3	2	21	56	.384	18	6	20	0	.351	1	2	2-3	339	5	3	.991	
Jana Johns	.243	56-56	144	26	35	8	0	6	36	61	.424	9	24	33	0	.372	6	0	3-4	63	129	5	.975	
Tiara Duffy	.190	46-35	100	14	19	4	1	5	16	40	.400	2	3	28	0	.229	0	1	4-5	46	1	1	.979	

Jordyn Augustus	.333	35-0	9	17	3	0	0	0	1	3	.333	2	0	2	0	.455	0	0	2-3	37	3	2	.952	
Alex Fulmer	.273	36-16	11	8	3	1	0	0	0	4	.364	2	0	4	0	.385	0	0	1-1	17	0	1	.944	
Alexis Lindsey	.121	26-7	33	3	4	1	0	1	6	8	.242	1	1	9	0	.171	0	0	0-0	4	1	0	1.000	
Anna Vest	.111	29-4	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.111	1	0	4	0	.200	0	0	0-0	38	1	0	1.000	
Morgan Davis	.000	17-0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000	
Hayley Copeland	.000	2-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000	
Dixie Raley	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	3	11	0	1.000	
Totals	.281	56	1408	298	396	79	10	59	283	672	.477	148	74	245	3	.376	15	4	40-48	1099	400	32	.979	
Opponents	.213	56	1349	127	287	43	2	25	119	409	.303	128	23	247	6	.291	6	10	36-42	1044	364	43	.970	

LOB - Team (307), Opp (291). DPs turned - Team (30), Opp (18). CI - Team (1), A. VanDervee 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
Kelsey Oh	1.85	13-4	29	16	9	3/2	1	117.0	82	37	31	44	108	12	0	7	.195	4	3	0	3	2
Dixie Raley	2.18	11-4	25	14	7	4/2	2	99.2	78	35	31	43	89	13	1	10	.211	2	8	0	1	1
Cayla Drotar	2.24	19-5	29	26	14	4/2	0	149.2	127	55	48	41	50	18	1	8	.228	7	12	0	2	7
Totals	2.10	43-13	56	56	30	14/3	3	366.1	287	127	110	128	247	43	2	25	.213	13	23	0	6	10
Opponents	5.17	13-43	56	56	18	5/0	2	348.0	396	298	257	148	245	79	10	59	.281	22	74	0	15	4

PB - Team (11), A. VanDervee 4, J. Augustus 3, A. Vest 3, A. Kumiyama 1, Opp (8). SBA/ATT - A. VanDervee (25-28), C. Drotar



SOUTH CAROLINA UPDATED SEC STATS

2018 Carolina Softball Conference statistics for South Carolina (as of May 06, 2018) (Conference games only Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 15-9 Home: 11-1 Away: 4-8 Conference: 15-9

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%	
Mackenzie Boesel	.373	24-24	75	19	28	7	2	3	13	48	.640	9	2	9	0	.453	0	0	0-0	47	52	2	.980	
Kennedy Clark	.319	24-24	72	14	23	4	0	2	13	33	.458	1	3	5	0	.355	0	0	0-0	48	1	0	1.000	
Kenzi Maguire	.313	24-24	80	16	25	6	1	2	14	39	.488	5	3	9	0	.375	0	0	1-3	35	50	3	.966	
Alyssa VanDerveer	.300	24-24	70	8	21	3	0	5	18	39	.557	9	1	17	2	.388	0	0	0-0	87	2	0	1.000	
Cayla Drotar	.270	23-23	63	6	17	3	0	2	8	26	.413	5	4	14	0	.351	2	1	0-0	0	20	0	1.000	
Jana Johns	.226	24-24	62	12	14	3	0	4	8	29	.468	5	10	19	0	.372	1	0	0-0	29	51	1	.988	
Krystan White	.215	24-24	65	8	14	5	0	1	10	22	.338	5	1	9	0	.278	1	1	0-0	157	3	1	.994	
Tiara Duffy	.180	23-23	61	6	11	2	0	3	8	22	.361	2	1	16	0	.219	0	1	2-2	30	1	1	.969	
Kamryn Watts	.162	24-24	37	9	6	0	0	0	1	6	.162	1	0	5	0	.184	0	0	4-4	28	1	1	.967	
Alyssa Kumiyama	.143	20-8	35	2	5	2	0	2	10	13	.371	6	0	8	0	.262	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000	

Alexis Lindsey	.000	5-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000	
Jordyn Augustus	.000	14-0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1-1	6	3	1	.900	
Hayley Copeland	.000	1-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000	
Morgan Davis	.000	4-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000	
Alex Fulmer	.000	12-2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	2	0	1	.667	
Anna Vest	.000	7-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000	
Totals	.263	24	623	111	164	35	3	24	103	277	.445	50	25	113	2	.340	5	3	8-10	475	194	11	.984	
Opponents	.263	24	608	83	160	24	2	18	80	242	.398	63	11	86	4	.341	5	7	16-19	468	193	19	.972	

LOB - Team (127), Opp (136). DPs turned - Team (19), Opp (10).

(Conference games only Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
Kelsey Oh	2.59	5-3	13	6	2	0/0	0	48.2	47	21	18	19	43	6	0	5	.255	0	2	0	2	2
Cayla Drotar	3.13	7-4	15	13	6	0/0	0	71.2	72	38	32	24	19	10	1	6	.262	3	6	0	2	5
Dixie Raley	3.87	3-2	10	5	2	0/0	0	38.0	41	24	21	20	24	8	1	7	.275	1	3	0	1	0
Totals	3.14	15-9	24	24	10	0/0	0	158.1	160	83	71	63	86	24	2	18	.263	4	11	0	5	7
Opponents	4.08	9-15	24	24	10	5/0	0	156.0	164	111	91	50	113	35	3	24	.263	8	25	0	5	3

PB - Team (3), A. VanDervee 2, A. Vest 1, Opp (5). SBA/ATT - A. VanDervee (11-12), C. Drotar (9-10), K. Oh (6-7), J. Augustus (3-5), D. Raley (1-2), A. Vest (2-2).



SOUTH CAROLINA LAST BOX SCORE

2018 Carolina Softball #12 South Carolina at #19 Kentucky (Game 2) May 06, 2018 at Lexington, Ky. (John Cropp Stadium)

South Carolina 9 (43-13,15-9)

Kentucky 3 (31-18,8-15)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob	Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Kenzi Maguire ss	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	Schaper, J dp/c	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Mackenzie Boesel 2b	3	2	2	1	1	0	5	1	0	Peyton, M ph	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cayla Drotar p	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	Huffman, H lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Alexis Lindsey pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Vick, B lf	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Anna Vest pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Reed, K ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	2
Alex Fulmer pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Cheek, A 3b	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	1
Dixie Raley p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Martens, A 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Alyssa VanDerveer c	4	0	1	1	0	1	4	1	0	Henson, K pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hayley Copeland pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Hinz, B cf	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Kennedy Clark lf	4	1	2	3	0	1	2	0	3	Metzger, R c/dp	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Alyssa Kumiyama dp	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	Rethlake, E 1b	1	1	1	0	1	0	6	0	0
Krystan White 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	Ruiz, A 1b	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jana Johns 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	Johnson, L rf	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Tiara Duffy rf	4	1	1	0	0	2	3	0	1	Humes, A p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kamryn Watts cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Baalman, G p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	32	9	12	8	3	7	21	7	7	Totals	26	3	8	3	2	4	21	8	6

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
South Carolina	0	0	7	1	0	1	0	9	12	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	8	0

DP - SC 1. LOB - SC 7; UK 6. 2B - K. Maguire; M. Boesel; C. Drotar; Metzger, R. HR - K. Clark; A. Kumiyama; Cheek, A. HBP - J. Johns. SH - C. Drotar; Hinz, B. SF - Peyton, M. SB - Reed, K; Johnson, L.

South Carolina	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np	Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np
Cayla Drotar	5.0	6	2	2	1	2	18	21	89	Humes, A	2.0	7	6	6	1	2	13	14	48
Dixie Raley	2.0	2	1	1	1	2	8	9	44	Baalman, G	5.0	5	3	2	2	5	19	23	62

Win - C. Drotar (19-5). Loss - Humes, A (9-7). Save - None.
 WP - Baalman, G. HBP - by Baalman, G (J. Johns). PB - Schaper, J; Metzger, R 2. Pitches/strikes: C. Drotar 89/58;
 D. Raley 44/26; Humes, A 48/32; Baalman, G 62/36.

SEC TOURNAMENT NOTES AND FACTS

Team

First win.....May 9, 1997 (6-1 over Florida in Columbus, Ga.)
Last winMay 11, 2016 (7-4 over Missouri in eight innings)
Biggest margin of victory.....9, 1997 (9-0 over AU in five innings)
Last top four seed prior to 2018.....4, 2003
Last top three seed prior to 2018.....2, 2002
Last time a No. 3 won the tournament.....Tennessee, 2011
Longest game.....10 innings, 2007 (2-1 loss to LSU)
Last player to All-Tourn. Team.....McKenna Hughes (C), 2007
Most players named to All-Tournament Team.....7, 1997

Records Held From The Tournament

Individual Runs Scored

SEC Record: Adrianna Bagetta, SC (2002) with 7

Complete Games

SEC Record: Megan Matthews, SC (2000) with five to tie Chelsey Sakizzie, UF (1998), Autumn Anderson (MSU 1998) and Chelsey Sakizzie, UF (1997)

Fewest walks allowed (minimun 7 innings pitched)

SEC Record: Melanie Henkes, SC (2003) with 0 to tie Marcy Harper, AU (2015)

Team batting average

SEC Record: South Carolina, (1997) with .387; Carolina also holds second best in 2002 with .373

Team Runs scored

SEC Record: South Carolina (2002) with 25

Team Hits

SEC Record: South Carolina (2002) with 44

Team Runs Batted In

SEC Record: South Carolina (2002) with 24

Fewest Hits Allowed - Individual Game

SEC Record: Trinity Johnson and Nikki Beers, South Carolina (1997) with 0 against Auburn in 1997

Consecutive Scoreless Innings - Individual

SEC Record: Megan Matthews, South Carolina (2000-01) with 20

Runs Scored - Team Game

SEC Record: South Carolina (2002) 11 against Mississippi State in 11-5 win

Triples - Team Game

SEC Record South Carolina (1999) wiht three against Georgia

- The 2018 SEC Tournament will be Carolina's sixth under head coach Beverly Smith in her eighth year.
- The No. 3 seed is Carolina's highest under Smith, with the previous high coming in 2014 as a No. 8 seed.
- This will be Carolina's first trip to the new stadium at Missouri as the Gamecocks last traveled to Columbia, Mo., in 2016.
- Carolina has nine players who have seen action in at least one SEC Tournament game (Maguire, Duffy, Stewart, VanDerveer, White, Boesel, Clark, Augustus and Watts). Five have seen action in two (Clark, Augustus, White, Maguire and Watts). Four have seen action in three (Clark, Augustus, White and Watts). Two have seen action in four games (Watts and White) while one (White) has seen action in five games.
- This will be the SEC Tournament's first trip to the state of Missouri.
- The Gamecocks are one of six teams (Alabama, LSU, Florida, Auburn and Tennessee) to have at least two tournament championships.
- Carolina has won 18 tournament games since 1997, the seventh most in the conference.
- All together, the Gamecocks are 18-20 (.474) in SEC Tournament games.
- Carolina has faced LSU twice in championship games (2000 and 2001) marking the second most times in tournament history two teams have met in the championship game.
- The Gamecocks have reached the championship game three times (1997, 2000 and 2001), the fifth most times a team has reached the final game.
- Carolina is 2-1 (.667) in championship games.
- Trinity Johnson, pitcher, was the first Gamecock to be named the championship game MVP in 1997. The Gamecocks defeated Florida 6-0 that year.
- The last Gamecock to be named the championship game MVP was Megan Matthews, pitcher) in 2000. Carolina defeated LSU 1-0 that year.
- No. 3 seeds are 34-27 all time in tournament games. That's the third most wins for any seed (behind No. 1 seeds with 49 and No. 2 seeds with 36).
- The last No. 3 seed win came in 2016. The last No. 3 seed to win more game in the tournament came in 2013.
- Carolina's first two possible opponents (Mississippi State and Texas A&M) are both looking for their first tournament win under their current coach (0-5 and 0-4 in the same order).
- The Gamecocks are 1-1 (both against Kentucky) against teams on their side of the bracket under Smith's leadership in the tournament.
- 2018 marks the sixth time in tournament history the Gamecocks have been a top-four seed (1997, 1999, 2001, 2002 and 2003).
- Carolina is 10-7 all time as a top four seed in the tournament.

'18 WIN-LOSS SUMMARY

Total	43-13
Conference	15-9
Non-Conference	27-4
Postseason	0-0
Home	25-2
Away	7-11
Neutral	11-0
vs. Ranked Opponents (NFCA)	12-11
vs. RPI Top 50 (current)	22-9
vs. 2017 NCAA Tournament teams	17-12
on Live TV	21-12
on SEC Network +	16-10
vs. South Carolina teams	5-0
February	15-1
March	13-5
April	12-5
May	2-2
Day	27-9
Night	16-4
vs Left	7-2
vs Right	36-11
1-Run games	7-3
2-Run games	6-4
5+ Run games	17-1
Extra innings	1-0
Shutouts	14-5
Scoring 0-2 runs	6-11
Scoring 3-5 runs	14-2
Scoring 6-9 runs	16-0
Scoring 10+ runs	7-0
Opponent 0-2 runs	29-2
Opponent 3-5 runs	13-8
Opponent 6-9 runs	1-3
Opponent 10+ runs	0-0
Scored in 1st inning	20-1
Opp. scored in 1st inning	7-7
Scores first	32-2
Opp. scores first	11-11
After 4 leading	32-0
After 4 trailing	5-12
After 4 tied	6-1
After 5 leading	29-0
After 5 trailing	4-12
After 5 tied	3-1
After 6 leading	31-0
After 6 trailing	1-12
After 6 tied	2-1
Hit 0 home runs	11-7
Hit 1 home run	17-6
Hit 2+ home runs	15-0
Opponent 0 home runs	31-6
Opponent 1 home run	9-5
Opponent 2+ home runs	3-2
Made 0 errors	25-5
Made 1 error	14-7
Made 2+ errors	4-1
Opp. made 0 errors	19-9
Opp. made 1 error	16-4
Opp. made 2+ errors	8-0
Out-hit opponent	32-3
Out-hit by opponent	6-10
Hits are tied	5-0
Largest margin of victory	15
Biggest deficit overcome	7

NATIONAL RANKINGS - MAY 1

USA TODAY/NFCA

Rk	Team	Points	Record	Pre.
1	UCLA	797	44-3	1
2	Oregon	768	41-7	2
3	Oklahoma	737	44-3	3
4	Florida	692	44-8	5
5	Georgia	648	42-8	6
6	Washington	642	41-8	4
7	Tennessee	587	42-10	6
8	Arizona State	550	38-9	9
9	Texas A&M	510	40-12	11
10	Arizona	505	35-13	10
11	Florida State	500	41-10	8
12	South Carolina	430	41-11	14
13	LSU	417	37-13	13
14	Michigan	358	40-8	15
15	Auburn	348	38-14	12
16	Arkansas	336	36-11	16
17	Long Beach State	278	38-10	17
18	Alabama	261	29-17	18
19	Baylor	203	33-14	19
20	Kentucky	181	29-17	20
21	Louisiana	122	33-13	22
22	James Madison	103	37-10	RV
23	Texas State	93	37-12	21
24	California	58	33-13	RV
24	Mississippi State	58	34-18	23

ESPN.COM/USA SOFTBALL - MAY 1

Rk	Team	Record	Points
1.	UCLA (12),	44-3,	491 pts
2.	Oregon (8),	41-7,	488 pts
3.	Oklahoma,	44-3,	461 pts
4.	Florida,	44-8,	439 pts
5.	Washington,	41-8,	409 pts
6.	Georgia,	42-8,	390 pts
7.	Arizona State,	38-9,	364 pts
8.	Tennessee,	42-10,	354 pts
9.	Florida State,	41-10,	336 pts
10.	Texas A&M,	40-12,	301 pts
11.	Arizona,	35-13,	295 pts
12.	Michigan,	40-8,	281 pts
12.	South Carolina,	41-11,	281 pts
14.	LSU,	37-13,	240 pts
15.	Arkansas,	36-11,	209 pts
16.	Auburn,	38-14,	174 pts
17.	Alabama,	29-17,	167 pts
18.	Baylor,	33-14,	144 pts
19.	Kentucky,	29-17,	138 pts
20.	Long Beach State,	38-10,	110 pts
21.	Minnesota,	32-14,	74 pts
22.	Oklahoma State,	36-16,	71 pts
23.	Louisiana,	33-13,	59 pts
24.	James Madison,	37-10,	49 pts
25.	Texas State,	37-12,	36 pts

MISCELLANEOUS BATTING STATS

HITTING STREAKS

	'18 LONG	CURRENT
Mackenzie Boesel	10	4
Kennedy Clark	10	1
Kenzi Maguire	9	6
Krystan White	9	3
Jana Johns	7	-
Kamryn Watts	7	-
Alyssa Kumiyama	5	1
Alyssa VanDerveer	5	4
Cayla Drotar	4	4
Tiara Duffy	3	1
Alex Fulmer	2	2
Jordyn Augustus	2	-

REACHED BASE STREAKS

	'18 LONG	CURRENT
Kenzi Maguire	23	13
Krystan White	15	5
Kennedy Clark	15	12
Mackenzie Boesel	13	12
Alyssa VanDerveer	9	4
Jana Johns	8	3
Kamryn Watts	7	-
Cayla Drotar	7	1
Alyssa Kumiyama	5	4
Alex Fulmer	4	4
Tiara Duffy	4	1
Anna Vest	2	-
Jordyn Augustus	2	1
Alexis Lindsey	2	1
Tiara Duffy	2	1

'18 MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

	2+	4+	Total
Mackenzie Boesel	18		18
Kenzi Maguire	16		16
Kennedy Clark	13		13
Alyssa VanDerveer	10	1	11
Cayla Drotar	8		8
Kamryn Watts	7		7
Krystan White	6		6
Jana Johns	4		4
Tiara Duffy	3		3
Alyssa Kumiyama	3		3
Alex Fulmer	1		1

'18 MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

	2+	4+	Total
Alyssa VanDerveer	11	-	11
Mackenzie Boesel	9	1	10
Alyssa Kumiyama	8	1	9
Kenzi Maguire	7	2	9
Cayla Drotar	8	-	8
Jana Johns	7	1	8
Kennedy Clark	7	-	7
Kyrstan White	3	-	3
Tiara Duffy	3	-	3
Kamryn Watts	1	-	1
Alexis Lindsey	1	-	1

THE LAST TIMES

TEAM

Wins

Had a 10+ game winning streak	10 (2018)
Had a 12+ game winning streak	12 (2018)
Had a 13+ game winning streak	23 (4/6-5/18/1997)
Had a 25+ game winning streak	38 (2/22-4/5/1997)*
Won an extra-inning game	8 innings, vs. Texas (3/13/2018)
Overcame a deficit of four or more runs	7-3 vs. No. 2 Tennessee (3/23/18)
Won when trailing after six innings	vs. Virginia Tech, down 3-1 (3/8/2017)
Defeated a top-5 team	No. 2 Tennessee (3/25/2018)
Defeated a top-5 team on the road	at No. 3 Arizona State (2/27/2014)
Won an SEC series from a top-5 team	No. 2 Tennessee (took three, 2018)
Won an SEC series from a top-10 team	No. 2 Tennessee (took three, 2018)
Swept an SEC series	vs. Mississippi State (2018)
Swept three SEC series	2018, vs. Missouri, No. 2 Tennessee and No. 23 Miss. State
Swept an SEC series on the road	at Mississippi State (4/26-28/2013)

Batting

Scored 10+ runs	14 vs. Charleston Southern (5/2/2018)
Scored 13+ runs	14 vs. Charleston Southern (5/2/2018)
Scored 20+ runs	21, vs. Southern Utah (2/26/2016)
Scored 25+ runs	29, vs. Alabama State (3/2/2013)
Scored 30+ runs	32, vs. Allen (1977)
Scored 40+ runs	41, vs. Coker (4/22/1975)
Was no hit	vs. No. 2/1 Florida (3/19/2017)
Recorded 10+ hits	12 vs. Kentucky (5/6/2018)
Recorded 12+ hits	12 vs. Kentucky (5/6/2018)
Recorded 14+ hits	14, vs. Gardner-Webb (3/21/2017)
Recorded 15+ hits	19, at Arkansas (4/8/2016)
Recorded 20 hits	20, vs. Alabama State (3/2/2013)
Hit 4+ doubles	4, vs. USC Upstate (4/25/2018)
Hit 5+ doubles	5, vs. Northwestern (3/3/2017)
Hit 8 doubles	vs. Alabama State (3/2/2013)
Hit 11 doubles	vs. Coppin State (3/31/1996)
Hit two triples	vs. Georgia Southern (4/4/2018)
Hit four triples	vs. Indiana (3/12/1994)
Hit 3+ home runs	3 vs. Charleston Southern (5/2/2018)
Hit 6 home runs	vs. Liberty (3/5/2015)
Hit back-to-back home runs	vs. Kentucky (5/6/2018)
Hit three HRs to start innings in a game	vs. Tennessee (3/13/2015)
Had two players hit 2 HR in a game	Jennings and Curtis vs. Charlotte (2/7/2004)
Had two grand slams in a game	vs. Lehigh (2/25/18)
Stole five bases	vs. Georgetown (2/18/2018)
Stole six bases	at Furman (3/13/2013)
Drew 6+ walks	9, vs. Charleston Southern
Drew 9+ walks	9 vs. Charleston Southern (5/2/2018)
Hit by 4+ pitches	4 vs. North Carolina (2/20/2018)
Hit by six pitches	vs. Michigan State (3/5/2016)
Did not strike out	vs. Marshall (3/3/2018)
Struck out 10+ times	10 vs. Florida (4/14/2018)
Struck out 11+ times	12 vs. Oklahoma (3/10/2018)
Struck out 15 times	15 at FIU (2/10/2018)

Pitching

Threw a perfect game	Melissa Hendon vs. Pittsburgh (3/4/2007)
Threw a no-hitter	Jessica Elliott vs. Winthrop-1 (2/28/2017)
Threw a one-hitter	Dixie Raley vs. Charleston Southern (5/2/2018)
Threw a one-hitter in season opener	Cayla Drotar vs. ECU (2/9/2018)
Threw a two-hitter	Oh and Drotar (4/27/2018 vs. USC Upstate)
Struck out 10+ batters	10, vs. Charleston Southern (5/2/2018)
Did not walk a batter in the game	at Mississippi State (4/9/2017)
Allowed 10+ runs	16, vs. No. 7/5 Texas A&M (4/2/2017)
Allowed 17+ runs	19, at Florida-1 (4/4/2015)
Allowed 20 runs	20, at Florida (5/8/2010)
Allowed 21+ runs	21, at Alabama (3/21/2010)
Allowed 10+ hits	14, vs. No. 7/5 Texas A&M (4/2/2017)
Allowed 15+ hits	17, at Florida-2 (4/4/2015)
Allowed 20+ hits	21, at Florida (5/8/2010)
Allowed four home runs	vs. Georgia (4/13/2013)
Allowed five home runs	vs. Alabama (4/15/2012)
Walked 7+ batters	10, vs. No. 7/5 Texas A&M (4/2/2017)
Walked 11 batters	at Florida (4/4/2015)
Hit four batters	vs. No. 2/1 Florida (3/18/2017)

Fielding

Did not commit an error	vs. Kentucky (5/6/2018)
Did not commit an error in a three-game SEC series	vs. Florida (2018)
Committed 3+ errors	3 vs. Indiana (3/11/2018)
Committed 4+ errors	4, at No. 14/13 Tennessee (3/11/2017)
Committed 5+ errors	5, at Arkansas (4/11/2014)
Turned 2+ double plays in a game	3 vs. Missouri (2018)
Turned 3+ double plays in a game	3, vs. Missouri (4/21/2018)

INDIVIDUAL

Batting

Had six at bats	Lauren Masters and three others at Kentucky-2 (4/18/2005)
Had seven at bats	Lindi James vs. UCLA (5/28/1983)
Had four hits	Alyssa VanDerveer vs. Ole Miss (3/16/2018)
Had five hits	Sky Brown vs. Coppin State (3/31/1996)
Scored four runs	Jordan Bizzell at UNC Wilmington (3/31/2015)
Scored five runs	Olivia Lawrence vs. Alabama State (2/3/2013)
Hit two doubles	Kenzi Maguire vs. Louisville (2/23/2018)
Hit three doubles	Evan Childs vs. Longwood (2/16/2010)
Hit two triples	Jessica Josker vs. Southeastern Louisiana (2/19/2005)
Hit two home runs	Mackenzie Boesel vs. Charleston Southern (5/2/2018)
Hit a grand slam	Mackenzie Boesel vs. Charleston Southern (5/2/2018)
Hit an inside-the-park home run	Alaynie Page vs. College of Charleston (2/14/2015)
Led off a game with a home run	Kaylea Snaer at No. 9/9 Alabama (3/24/2017)
Hit a pinch-hit home run	Alexis Lindsey vs. Liberty (3/2/2018)
Hit a walk-off game-winning home run	Krystan White vs. Texas (3/13/2018)
Collected 9+ total bases	10, Mackenzie Boesel vs. St. Francis (5/19/2017)
Had one double and one triple	Mackenzie Boesel vs. Charleston Southern-1 (4/18/2017)
Had one double and one HR	Kaylea Snaer at No. 22/25 Georgia (4/28/2017)
Had one triple and one HR	Victoria Williams vs. Presbyterian (2/10/2017)
Had one double, one triple and one HR	Laura Mendes at Winthrop (3/2/2011)
Had three extra-base hits	12B, 2 HR for Mackenzie Boesel vs. St. Francis (5/19/2017)
Hit for the cycle	Tina Plew vs. Georgia State (2/25/1996)
Had 5+ RBI	8, Mackenzie Boesel vs. Charleston Southern (5/2/2018)
Drew three walks	Kaylea Snaer vs. Charleston Southern-1 (4/18/2017)
Drew four walks	Samantha Jennings vs. Mississippi State (3/16/2002)
Drew two intentional walks	Kaylea Snaer vs. Arkansas (4/11/2015)
Hit by two pitches	Jana Johns vs. Hofstra (2/10/2018)
Hit by three pitches	Alaynie Page vs. Florida (5/4/2013)
Hit two sacrifice flies	Dana Hathorn vs. LIU Brooklyn (2/14/2014)
Had two sacrifice bunts	Krystan White vs. Charleston Southern (3/23/2016)
Had three sacrifice bunts	Lindsay Walker at Kentucky (3/29/2008)
Stole two bases	Kamryn Watts vs. Mercer (2/19/2018)
Stole four bases	Tiff Tootle vs. Wright State (3/22/1992)

Pitching

Threw a perfect game	Melissa Hendon vs. Pittsburgh (3/4/2007)
Threw a no-hitter	Jessica Elliott vs. Winthrop-1 (2/28/2017)
Threw a one-hitter	Dixie Raley vs. Charleston Southern (5/2/2018)
Threw a two-hitter	Jessica Elliott vs. Charleston Southern-1 (4/18/2017)
Pitched 8+ innings	8.0, Cayla Drotar vs. Texas (3/13/2018)
Pitched 9+ innings	9.2, Nickie Blue vs. Florida State (2/19/2015)
Pitched 10+ innings	10.0, Christine Hamilton vs. Mississippi (4/22/2006)
Pitched 11+ innings	11.0, Megan Matthews vs. Alabama (4/29/2001)
Pitched 12+ innings	12.0, Megan Matthews vs. Arkansas (4/15/2000)
Did not walk a batter in a CG	Nickie Blue at No. 9/9 Alabama-1 (3/26/2017)
Struck out 11+ batters	11, Dixie Raley vs. Southern Illinois (2/17/2018)
Struck out 14 batters	Audrey Broyles vs. College of Charleston (2/7/2009)
Struck out 15 batters	Melissa Hendon vs. College of Charleston (2/22/2007)
Struck out 17 batters	Megan Matthews vs. Pittsburgh (3/6/2001)
Struck out 18 batters	Trinity Johnson vs. Nicholls State (4/14/1995)
Struck out 19 batters	Trinity Johnson vs. Indiana (8 inn.) (3/7/1997)
Struck out 22 batters	Darlene Lowery vs. Indiana (10 inn.) (3/23/1985)
Allowed three home runs	Audrey Broyles vs. Georgia (4/13/2013)
Allowed four home runs	Audrey Broyles vs. Arkansas (3/9/2012)
Allowed five home runs	Kierstyn White at Alabama (3/21/2010)
Walked 7+ batters	10, Jessica Elliott at No. 14/13 Tennessee (3/12/2017)
Hit 3+ batters	3, Jessica Elliott at Auburn (3/25/2016)
Hit 4+ batters	4, Nickie Blue vs. Kentucky (3/13/2016)
Had 3+ wild pitches	3, Nickie Blue at Auburn-1 (3/21/2016)
Had 4+ wild pitches	4, Hayley Copeland vs. Winthrop (2/21/2016)
Had 5+ wild pitches	5, Kierstyn White at Georgia (4/25/2010)

* NCAA Division I record

GAMECOCK RECORDS BROKEN OR CHASING THIS SEASON

TEAM SEASON

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

RECORD: .473 (2015)
2018: .477

HOME RUNS

RECORD: 60 (2015)
2018: 59

HIT BY PITCHES

RECORD: .74 (2018)

FIELDING PERCENTAGE

RECORD: .979 (2018)
OLD: .978 (1989)

DOUBLE PLAYS

RECORD: 30 (2018)

IND. SEASON

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

1. Alaynie Page .538 (2015)
2. Tiff Tootle .522 (1993)
3. Tiff Tootle .521 (1992)
4. Kim Pietro .494 (1999)
5. Jordan Bizzell .473 (2015)
6. Dana Fulmer .469 (1994)
7. Dana Hathorn .463 (2013)
8. Tricia Popowski .462 (1991)
9. Tricia Popowski .462 (1989)
10. Samie Garcia .459 (2013)
11. Dana Fulmer .458 (1995)
12. **Kenzi Maguire 451 (2018)**

HOME RUNS

1. Alaynie Page 15 (2015)
2. **Alyssa VanDerveer 14 (2018)**
3. Evan Childs 11 (2012)
- McKenna Hughes 11 (2007)
5. Mackenzie Boesel 10 (2017)
- Debralee Troesh 10 (2003)
8. Alaynie Page 9 (2016)
- Samatha Jennings 9 (2004)
- Joyce McMillin 9 (1999)
- Alyssa Kumiyama 9 (2018)**
12. **Cayla Drotar 8 (2018)**
- Mackenzie Boesel 8 (2018)**

RUNS BATTED IN

1. Dana Fulmer 61 (1992)
2. Dana Fulmer 56 (1993)
3. Tina Plew 54 (1997)
4. Dana Fulmer 53 (1994)
5. Alaynie Page 45 (2015)
- Mackenzie Boesel 45 (2018)**
7. Kristen Struett 43 (2013)
- Tina Plew 43 (1996)
9. Mackenzie Boesel 41 (2017)
- Alaynie Page 41 (2016)
- Kaylea Snaer 41 (2016)
- Carrie Lyons 41 (1995)
13. **Alyssa VanDerveer 40 (2018)**

HIT BY PITCH

1. Dana Hathorn 25 (2013)
2. **Jana Johns 24 (2018)**
3. **Kenzi Maguire 16 (2018)**
4. Kenzi Maguire 15 (2017)

SACRIFICE FLIES

1. Shani Cannon 8 (1995)
2. **Jana Johns 6 (2018)**
- Tina Plew (1997)

ASSISTS (SECOND BASE)

1. Debralee Troesh 135 (2003)
2. Lauren Masters 125 (2015)
3. Debralee Troesh 106 (2002)
4. Dana Hathorn 98 (2011)
- Mackenzie Boesel 98 (2018)**

ASSISTS (THIRD BASE)

1. Sondra Hall 133 (2000)
2. Sondra Hall 130 (1998)
3. **Jana Johns 129 (2018)**

FIELDING PERCENTAGE (THIRD)

1. **Jana Johns .975 (2018)**
2. Becky Martinez .964 (2007)

FIELDING PERCENTAGE (SHORT)

1. Kamryn Watts .983 (2015)
2. Lindsay Walker .973 (2007)
3. Kenzi Maguire .965 (2016)
4. Kendra McCutcheon .963 (1999)
5. **Kenzi Maguire .962 (2018)**

IND. GAME

HOME RUNS

RECORD: 2 (twice this season)
MOST RECENT: Mackenzie Boesel 5/2 vs. Charleston Southern

RUNS BATTED IN

RECORD: 8 (Mackenzie Boesel tied with Sky Brown)
BOESEL: 5/2 vs. Charleston Southern
BROW: 3/31/1996 vs. Coppin State

ASSISTS

RECORD: 9 (Jana Johns tied with Chrissy Schoonmaker)
JOHNS: 4/25 vs. USC Upstate
SCHOONMAKER: 4/7/2004 vs. Georgia)

IND. SEC SEASON

HIT BY PITCH

1. Kirsti Merritt, UF 35 (2015)
2. Emily Carosone, AU 33 (2014)
3. Bailey Castro, UF 27 (2015)
4. Anissa Young, LSU 26 (2011)
5. Emily Carosone, AU 25 (2016)
- Dana Hathorn, SC 25 (2013)
7. Anna Swafford, UG 24 (2014)
- Amber Tramp, UM 24 (2010)
- Jana Johns, SC 24 (2018)**
10. Brittany Bell, MSU 22 (2012)

FIELDING PERCENTAGE

1. Kelley Montalvo, UA .983 (2008)
2. Taylore Fuller, UF .981 (2016)
3. Chrissy Gavin, UG .979 (1999)
4. **Jana Johns, SC .975 (2018)**
- Meghan Cooper, UK .974 (2006)

FIELDING PERCENTAGE

1. Tennessee .988 (2017)
2. Florida .985 (2017)
3. Florida .984 (2016)
4. Tennessee .982 (2012)
- Tennessee .982 (2015)
6. Florida .981 (2015)
- Georgia .981 (2009)
8. Auburn .980 (2014)
9. **South Carolina .979 (2018)**
- Ole Miss .979 (2013)

Double Plays

1. Auburn 47 (2017)
2. Auburn 42 (2015)
3. Auburn 41 (2016)
4. Auburn 38 (2014)
5. Kentucky 32 (2002)
6. **South Carolina 30 (2018)**

TEAM SEASON WINS

OVERALL WINS

1. 63 (1997)
2. 54 (1992)
3. 53 (1995)
4. 52 (1994)
5. 51 (1991)
6. 49 (1990)
- 49 (1999)
8. 47 (1988)
9. 46 (1989)
- 46 (2002)
11. **43 (2018)**

SEC WINS

1. 25 (1997)
2. 20 (2002)
3. 18 (2001)
4. 17 (1999)
5. 15 (1998)
- 15 (2018)**

HOME WINS

1. 31 (2002)
2. 27 (1997)
- 27 (2014)
4. **25 (2018)**

IND. CAREER

HOME RUNS

1. Alaynie Page 33
- McKenna Hughes 33
3. Kaylea Snaer 29
4. Joyce McMillin 24
5. **Alyssa VanDerveer 22**
6. Chelsea Hawkins 21
8. Tricia Popowski 20
9. Sarah Mooney 19
10. Taylor Williams 18
- Meghan Cornett 18
- Dana Fulmer 18
- Mackenzie Boesel 18**

RUNS BATTED IN

1. Dana Fulmer 199
2. Tina Plew 172
3. Tricia Popowski 140
4. Kaylea Snaer 136
5. Alaynie Page 134
6. McKenna Hughes 132
7. Joyce McMillin 126
8. Michelle Dellosa 121
9. Kim Pietro 119
10. Victoria Williams 113
11. Andrea Beall 112
12. Meghan Cornett 109
13. Ashley Smith 106
14. Carrie Lyons 102
15. **Krystan White 101**

HIT BY PITCH

1. Dana Hathorn 46
2. **Kenzi Maguire 34**
3. Jordan Bizzell 30
4. Victoria Williams 29
5. **Kennedy Clark 27**
6. Alaynie Page 23
7. **Jana Johns 22**

FIELDING PERCENTAGE (OF)

1. Taylor Williams 1.000
2. **Kennedy Clark .995**

ON-BASE (250 PA)

1. Tiff Tootle .467
2. **Mackenzie Boesel .445**



CAROLINA SOFTBALL STADIUM AT BECKHAM FIELD

GAMECOCK FIRSTS AT CAROLINA SOFTBALL STADIUM

First Opponent

Alabama, the 2012 NCAA Division I Softball champs

First Game

March 15, 2013

Attendance

830, capacity for the weekend

First Pitch

7:05 p.m., a strike by Audrey Broyles

First Gamecock Out

Alabama's Haylie McCleney fouled out to South Carolina left fielder Alaynie Page. (3/15/13)

First Gamecock Baserunner

Dana Hathorn on a first-inning walk. (3/15/13)

First Gamecock Pitching Strikeout

Audrey Broyles struck out Danae Hays looking on a 1-2 pitch in the top of the second inning. (3/15/13)

First Gamecock Hit

Samie Garcia hit one to left in the third inning. (3/15/13)

First Run

Codee Yeske scored the first run in the new stadium in the Gamecock third. (3/15/13)

First RBI

Dana Hathorn singled to left in the third to score Yeske. (3/15/13)

First Gamecock Stolen Base

Dana Hathorn in the third inning. (3/15/13)

First Sacrifice Fly

Kristen Struett hit one to left center deep enough to allow Samie Garcia to score in the third. (3/15/13)

First Double Play

Alabama's Chaunsey Bell grounded into a double play, with Samie Garcia touching second and throwing to Julie Sarratt to complete it. (3/15/13)

First Gamecock Home Run

Codee Yeske pulled one out to left center to start the fifth. (3/15/13)

First Gamecock Double

Alaynie Page had a double in the fifth to center. (3/15/13)

First Gamecock Triple

Samie Garcia started the fifth vs. Appalachian State with a triple to right. (4/3/13)

First Gamecock Win

South Carolina beat Appalachian State 5-0. (4/3/13)

First Gamecock Shutout

Julie Sarratt (5 IP) and Katie Marks (2 IP) combined to shut down Appalachian State. (4/3/13)

First Gamecock Complete Game

Julie Sarratt won in six innings in the first game of a doubleheader against Coastal Carolina. (4/10/13)

First Gamecock Grand Slam

Codee Yeske blasted a grand slam in the first game of the Charlotte doubleheader. (4/24/13)

First No-Hitter

Nickie Blue and Jessica Elliott combined vs. WCU (3/1/16)

- Part of a long line of facility upgrades for South Carolina, Carolina Softball Stadium at Beckham Field hosted its first games in the spring of 2013.
- The Gamecocks opened their \$8 million facility on March 15, 2013, against defending national champion Alabama.
- All three games during opening weekend had a maximum capacity of 830 fans.
- Throwing out the first pitch on Friday night was Mitzi Beckham, who along with her husband David, continue to be honored by having the field named after them.
- Head women's basketball coach Dawn Staley and head football coach Steve Spurrier also helped out on opening weekend, throwing out first pitches on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.
- South Carolina got its first win in Carolina Softball Stadium history with a 5-0 shutout of Appalachian State on April 3, 2013.
- Carolina Softball Stadium at Beckham Field has a seating capacity of 1,305, with full capacity including standing room at 1,480. **This season, close to 800 season tickets have been sold.**
- The stadium sits on the same site that the Gamecock Softball team has called home since 1983.
- Home plate has been in the same spot since the beginning of the 1997 season, when the former structure was built to usher in Southeastern Conference play.
- All time, South Carolina is 571-222-2 (.719) on the site. Since being renamed Beckham Field in 1998, the Gamecocks own a 294-169 (.635) mark on the field.
- A year after playing 17 games at home, the second-lowest mark in 16 years, the 2014 Gamecocks fell one postseason game shy from tying the 2002 team's record with 36 home games.
- The 2014 Gamecocks drew even with the 1997 team's win total of 27 wins, the second most in the field's history. The Gamecocks went 27-8 at Carolina Softball Stadium in 2014.
- Out of those 35 home games, South Carolina posted a shutout in 13 of them in 2014. One loss even saw the Gamecocks throw a one-hitter (vs. No. 16/19 Minnesota, 3/19). Another loss came in a 1-0 extra-inning game (vs. Longwood 4/26)
- In the 29 home dates in 2014, the Gamecocks posted paid crowds over 1,000 in 22 of them.
- Carolina Softball Stadium at Beckham Field hosted the 2014 SEC Softball Tournament, won by Georgia for the first time. All five sessions of the event had attendance marks over 1,100, with Saturday's finals on ESPN2 hitting the stadium's capacity with standing room filled at 1,480.
- All nine games of the SEC Softball Tournament were on the ESPN family of networks, giving the program and stadium national exposure over those four days.



2018 SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCK SOFTBALL

2018 SOUTH CAROLINA ROSTER

No	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Class	EX	Hometown/Previous School
1	Lauren Stewart	OF	R/R	5-6	JR	1L	Alpharetta, Ga./Purdue
2	Kenzi Maguire	INF	R/R	5-5	RS SO	1L	Hudson, Fla./River Ridge HS
3	Jordyn Augustus	C	R/R	5-4	SR	3L	New Tripoli, Pa./Parkland HS
4	Hayley Copeland	P	R/R	6-0	SR	3L	Yorba Linda, Calif./Esperanza HS
5	Alex Fulmer	UTL	R/R	5-5	FR	HS	Little Mountain, S.C./Mid-Carolina HS
7	Mackenzie Boesel	INF	L/R	5-5	SO	1L	Yorba Linda, Calif./Orange Lutheran HS
8	Morgan Davis	UTL	L/R	5-6	FR	HS	Mt. Zion, Ill./Mt. Zion HS
9	Cayla Drotar	P	R/R	5-6	SO	1L	Hartsville, S.C./Hartsville HS
10	Jana Johns	INF	R/R	5-9	FR	HS	Calhoun, Ga./Calhoun HS
11	Krystan White	INF	R/R	5-6	SR	3L	Chesterfield, S.C./Chesterfield HS
12	Kelsey Oh	P	R/R	6-0	FR	HS	Verona, N.J./Mount St. Dominic Academy
14	Alexis Lindsey	INF	L/L	5-9	RS FR	RS	San Jose, Calif./Leigh HS
18	Tiara Duffy	OF	L/L	5-10	SR	3L	Rehoboth Beach, Del./Cape Henlopen HS
23	Kennedy Clark	OF	L/L	5-5	JR	2L	Chino Hills, Calif./Ayala HS
24	Kamryn Watts	UTL	L/R	5-6	SR	3L	Los Angeles, Calif./Torrance HS
25	Alyssa Kumiyama	INF	R/R	5-10	FR	HS	Lakewood, Calif./Gahr HS
30	Victoria Galvan	P	R/R	6-1	FR	HS	Brielle, N.J./Manasquan HS
41	Alyssa VanDerveer	C	R/R	5-7	SR	1L	Hillsborough, N.J./Penn State
50	Anna Vest	C	R/R	5-8	FR	HS	Lake Jackson, Texas/Brazoswood HS
53	Dixie Raley	P	R/R	6-0	JR	TR	Milledgeville, Ga./Georgia Southern

THE STAFF

Head Coach	Beverly Smith (8th season, North Carolina, 1995)
Associate Head Coach	Lisa Navas (6th season, Oklahoma City, 1987)
Assistant Coach	Matt Lisle (1st season, Patten, 2006)
Volunteer Assistant Coach	Matt Stewart (2nd season, Florida, 2014)
Director of Operations	Kacey Friedman (5th season, South Carolina, 2012)
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Katelyn Woolfolk (1st season)
Athletic Trainers	David Dinh, Jennifer Herod and John Kasik

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Tiara Duffy: **Tee-ERR-ah** Duffy

Jana Johns: **JAN-a** Johns

Alyssa Kumiyama: Alyssa **KOOM-E-YAH-MA**

Alyssa VanDerveer: Alyssa **Van-der-VEER**

Dixie Raley: Dixie **RAIL-ee**