



## 2014-15 GAME NOTES

# SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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### Game Information

**Date:** Sunday, November 2, 2014 | 3 p.m.  
**Site:** Columbia, S.C.  
**Arena:** Colonial Life Arena (18,000)  
**Tickets:** Free Admission  
**Broadcast:** SEC Network+ (Brad Muller, play-by-play; Robin Muller, analyst)  
**Radio:** None  
**Live Stats:** GamecocksOnline.com

### South Carolina Gamecocks 29-5, 14-2 SEC

**Ranking:** 2/NA (AP/Coaches)  
**Head Coach:** Dawn Staley  
**Record at SC:** 121-71 (7th)  
**Career Rec.:** 293-151 (15th)



VS.



### Coker Cobras 12-15, 10-12 SAC

**Ranking:** -/  
**Head Coach:** Jenny Finora  
**Record at CC:** 46-63 (5th)  
**Career Rec.:** 46-63 (5th)

**Top Scorer:** Mitchell (15.5 ppg)  
**Top Rebounder:** Coates (8.4 rpg)

**Top Scorer:** Stenson (15.1 ppg)  
**Top Rebounder:** Fenty (6.6 rpg)

### 2014-15 Schedule

Nov. 2	Coker (Exh.) (SECN+)	3 p.m.
Nov. 15	Southern California (SECN+)	TBA
Nov. 20	Clemson (SECN)	7 p.m.
Nov. 23	San Diego State (SECN+)	3 p.m.

#### Junkanoo Jam (Lucaya Division) • Freeport, Bahamas

Nov. 27	vs. Wisconsin	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 28	vs. East Carolina/Syracuse	8 p.m.

Dec. 1	NC Central (SECN+)	7 p.m.
Dec. 4	Charlotte (SECN)	8 p.m.
Dec. 7	at Duke (ESPN2)	1 p.m.
Dec. 14	Savannah State (SECN+)	Noon
Dec. 17	at Hampton	7 p.m.

#### Gopher Classic • Minneapolis, Minn.

Dec. 20	vs. Central Michigan	1 p.m.
Dec. 21	vs. Liberty	1 p.m.

Jan. 2	Auburn* (SECN)	7 p.m.
Jan. 4	at LSU* (ESPN2)	3 p.m.
Jan. 8	at Alabama* (SECN+)	7 p.m.
Jan. 11	Kentucky* (ESPN2)	1 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Missouri* (SECN)	9 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Florida* (SECN)	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	Texas A&M* (ESPN2)	7 p.m.
Jan. 29	Alabama* (SECN+)	7 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Ole Miss* (ESPNU)	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Georgia* (SECN)	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Connecticut (ESPN2)	8 p.m.
Feb. 12	LSU* (FSN)	7 p.m.
Feb. 15	Vanderbilt* (ESPNU)	Noon
Feb. 19	at Arkansas* (SECN)	9 p.m.
Feb. 23	Tennessee* (ESPN2)	9 p.m.
Feb. 26	Mississippi State* (FSN)	7 p.m.
Mar. 1	at Kentucky* (ESPNU/2)	2/5 p.m.

#### SEC Tournament • North Little Rock, Ark.

Mar. 4	First Round (SECN)	TBA
Mar. 5	Second Round (SECN)	TBA
Mar. 6	Quarterfinals (SECN)	TBA
Mar. 7	Semifinals (ESPNU)	TBA
Mar. 8	Final (ESPN)	TBA

\* indicates SEC game

All Times Listed as Eastern and are subject to change

### Preseason Poll Pop

South Carolina is ranked No. 2 in the Associated Press Preseason Top 25, matching the program's all-time highest ranking and marking the best preseason rank in school history. The 1981-82 team earned the previous best marks with a preseason rank of No. 4 and spending three weeks at No. 2.

### Back in (Garnet and) Black

A huge reason the this season's lofty expectations is the return of all five starters among the 10 returning letterwinners. The Gamecocks return 97.6 percent of their scoring, 96.0 percent of their rebounding, 98.4 percent of their assists and 97.1 percent of their school-record shot blocking from last season's top-10 squad. Nine of the 10 returners played in at least 29 of the team's 34 games last season and contributed at least 2.0 points per game.

### Elite Additions

On top of returning 10 of the 12 letterwinners from last season's SEC championship team, the Gamecocks added the nation's No. 2 signing class. Four of the five signees will take the court for the Gamecocks this season, led by No. 1 A'ja Wilson and No. 7 Jatarie White. Two other top-35 signees (Bianca Cuevas, Kaydra Duckett) round out the group that will contribute this season.

### Ticket Boom

After updating the Colonial Life Arena attendance top-10 list five times last season, South Carolina ranked 10th in the nation in average attendance (6,371) last season. The athletics department responded to the demand by expanding the number of reserved-seat sections available to fans. The response was so overwhelming that the sections expanded again in late October. In all, the Gamecocks have sold over 6,600 season tickets, a significant increase from last season's 4,213.

### SEC Title Talk

In 2013-14, South Carolina became the seventh program to win the SEC regular-season title. The SEC and national media predicted that the Gamecocks would repeat the feat this season. If Staley's group brings that forecast to fruition, it would be just the fourth team to repeat as the regular-season champion, joining Tennessee (multiple times), Georgia (1996, 1997) and LSU (2005, 2006).

### Rare Company















As just the second sophomore ever to earn SEC Player of the Year honors from the league's coaches last season, junior Tiffany Mitchell was tabbed by the SEC and national media to claim the award again this season. If that prediction comes true, Mitchell would become just the seventh player to pick up the award twice in her career, joining South Carolina assistant coach Nikki McCray (1994, 1995) among others.

If South Carolina's other player of the year candidate last season, Aleighsa Welch, can dethrone her teammate this season, it would be the first time in league history that the same school had different student-athletes win the award in consecutive seasons. Welch joined Mitchell on the Preseason All-SEC First Team as voted on by the SEC and national media in October.

### Staley's Success

This is head coach Dawn Staley's seventh season with the Gamecocks, making her the third-longest tenured coach in the program's 40-year history. Her 121 wins are third most in school history, and her .630 (121-71) winning percentage is second behind Pam Parsons' .701 (101-43). South Carolina's total and SEC wins have increased each season of Staley's tenure with 79 of her 121 wins coming in the last three seasons, marking the second most successful three-season span in program history (81 wins 1977-78 through 1979-80) and the first three-season stretch of 25+ wins each.

# 2014-15 South Carolina Media Roster

<b>0</b>		<p><b>India Farmer</b> 6-0 • So. • Forward • N. Myrtle Beach, S.C.</p> <p>PPG <b>0.3</b> RPG <b>0.3</b> APG <b>0.0</b> FG% <b>.286</b> FT% <b>—</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Great team player ... Works hard with good attitude ... Played in 18 games, including seven SEC contests and four postseason outings.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 3, 2x, vs. Alabama, 1/19/14 Reb: 3 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13 Ast: — Stl: —</p>
<b>1</b>		<p><b>Bianca Cuevas</b> 5-6 • Fr. • Guard • Bronx, N.Y. <i>kway-VAAS</i></p> <p>PPG <b>—</b> RPG <b>—</b> APG <b>—</b> FG% <b>—</b> FT% <b>—</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Quick, crafty guard ... Rated No. 35 player in 2014 class, No. 7 point guard ... McDonald's All-America ... NY co-Player of the Year and Brooklyn Player of the Year.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: — Reb: — Ast: — Stl: —</p>
<b>2</b>		<p><b>Olivia Gaines</b> 5-7 • Sr. • Guard • Chester, S.C.</p> <p>PPG <b>2.1</b> RPG <b>1.3</b> APG <b>1.1</b> FG% <b>.479</b> FT% <b>.731</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Key defensive stopper last season, bringing great energy off the bench ... Locked up OSU top scorer in second half of NCAA Tournament game.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 7 vs. Savannah St., 12/28/13 Reb: 5 vs. NC Central, 12/2/13 Ast: 5 vs. Chas. Strhn., 11/8/13 Min: 23 vs. Alabama, 1/19/14</p>
<b>3</b>		<p><b>Kaydra Duckett</b> 5-8 • Fr. • Guard • Columbia, S.C. <i>KAY-druh DUCK-it</i></p> <p>PPG <b>—</b> RPG <b>—</b> APG <b>—</b> FG% <b>—</b> FT% <b>—</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Rated No. 32 player in 2014 class ... 3A player of the year ... WBCA All-America honorable mention ... won two state titles (2012, 2014).</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: — Reb: — Ast: — Stl: —</p>
<b>5</b>		<p><b>Khadijah Sessions</b> 5-8 • Jr. • Guard • Myrtle Beach, S.C. <i>kub-DEE-zhub SESH-uns</i></p> <p>PPG <b>7.2</b> RPG <b>1.6</b> APG <b>2.3</b> FG% <b>.365</b> FT% <b>.718</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Started 26 games at point guard ... Showed great organization of team on both sides of the ball in NCAA Tournament action last season.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 19 vs. Auburn, 2/3/13 Reb: 5 at Florida, 1/20/13 Ast: 6 vs. Missouri, 2/2/14 Stl: 4, 3x, vs. Missouri, 2/2/14</p>
<b>15</b>		<p><b>Tiffany Davis</b> 5-7 • So. • Guard • Houston, Texas</p> <p>PPG <b>2.1</b> RPG <b>1.3</b> APG <b>1.1</b> FG% <b>.390</b> FT% <b>.731</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Played in 32 games with seven starts last season ... Scored in double digits once (vs. Ole Miss, 1/30) ... Continues to learn how to run offense for Staley.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 11 vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14 Reb: 6 at Arkansas, 1/2/14 Ast: 3, 4x, vs. SC State, 12/22/13 Stl: 5 vs. Elon, 11/9/12</p>
<b>22</b>		<p><b>A'ja Wilson</b> 6-5 • Fr. • Guard/Forward • Hopkins, S.C. <i>Z-zhub</i></p> <p>PPG <b>—</b> RPG <b>—</b> APG <b>—</b> FG% <b>—</b> FT% <b>—</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Learning both guard and forward positions ... WBCA, Naismith and Parade Magazine Player of the Year (2014) ... McDonald's All-America ... three-time state player of the year.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: — Reb: — Ast: — Stl: —</p>
<b>23</b>		<p><b>Tina Roy</b> 5-11 • Junior • Guard • Kaplan, La.</p> <p>PPG <b>3.6</b> RPG <b>2.0</b> APG <b>1.4</b> FG% <b>.301</b> FT% <b>.609</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Always shines late in season (6.5 ppg in 2014 SEC Tournament) ... Looking for quicker start this season ... Becoming more vocal teammate.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 15 vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11 Reb: 8 at Miss. State, 2/6/14 Ast: 7 vs. Chas. Strhn., 11/8/13 Stl: 2 vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11</p>
<b>24</b>		<p><b>Aleighsa Welch</b> 6-0 • Sr. • Forward • Goose Creek, S.C. <i>uh-LEE-sub</i></p> <p>PPG <b>13.7</b> RPG <b>7.6</b> BPG <b>1.4</b> FG% <b>.574</b> FT% <b>.598</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Voted team captain for third time ... Preseason All-SEC selection (media) ... Among program's best offensive rebounders ... Closing in on career rebounds top 10 (70 away).</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 23 vs. UNC, 12/18/13 Reb: 17 vs. CofC, 11/14/13 Ast: 5 vs. Savannah St., 12/28/13 Blk: 5, 2x, at Kentucky, 2/20/14</p>
<b>25</b>		<p><b>Tiffany Mitchell</b> 5-9 • Jr. • Guard • Charlotte, N.C.</p> <p>PPG <b>15.5</b> RPG <b>5.6</b> APG <b>3.5</b> FG% <b>.493</b> FT% <b>.793</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Voted team captain ... Versatile guard ... Preseason SEC Player of the Year and All-SEC choice (media) ... First Gamecock to earn WBCA All-America status.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 25 vs. Georgia, 2/27/14 Reb: 11, 5x, at Arkansas, 1/2/14 Ast: 9 at SDSU, 11/23/13 Stl: 6 at Auburn, 1/12/14</p>
<b>31</b>		<p><b>Asia Dozier</b> 6-0 • Jr. • Guard/Forward • Columbia, S.C. <i>DOE-zbur</i></p> <p>PPG <b>6.0</b> RPG <b>2.8</b> APG <b>2.7</b> FG% <b>.341</b> FT% <b>.636</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Voted team captain ... Started 32 of 34 games last season ... Was best on team at feeding the post, leading team in assists 10 times and averaging 3.0 assists in SEC play.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 16, 2x, at SDSU, 11/23/13 Reb: 10 vs. Elon, 11/9/12 Ast: 6, 2x, vs. Georgia, 3/7/14 Stl: 2, 5x, vs. Clemson, 11/20/13</p>
<b>33</b>		<p><b>Elem Ibiam</b> 6-4 • Sr. • Center • Fayetteville, Ga. <i>ELL-um IB-ee-um</i></p> <p>PPG <b>9.5</b> RPG <b>6.1</b> BPG <b>2.4</b> FG% <b>.538</b> FT% <b>.657</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Voted team captain ... Set school record for blocks with 83 to rank in nation's top 25 and second in SEC ... SEC All-Defensive Team ... Continues to expand offensive range.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 19, 2x, at Charlotte, 12/8/13 Reb: 12 at Texas A&amp;M, 1/16/15 Blk: 7 at Miss. State, 2/6/14 Min: 34 at Texas A&amp;M, 1/16/15</p>
<b>40</b>		<p><b>Jatarie White</b> 6-4 • Fr. • Forward • Charlotte, N.C. <i>jub-TAR-ee</i></p> <p>PPG <b>—</b> RPG <b>—</b> BPG <b>—</b> FG% <b>—</b> FT% <b>—</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Rated No. 7 player overall and top post in 2014 class ... WBCA and McDonald's All-America ... N.C. Ms. Basketball ... helped team to four state titles (two with Tiffany Mitchell)..</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: — Reb: — Ast: — Stl: —</p>
<b>41</b>		<p><b>Alaina Coates</b> 6-4 • So. • Center • Irmo, S.C. <i>uh-LAY-nuh COATS</i></p> <p>PPG <b>12.3</b> RPG <b>8.4</b> BPG <b>2.1</b> FG% <b>.612</b> FT% <b>.654</b></p>	<p><b>LAST GAME:</b> — <b>NOTABLE:</b> Team's top rebounder last season ... First SEC Freshman of the Year to also earn another "of the Year" award from the league's coaches as Co-6th Player of the Year.</p>	<p><b>Career Highs</b> Pts: 24, 2x, vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14 Reb: 17 vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14 Blk: 5, 2x, vs. Florida, 2/23/14 Min: 29 vs. UNC, 3/30/14</p>

Starter

Reserve



**2013-14 South Carolina Basketball**  
**South Carolina Combined Team Statistics (as of Apr 01, 2014)**  
**All games**



<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	29-5	16-0	10-2	3-3
CONFERENCE	14-2	8-0	6-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	15-3	8-0	4-0	3-3

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
25	MITCHELL, Tiffany	34-34	1066	31.4	165-335	.493	40-74	.541	157-198	.793	41	149	190	5.6	63	0	118	97	8	62	527	15.5
24	WELCH, Aleighsa	34-33	1037	30.5	175-305	.574	1-1	1.000	116-194	.598	107	153	260	7.6	61	0	67	64	47	29	467	13.7
41	COATES, Alaina	34-1	668	19.6	148-242	.612	0-0	.000	121-185	.654	82	203	285	8.4	83	1	11	57	73	17	417	12.3
33	IBIAM, Elem	34-34	794	23.4	128-238	.538	0-0	.000	67-102	.657	59	148	207	6.1	94	3	12	51	83	13	323	9.5
05	SESSIONS, Khadijah	29-26	761	26.2	58-159	.365	18-59	.305	74-103	.718	9	38	47	1.6	60	0	77	45	1	28	208	7.2
31	DOZIER, Asia	34-32	911	26.8	72-211	.341	33-103	.320	28-44	.636	18	77	95	2.8	63	0	92	68	7	21	205	6.0
23	ROY, Tina	34-1	553	16.3	44-146	.301	20-86	.233	14-23	.609	13	56	69	2.0	19	0	48	23	9	6	122	3.6
15	DAVIS, Tiffany	32-7	356	11.1	23-59	.390	12-30	.400	19-26	.731	5	27	32	1.0	29	0	29	40	1	4	77	2.4
02	GAINES, Olivia	32-1	309	9.7	23-48	.479	1-2	.500	19-26	.731	12	31	43	1.3	32	0	34	14	3	20	66	2.1
12	MONTOUT, Wilka	30-1	254	8.5	17-48	.354	5-16	.313	6-19	.316	23	24	47	1.6	25	0	5	13	7	1	45	1.5
21	MORRISON, LeAnna	23-0	68	3.0	4-13	.308	1-8	.125	6-10	.600	6	4	10	0.4	8	0	3	2	0	1	15	0.7
00	FARMER, India	18-0	48	2.7	2-7	.286	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2	4	6	0.3	4	0	0	1	1	0	6	0.3
Team											37	65	102		1		10					
Total.....		34	6825		859-1811	.474	133-383	.347	627-930	.674	414	979	1393	41.0	542	4	496	485	240	202	2478	72.9
Opponents.....		34	6825		705-2035	.346	127-437	.291	360-537	.670	415	680	1095	32.2	754	32	343	435	98	210	1897	55.8

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>
SCORING	2478	1897	11/08/13	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	w 99-29	5120
Points per game	72.9	55.8	11/10/13	LOUISIANA TECH	w 68-45	5078
Scoring margin	+17.1	-	11/14/13	COLL. OF CHARLESTON	w 81-54	4882
FIELD GOALS-ATT	859-1811	705-2035	11/17/13	SETON HALL	w 88-67	4765
Field goal pct	.474	.346	11/20/13	at Clemson	w 68-43	715
3 POINT FG-ATT	133-383	127-437	11/23/13	at San Diego State	w 88-54	642
3-point FG pct	.347	.291	11/25/13	at USC	w 70-50	897
3-pt FG made per game	3.9	3.7	12/02/13	NC CENTRAL	w 79-27	4347
FREE THROWS-ATT	627-930	360-537	12/08/13	at Charlotte	w 76-61	1357
Free throw pct	.674	.670	12/18/13	vs #14/13 North Carolina	L 66-74	4137
F-Throws made per game	18.4	10.6	12/20/13	WINTHROP	w 69-61	5021
REBOUNDS	1393	1095	12/22/13	SC STATE	w 70-26	5937
Rebounds per game	41.0	32.2	12/28/13	SAVANNAH STATE	w 82-40	4824
Rebounding margin	+8.8	-	* 01/02/14	at Arkansas	w 55-51	2215
ASSISTS	496	343	* 01/05/14	VANDERBILT	w 76-66	4810
Assists per game	14.6	10.1	* 01/09/14	#9/10 KENTUCKY	w 68-59	5689
TURNOVERS	485	435	* 01/12/14	at Auburn	w 72-66	2453
Turnovers per game	14.3	12.8	* 01/16/14	at #25/21 Texas A&M	Lot 65-67	5778
Turnover margin	-1.5	-	* 01/19/14	ALABAMA	w 77-51	7740
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.8	* 01/26/14	at #16/19 Vanderbilt	w 61-57	3554
STEALS	202	210	* 01/30/14	OLE MISS	w 99-70	5344
Steals per game	5.9	6.2	* 02/02/14	MISSOURI	w 78-62	7828
BLOCKS	240	98	* 02/06/14	at Mississippi State	w 71-64	2323
Blocks per game	7.1	2.9	* 02/09/14	ARKANSAS	w 67-49	7545
ATTENDANCE	101935	68682	* 02/16/14	at #19/17 LSU	w 73-57	4275
Home games-Avg/Game	16-6371	12-3687	* 02/20/14	at #15/15 Kentucky	w 81-58	5958
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	6-4074	* 02/23/14	FLORIDA	w 69-55	10547
			* 02/27/14	GEORGIA	w 67-56	12458
			* 03/02/14	at #10/9 Tennessee	L 61-73	14072
			^ 03/07/14	vs Georgia	w 67-48	4271
			^ 03/08/14	vs #12/13 Kentucky	L 58-68	6306
			§ 03/23/14	vs CSU Northridge	w 73-58	1365
			§ 03/25/14	vs Oregon State	w 78-69	1664
			§ 03/30/14	vs #12/13 North Carolina	L 58-65	6700

\* = Conference game  
^ = SEC Tournament (Duluth, Ga.)  
§ = NCAA Tournament (Seattle; Stanford, Calif.)