

GAMECOCK VOLLEYBALL



2009 Season Preview



Front (L to R): Sarah Cline, Jordan Bradosky, Hannah Lawing, Bridget Denson-Dorman, Christina Glover, Tory Shepherd, Lindsey Roy. Middle (L to R): Taylor Bruns, Meredith Moorhead, Megan Laughlin, Teresa Stenlund, Brandi Byers, Ivana Kujundzic, Tory Anderson, Olivia Ryder. Back (L to R): student assistant Annie Thomas, manager Amber Townsend, assistant coach Laura Collins, head coach Ben Somera, associate head coach Damian Elder, director of operations Kristin Belzung, assistant athletic trainer Erin Pettinger, graduate assistant athletic trainer John Woolf.

NUMERICAL ROSTER							
NO	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	YEAR	EXPERIENCE	HOMETOWN	LAST SCHOOL
1	Ivana Kujundzic	OH	6-1	Senior	3L	Subotica, Serbia	Bosa Milicevic
2	Lindsey Roy	DS	5-9	RS Freshman	RS	Cincinnati, Ohio	Ursuline Academy
3	Bridget Denson-Dorman	S	5-9	Senior	1L	Golden Valley, Minn.	Connecticut
4	Sarah Cline	L/DS	5-9	Senior	3L	Rock Hill, S.C.	Northwestern H.S.
5	Jordan Bradosky	S/DS	5-9	Junior	2L	Centerville, Ohio	Centerville H.S.
6	Hannah Lawing	OH	5-9	Junior	2L	Marietta, Ga.	Lassiter H.S.
7	Teresa Stenlund	MB	6-2	Sophomore	1L	Irvine, Calif.	Beckman H.S.
8	Tory Shepherd	OH	5-10	Freshman	HS	Moncks Corner, S.C.	Berkeley H.S.
9	Christina Glover	OH	5-10	Freshman	HS	Mount Pleasant, S.C.	Wando H.S.
10	Megan Laughlin	MB	6-2	Junior	2L	Cornell, Ill.	Flanagan H.S.
11	Olivia Ryder	OH/RS	6-0	RS Freshman	RS	Riverview, Mich.	Gabriel Richard H.S.
12	Tory Anderson	MB	6-0	RS Sophomore	1L	Jacksonville, Fla.	Florida Gulf Coast
13	Meredith Moorhead	RS	6-1	Senior	3L	Charlotte, N.C.	Providence Senior H.S.
14	Brandi Byers	MB	6-3	Freshman	HS	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Brookwood H.S.
20	Taylor Bruns	S	5-11	Freshman	HS	Normal, Ill.	University H.S.

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Ben Somera (3rd year as head coach, 5th year at South Carolina) • Alma Mater: Southern California, 1995
Associate Head Coach: Damian Elder (1st year as associate head coach, 4th year at South Carolina) • Alma Mater: Fresno State, 2002
Assistant Coach: Laura Collins (2nd year as assistant coach, 2nd year at South Carolina) • Alma Mater: Oregon State, 2004
Director of Volleyball Operations: Kristin Belzung (1st year as director, 2nd year at South Carolina) • Alma Mater: Northern Iowa, 2008
Volunteer Assistant: Belita Salters • Alma Mater: South Carolina, 2008
Student Assistant: Annie Thomas



ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	YEAR	EXPERIENCE	HOMETOWN	LAST SCHOOL
12	Tory Anderson	MB	6-0	RS Sophomore	1L	Jacksonville, Fla.	Florida Gulf Coast
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7	Teresa Stenlund	MB	6-2	Sophomore	1L	Irvine, Calif.	Beckman H.S.

ROSTER BY CLASS

Seniors (4): Sarah Cline, Bridget Denson-Dorman, Ivana Kujundzic, Meredith Moorhead

Juniors (3): Jordan Bradosky, Megan Laughlin, Hannah Lawing

Sophomores (2): Tory Anderson, Teresa Stenlund

Freshmen (6): Taylor Bruns, Brandi Byers, Christina Glover, Lindsey Roy, Olivia Ryder, Tory Shepherd

ROSTER BY STATE/COUNTRY

South Carolina (3): Sarah Cline, Christina Glover, Tory Shepherd

Georgia (2): Brandi Byers, Hannah Lawing

Illinois (2): Taylor Bruns, Megan Laughlin

Ohio (2): Jordan Bradosky, Lindsey Roy

California (1): Teresa Stenlund

Florida (1): Tory Anderson

Michigan (1): Olivia Ryder

Minnesota (1): Bridget Denson-Dorman

North Carolina (1): Meredith Moorhead

Serbia (1): Ivana Kujundzic

ROSTER BY HEIGHT

6-3 (1): Brandi Byers

6-2 (2): Megan Laughlin, Teresa Stenlund

6-1 (2): Ivana Kujundzic, Meredith Moorhead

6-0 (2): Tory Anderson, Olivia Ryder

5-11 (1): Taylor Bruns

5-10 (2): Christina Glover, Tory Shepherd

5-9 (7): Jordan Bradosky, Sarah Cline, Bridget Denson-Dorman, Hannah Lawing, Lindsey Roy

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Jordan **BRADOSKY**breah-DOS-kee
 Taylor **BRUNS**BRUHNS
 IVANA **KUJUNDZIC**ee-VAW-nuh koo-yoon-JEECH
 Megan **LAUGHLIN**LOFF-lin
 BELITA **SALTERS**buh-LEE-tuh
 Ben **SOMERA**suh-MAIR-uh
 Teresa **STENLUND**STIN-lund

GAMECOCK BIRTHDAYS

February 15 Meredith Moorhead
 March 11 Olivia Ryder
 March 13 Megan Laughlin
 May 30 Teresa Stenlund
 June 16 Sarah Cline
 July 17 Taylor Bruns
 September 7 Ivana Kujundzic
 October 18 Annie Thomas
 October 29 Jordan Bradosky
 November 16 Tory Anderson
 November 27 Bridget Denson-Dorman
 December 11 Tory Shepherd
 December 23 Lindsey Roy
 December 26 Hannah Lawing
 December 28 Christina Glover



RADIO/TELEVISION SPOTTING CHART



#1

OH • 6-1
Sr.-3L
Subotica,
Serbia

**IVANA
KUJUNDZIC**

Notes:



#2

DS • 5-9
RS Fr.-RS
Cincinnati,
Ohio

**LINDSEY
ROY**

Notes:



#3

S • 5-9
Sr.-1L
Golden Valley,
Minn.

**BRIDGET
DENSON-DORMAN**

Notes:



#4

L/DS • 5-9
Sr.-3L
Rock Hill,
S.C.

**SARAH
CLINE**

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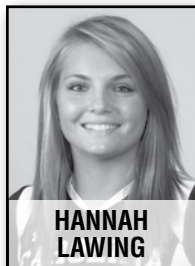


#5

S/DS • 5-9
Jr.-2L
Centerville,
Ohio

**JORDAN
BRADOSKY**

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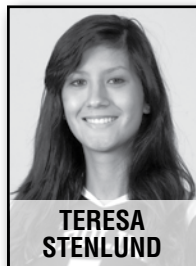


#6

OH • 5-9
Jr.-2L
Marietta,
Ga.

**HANNAH
LAWING**

Notes:



#7

MB • 6-2
So.-1L
Irvine,
Calif.

**TERESA
STENLUND**

Notes:



#8

OH • 5-10
Fr.-HS
Moncks
Corner, S.C.

**TORY
SHEPHERD**

Notes:



#9

OH • 5-10
Fr.-HS
Mt. Pleasant,
S.C.

**CHRISTINA
GLOVER**

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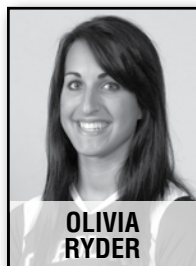


#10

MB • 6-2
Jr.-2L
Cornell,
Ill.

**MEGAN
LAUGHLIN**

Notes:



#11

OH • 6-0
RS Fr.-RS
Riverview,
Mich.

**OLIVIA
RYDER**

Notes:



#12

MB • 6-0
RS So.-1L
Jacksonville,
Fla.

**TORY
ANDERSON**

Notes:



#13

OH • 6-1
Sr.-3L
Charlotte,
N.C.

**MEREDITH
MOORHEAD**

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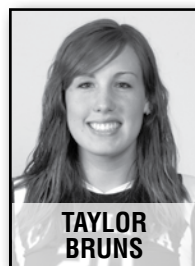


#14

MB • 6-3
Fr.-HS
Alpharetta,
Ga.

**BRANDI
BYERS**

Notes:



#20

S • 5-11
Fr.-HS
Normal,
Ill.

**TAYLOR
BRUNS**

Notes:



HEAD COACH

3rd Year as
Head Coach

5th Year at
Carolina

**BEN
SOMERA**

Notes:



ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

1st Year as
Associate

4th Year at
Carolina

**DAMIAN
ELDER**

Notes:



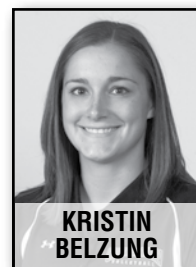
ASSISTANT COACH

2nd Year as
Asst. Coach

2nd Year at
Carolina

**LAURA
COLLINS**

Notes:



DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

1st Year as
Director

2nd Year at
Carolina

**KRISTIN
BELZUNG**

Notes:



GENERAL OUTLOOK

Poised to make noise again in the always-competitive Southeastern Conference, South Carolina brings back five starters and its top libero from a 2008 team that went 21-9, the first 20-win team in six years. Only four letterwinners depart from that squad, putting expectations higher in Ben Somera's third season as head coach.

With nine letterwinners back on the court to go with two student-athletes who took redshirts in 2008 and four new freshmen, the Gamecocks are as deep as ever. That is by design. The Gamecocks' depth across the board should be a strength, as every position has starters back with only one major role wide open coming into the fall.

"Our depth will make every practice session more competitive and will create an environment that identifies the toughest players," said Somera. "Our freshmen are just as physical as their teammates in their positions, so we will be able to use their talents to elevate the play in our gym each day. But depth can't replace experience, and we will need to stay healthy to maximize our potential this season."

"We will have a lot of athleticism in both the right and left outside hitting positions this fall, which is ideal for our style. We have three setters capable of running our offense at a high level and four middles who will continue to improve over the course of the season."

However, Somera says the incumbents should not be too comfortable.

"We want to create an environment where you have to play your best to win your position," remarked Somera. "We do not want anyone just gaining it by default. There is enough talent here now that if you are not playing at your best you could find yourself on the bench. I like that. It shows our staff and, more importantly, our team the value of focus and mental toughness. If you can't buckle down, sacrifice and focus to win your spot in your own gym, why would you think you have done the work necessary to beat your opponents?"

Among the factors that kept South Carolina from returning to the NCAA Tournament a year ago was its lack of road wins over NCAA Tournament teams. The Gamecocks went 3-2 at home and 1-0 on neutral sites against squads that made last year's 64-team draw, but, on the road, the team fell five times to tourney squads. That will be one focus for the coaching staff. Another has been handled already, as the schedule is notably tougher this season.

In the pre-conference season, South Carolina will again meet three programs that advanced into the NCAA Tournament. The difference will be the venues, as two of those matches will be on the road and the other comes in a neutral-site affair.

The SEC schedule is always tough, especially since the coaches voted to go to the double round robin format in 2006. The way the schedule lays out for the Carolina Gamecocks, there will be two grueling stretches. The beginning of October is tough, with the Garnet and Black facing all four of the league's NCAA teams in eight days. Three of those matches are at home, starting with Tennessee on Friday, Oct. 2. Kentucky follows on Sunday, with the defending SEC champion Florida Gators coming to Columbia on Wednesday in a televised match. The stretch ends on Friday night in Baton Rouge with a match against 2008 SEC Western Division champ LSU.

But the end of the season could prove to be tougher. The four-match streak begins at home on Sunday Nov. 15 against the Bayou Bengals before the Gamecocks embark on a three-match road trip to end the regular season. They start it in Kentucky on Nov. 20 before heading south to Rocky Top for



Head Coach Ben Somera

a Sunday afternoon affair against the Lady Vols. The regular season ends on the day after Thanksgiving when the Gamecocks and Gators meet again in Gainesville.

Somera and his staff believe this team can continue the strides made a season ago and press on toward the top of the SEC this season, thereby contending for a bid into this season's national championship tournament.

SETTERS

LETTERWINNERS & 2008 STATISTICS (2)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	A/S	D/S	K/S	Hit%
Jordan Bradosky	5-9	Jr.-2L	4.93	0.93	0.47	.545
Bridget Denson-Dorman	5-9	Sr.-1L	10.57	2.12	0.61	.253

PLAYERS LOST

None

NEWCOMERS (1)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown
Taylor Bruns	5-11	Fr.-HS	Normal, Ill.

In 2008, the Gamecocks made great strides because of a consistent offense run by transfer Bridget Denson-Dorman. The Golden Valley, Minn., native has not played in the NCAA Tournament in her career, but that is her goal – and the goal of every Gamecock player – starting this fall.

Denson-Dorman led the SEC in assists per set last season, ranking in the top 50 in the nation in that category as well. She helped guide the Gamecocks to a .259 team hitting percentage, the best in the league. That statistical win marked the first time in a decade that Florida did not lead the league in hitting efficiency. Two of the best single-match hitting percentages in South Carolina history came last season thanks in part to Denson-Dorman. While not the biggest setter in the land, she still ranked fourth among the regular rotation with 0.44 blocks per set. An AVCA All-South Region honorable

mention as a junior, her experience in big matches could be the difference between the Gamecocks hanging in and winning some tough matches this year.

"It feels good to enter the season with good depth and a returning starter at the setting position," commented Somera. "Bridget had a good season and dealt well with the many changes in the life of a transfer last year. Acclimating to a new system, team and school is a lot like being a freshman again, and she handled those changes well. Now that she understands our program and the conference, I believe Bridget is capable of a season that will put her in contention for postseason honors."

Former starter Jordan Bradosky will push Denson-Dorman again this season. The Centerville, Ohio, product started a majority of her matches as a freshman before backing up Denson-Dorman last year. Bradosky could push the senior for playing time and jump in if the team needs a spark.

"Jordan is one of our best volleyball players and could contribute to our success in a number of roles," Somera said. "While her primary position is setter, she is a solid serve receive passer and is making great strides as a defender. Jordan really wants to be on the court, and she is one of our most competitive kids. I believe she is going to figure out a role that gets her out there in the same way Petra (Lorenzi) did last year."



Bridget Denson-Dorman



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The Gamecocks also brought in Taylor Bruns to push the returners. A *PrepVolleyball.com* "Senior Aces" top 100 pick last season, the Normal, Ill., native has led successful teams during her high school days, as her University High School squad won three consecutive Corn Belt Conference championships. At 5-11, she is the tallest of the trio and could bring a different look to the lineup if called upon up front.

OUTSIDE HITTERS

LETTERWINNERS & 2008 STATISTICS (3)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	K/S	Hit%	D/S	B/S
Ivana Kujundzic	6-1	Sr.-3L	3.61	.256	2.82	0.45
Hannah Lawing	5-9	Jr.-2L	1.30	.138	2.36	0.13
Meredith Moorhead	6-1	Sr.-3L	1.61	.234	0.35	0.34

OTHER RETURNERS (1)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown
Olivia Ryder	6-1	Fr.-RS	Riverview, Mich.

PLAYERS LOST & 2008 STATISTICS (3)

Name	Ht.	Exp.	K/S	Hit%	D/S	B/S
Annie Thomas	6-0	2L	1.66	.151	0.48	0.18

NEWCOMERS (2)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown
Christina Glover	5-10	Fr.-HS	Charleston, S.C.
Tory Shepherd	5-10	Fr.-HS	Moncks Corner, S.C.

The most experienced group of players returning is on the outside, as three two-year starters are back to help the Gamecocks improve on last year's success.

Topping the list is honorable mention AVCA All-South Region outside hitter Ivana Kujundzic. The senior from Subotica, Serbia, played in every set a year ago and has been a stalwart for the Gamecocks since moving to the outside to start her sophomore season. She ranked in the top 15 in the SEC in kills per set, hitting percentage, aces per set and digs per set. Her all-around game helps save valuable substitutions for the Gamecocks and makes her an offensive threat at all times.

"She is our most versatile attacker on the team and has played a lot of good volleyball for us," Somera said. "As she continues to improve physically, her game will put her in the elite of our conference."

Last year was split in two for junior Hannah Lawing. For the first half of the year, she

played on the back row exclusively and did an outstanding job as a defender. But an injury to Annie Thomas opened up a hitting position, and Lawing stepped up and thrived in that role. After hitting just .049 as a freshman, Lawing more than tripled that with her .175 average during her full-court time. Her defense did not suffer, as she still ranked third on the team with 2.36 digs per set. Her intensity and competitive nature help bring a fire that can propel the team at times.

"I was really happy with how Hannah developed at the end of last season and into the spring," commented Somera. "She has always been a great ball-control player for us, and now she has embraced her role as an attacker. As a small outside hitter, you have to learn when to challenge a block and how to use a variety of shots to keep a defense off balance. Her shot selection was great this past spring both indoors

and on the sand, and we look for her to carry a larger offensive role this season while continuing to be a solid part of our passing corp."

On the right side, Meredith Moorhead is back for her senior season. Injuries have slowed her over the past two seasons, but Somera hopes that is all behind her after two different operations in the offseason. The 6-1, Charlotte, N.C., native had her best year offensively as a sophomore, averaging 2.31 kills per set while hitting at a .258 clip. Once a solid six-rotation option, injuries have reduced her role to primarily that of an attacker and blocker.

"We tried to manage practice opportunities and limit the wear on Meredith's injuries," Somera said, "but you have to maintain chemistry behind the setter in practice. A setter rarely sees her right side attacker in her approach, and to improve that connection you have to train together. Her stats last season were on par, and she did a really good job playing through pain the majority of the season. Meredith did a great job rehabbing, and I believe she can build on the experience she has had as a starter to have a great senior year."

There will be some healthy competition for that starting role opposite the setter. Olivia Ryder could provide the best push to Moorhead at the third outside position. The 6-0 redshirt freshman missed last season rehabbing a knee injury from high school and a hand injury suffered during practice. The Michigan native was a top candidate for the Miss Volleyball award in the state before the knee problem ended her senior season. With a year inside the program to acclimate to the intensity and speed of college volleyball, Ryder has a step up on her competition for time as a hitter.

Two newcomers from the Lowcountry could push for time this fall. Christina Glover was the South Carolina 4A Volleyball Player of the Year the past two seasons at Wando High School playing for her mother and Gamecock alumnus Alexis Homer Glover. The freshman compiled 619 kills in 50 matches a year ago while also adding 661 digs. The daughter of a coach also has more of an understanding of what it takes to play at a high level. She could push for time on both the left and right.

Also there to push the returners is Tory Shepherd. A Moncks Corner, S.C., native, Shepherd made the 4A all-state team a year ago for Berkeley High School and will bring more competition to the outside during the year.

MIDDLE BLOCKERS

LETTERWINNERS & 2008 STATISTICS (3)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	K/S	Hit%	D/S	B/S
Tory Anderson	6-0	RS So.-1L	0.90	.223	0.14	0.45
Megan Laughlin	6-1	Jr.-2L	2.59	.308	0.78	0.58
Teresa Stenlund	6-2	So.-1L	0.73	.429	0.33	0.27

PLAYERS LOST & 2008 STATISTICS (1)

Name	Ht.	Exp.	K/S	Hit%	D/S	B/S
Belita Salters	6-1	4L	3.16	.389	0.31	0.81

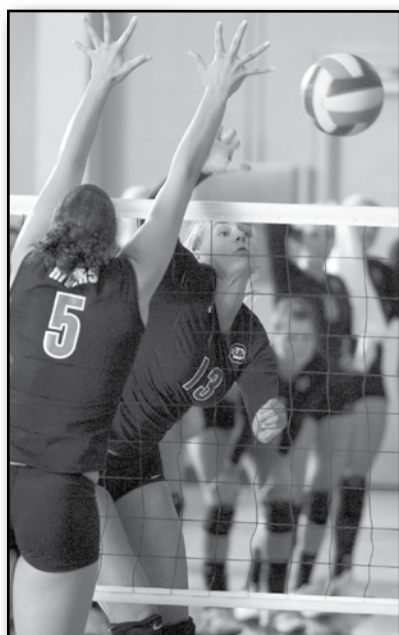
NEWCOMER (1)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown
Brandi Byers	6-3	Fr.-HS	Lawrenceville, Ga.

The middle is the only spot where the Gamecocks lost a starter, and it's a big hole to fill. Belita Salters was the only Gamecock to earn All-SEC accolades last year after finishing in the top 20 nationally in hitting percentage. The new volunteer assistant coach took some of the offensive pressure off Kujundzic and the other outsides and became a dominant presence in the middle. But there is experience back at the position.

A two-year starter returns in Megan Laughlin. The 2007 SEC All-Freshman Team member will be looked upon to step into the top middle blocker spot this fall. She ranked second on the team last year with a .308 hitting percentage but saw her blocks per set fall to 0.58 from 0.92 as a rookie. Serving was also a big part of her game that dropped off last season, going from the team leader in aces to third last year. An injury sapped some of her strength and playing time as a sophomore, but she should be fully healthy as 2009 starts.

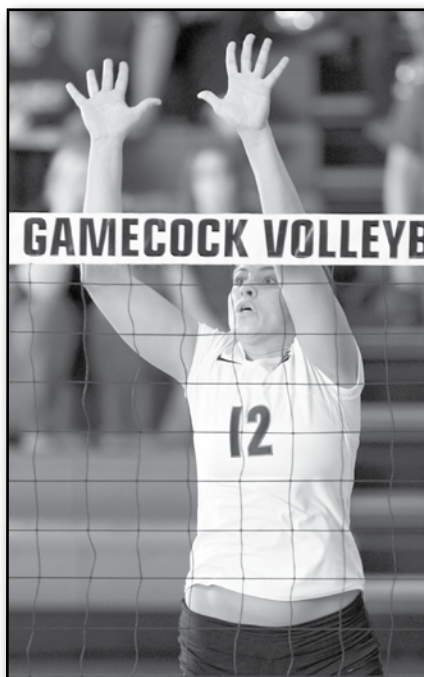
"Megan has the experience and skill to move into Belita's role," said Somera, "but she hasn't had to do that yet. In a way, that is going to be a new role for her. The criticalness of her being on at a consistent basis is going to be a big part of how successful she is this season. She is not going to be sandwiched between two good attackers. She is



Meredith Moorhead



going to be next to our setter and is really going to have to work to make herself a part of the offense in more situations. I have every confidence that she wants the ball and that she will figure out ways to be effective."



Tory Anderson

The second middle spot will be between redshirt sophomore Tory Anderson and Teresa Stenlund. Stenlund has an advantage in training experience after Anderson missed the spring due to an illness. The Irvine, Calif., native had her redshirt taken off due to injuries that hit the squad late in the 2008 season, but when she played, she was an explosive attacker who hit at a .429 pace. After a spring and summer of training and improving her strength, she could be a step ahead of Anderson for that role.

But Anderson will still be a factor, as she saw time in 19 matches as a redshirt freshman. The Jacksonville, Fla., native had better blocking numbers during her time on the court last year than Stenlund and showed flashes of her power during the year.

"The open position this spring was played by Teresa Stenlund," Somera said. "She showed we could beat teams

with her on the court in our spring dates, and she had some success last fall. If she can be a consistent trainer and continue to develop physically, we can create a role that she could fill.

"The key for both Tory and Teresa is consistently being ready to go. Can you practice day in and day out and go play the weekends and know that this is your role? Can you make the transition from being a backup to a possible starter? Whoever does that best between Teresa and Tory will probably end up starting. This preseason, we need someone to step up and take that position."

Freshman Brandi Byers will also vie for time in the middle after earning second-team All-Gwinnett County accolades from the *Gwinnett County (Ga.) Post* last year.

"Her ability to connect our team emotionally to one another takes some pressure of our setter so she can focus on our offense. There are no technical aspects of the game where she needs to get better. It's just a matter of getting out there and bringing what she's got to the best of her abilities. I think we are very lucky to have a libero who is beyond the technical and is ready to play a tactical volleyball game."

Bradosky could see time in the defensive role. Also competing for time will be Lindsey Roy. The Cincinnati, Ohio, product spent last year getting adjusted to the collegiate speed of play while taking a redshirt. She brings a lot of energy to the court as well and has a chance to see time as a defensive specialist.

"Lindsey comes from a pretty similar mode (as Cline)," remarked Somera, "and I could see her being our next libero or a right back sub. Whatever we need, I think Lindsey has the ability to affect us a server, passer and defender. She does those things very well, and she will have the opportunity to carve out a role for herself."



Sarah Cline

DEFENSIVE SPECIALISTS/LIBEROS

LETTERWINNER & 2008 STATISTICS (1)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	D/S	A/S	Rec. %
Sarah Cline	5-9	S.-3L	3.84	0.40	.941

OTHER RETURNER (1)

Name	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown
Lindsey Roy	5-9	Fr.-RS	Cincinnati, Ohio

PLAYERS LOST & 2008 STATISTICS (2)

Name	Ht.	Exp.	D/S	A/S	Rec. %
Dinelia Concepcion	5-5	4L	2.08	0.22	.947
Petra Lorenzi	5-9	4L	1.88	0.43	.400

NEWCOMERS

None

The anchor of the defense stands to be senior captain Sarah Cline. While playing libero most of the past two seasons, Cline earned first-team *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District honors in 2008. She ranked in the top 10 in the SEC in digs per set and helped the team improve to second in the league as a team with 15.17 digs per set. But Cline adds much more than just her physical ability, says Somera.





CLEMSON

Big Orange Bash

Aug. 28 • Clemson, S.C. • 7 p.m. ET

MATCH
1

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Clemson, S.C.
 Founded.....1889
 Enrollment.....17,309
 Colors.....Burnt Orange & Northwest Purple
 Nickname.....Tigers
 Conference.....Atlantic Coast
 President.....James. F. Barker
 Athletics Director.....Dr. Terry Don Phillips

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Jolene Jordan Hoover
 Record at School (Years).....337-185 (16)
 Overall Record (Years).....429-214 (19)
 Assistant Coaches.....Korrinn Krog, Jodi Steffes Welp
 Facility.....Jervy Gym
 2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish).....21-10/14-6 (3rd)
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....8/3
 Starters Returning/Lost.....4+1/2

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COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

Big Orange Bash

Aug. 29 • Clemson, S.C. • 10 a.m. ET

MATCH
2

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Charleston, S.C.
 Founded.....1770
 Enrollment.....11,316
 Colors.....Maroon & White
 Nickname.....Cougars
 Conference.....Southern
 President.....Dr. P. George Benson
 Athletics Director.....Joel Hull

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Jason Kepner
 Record at School (Years).....53-15 (3)
 Overall Record (Years).....Same
 Assistant Coaches.....Mike Shearer, Lindsey Gray
 Facility.....John Kresse Arena
 2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish).....27-7/17-1 (1st)
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....11/5
 Starters Returning/Lost.....6+1/0

MEDIA INFORMATION

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WINTHROP

Big Orange Bash

Aug. 29 • Clemson, S.C. • 4 p.m. ET

MATCH
3

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

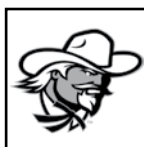
Location.....Rock Hill, S.C.
 Founded.....1886
 Enrollment.....6,600
 Colors.....Garnet & Gold
 Nickname.....Eagles
 Conference.....Big South
 President.....Dr. Anthony J. DiGiorgio
 Athletics Director.....Tom Hickman

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Sally Polhamus
 Record at School (Years).....31-30 (2)
 Overall Record (Years).....Same
 Assistant Coaches.....Shannon Wells, Steve Novacek
 Facility.....Winthrop Coliseum
 2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish).....11-19/7-9 (5th)
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....8/5
 Starters Returning/Lost.....5/2

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EASTERN KENTUCKY

Gamecock Invitational

Sept. 4 • Columbia, S.C. • 10 a.m. ET

MATCH
4

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Richmond, Ky.
 Founded.....1906
 Enrollment.....16,050
 Colors.....Maroon & White
 Nickname.....Colonels
 Conference.....Ohio Valley Conference
 President.....Dr. Doug Whitlock
 Athletics Director.....Mark Sandy

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Lori Duncan
 Record at School (Years).....146-185 (11)
 Overall Record (Years).....175-285 (16)
 Assistant Coach.....Corey Carlin
 Facility.....McBrayer Arena
 2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish).....6-23/4-14 (T-9th)
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....9/3
 Starters Returning/Lost.....4+1/2

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COASTAL CAROLINA

Gamecock Invitational
Sept. 4 • Columbia, S.C. • 7 p.m. ET

MATCH
5

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Conway, S.C.
Founded.....1954
Enrollment.....8,300
Colors.....Teal, Bronze and Black
Nickname.....Chanticleers
Conference.....Big South
President.....David A. DeCenzo
Athletics Director.....Warren "Moose" Koegel

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Kristen Bauer
Record at School (Years).....172-144 (10)
Overall Record (Years).....Same
Assistant Coach.....Erin Lee
Facility.....Kimbel Arena
2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish).....27-9/13-3 (T-1st)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....10/2
Starters Returning/Lost.....6/0+1

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UNC GREENSBORO

Gamecock Invitational
Sept. 5 • Columbia, S.C. • 12 p.m. ET

MATCH
6

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Greensboro, N.C.
Founded.....1891
Enrollment.....16,600
Colors.....Gold, White & Navy
Nickname.....Spartans
Conference.....Southern
Chancellor.....Dr. Linda P. Brady
Athletics Director.....Nelson E. Bobb

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Patrick Nicholas
Record at School (Years).....First
Overall Record (Years).....130-110 (8)
Assistant Coach.....TBD
Facility.....Fleming Gym
2007 Record/Conference Record (Finish).....23-10/14-4 (3rd)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....9/7
Starters Returning/Lost.....4+1/1

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RICE

Mizuno Invitational II
Sept. 11 • Houston, Texas • 8 9.m. ET

MATCH
7

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Houston, Texas
Founded.....1891
Enrollment.....5,339
Colors.....Blue and Gray
Nickname.....Owls
Conference.....Conference USA
President.....David W. Leebron
Athletics Director.....Chris Del Conte

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Genny Volpe
Record at School (Years).....90-61 (5)
Overall Record (Years).....Same
Assistant Coaches.....Melissa Ferris, Russell Brock
Facility.....Autry Court
2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish).....23-8/12-4 (3rd)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....10/3
Starters Returning/Lost.....4/2

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WICHITA STATE

Mizuno Invitational II
Sept. 12 • Houston, Texas • 11 a.m. ET

MATCH
8

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Wichita, Kan.
Founded.....1895
Enrollment.....14,076
Colors.....Black and Yellow
Nickname.....Shockers
Conference.....Missouri Valley
President.....Dr. Donald Beggs
Athletics Director.....Eric Sexton

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Chris Lamb
Record at School (Years).....193-86 (9)
Overall Record (Years).....Same
Assistant Coaches.....Jeff Sanders, RJ Abella
Facility.....Charles Koch Arena
2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish).....30-2/ 18-0 (1st)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....10/2
Starters Returning/Lost.....6/0+1

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HARVARD

Mizuno Invitational II
Sept. 12 • Houston, Texas • 5 p.m. ET

MATCH
9

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

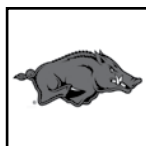
Location..... Cambridge, Mass.
Founded..... 1886
Enrollment..... 6,715
Colors..... Crimson, Black and White
Nickname..... Crimson
Conference..... Ivy League
President..... Drew G. Faust
Athletics Director..... Robert L. Scalise

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Jennifer Weiss
Record at School (Years)..... 209-235 (16)
Overall Record (Years)..... Same
Assistant Coach..... Kristen Kenney
Facility..... Malkin Athletic Center
2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 10-15/5-9 (5th)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 12/2
Starters Returning/Lost..... 6/1

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ARKANSAS

Sept. 18 • Fayetteville, Ark. • 8 p.m. ET
Oct. 25 • Columbia, S.C. • 1:30 p.m. ET

MATCH
10/21

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location..... Fayetteville, Ark.
Founded..... 1871
Enrollment..... 19,151
Colors..... Cardinal and White
Nickname..... Razorbacks
Conference..... Southeastern
Chancellor..... Dr. G. David Gearhart
Athletics Director..... Jeff Long

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Robert Pulliza
Record at School (Years)..... 7-23 (1)
Overall Record (Years)..... Same
Assistant Coach..... Kris Grunwald
Facility..... Barnhill Arena
2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 7-23/4-16 (4th West)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 5/8
Starters Returning/Lost..... 4/2

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MISSISSIPPI

Sept. 20 • University, Miss. • 2:30 p.m. ET
Oct. 23 • Columbia, S.C. • 7 p.m. ET

MATCH
11/20

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location..... Oxford, Miss.
Founded..... 1848
Enrollment..... 17,601
Colors..... Cardinal Red & Navy Blue
Nickname..... Rebels
Conference..... Southeastern
Chancellor..... Dr. Dan Jones
Athletics Director..... Pete Boone

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Joe Getzin
Record at School (Years)..... 93-118 (7)
Overall Record (Years)..... 128-177 (9)
Assistant Coaches..... Moley Alvey, Bill Egbert
Facility..... Gillom Sports Complex
2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 14-15 /10-10 (2nd West)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 8/4
Starters Returning/Lost..... 3/3+1

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ALABAMA

Sept. 25 • Columbia, S.C. • 7 p.m. ET
Nov. 1 • Tuscaloosa, Ala. • 2:30 p.m. ET

MATCH
12/23

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location..... Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Founded..... 1831
Enrollment..... 27,052
Colors..... Crimson and White
Nickname..... Crimson Tide
Conference..... Southeastern
President..... Dr. Robert E. Witt
Athletics Director..... Mal Moore

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Judy Green
Record at School (Years)..... 218-193 (13)
Overall Record (Years)..... 614-267 (23)
Assistant Coaches..... Josh Lauer, Pavlina Stefkova
Facility..... Coleman Auxillary Volleyball Extension (The Cave)
2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 16-13/9-11 (3rd West)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 10/2
Starters Returning/Lost..... 5/1+1

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MISSISSIPPI STATE

Sept. 27 • Columbia, S.C. • 1:30 p.m. ET
Oct. 30 • Miss. State, Miss. • 8 p.m. ET

MATCH
13/22

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location..... Starkville, Miss.
Founded..... 1878
Enrollment..... 17,824
Colors..... Maroon & White
Nickname..... Bulldogs
Conference..... Southeastern
President..... Dr. Mark E. Keenum
Athletics Director..... Greg Byrne

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Jenny Hazelwood
Record at School (Years)..... First Season
Overall Record (Years)..... 88-223 (9)
Assistant Coaches..... Linda Bankowski, Branden Higa
Facility..... Newell-Grissom Building
2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 6-25/1-19 (T-5th West)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 10/1
Starters Returning/Lost..... 5+1/1

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TENNESSEE

Oct. 2 • Columbia, S.C. • 6 p.m. ET
Nov. 22 • Knoxville, Tenn. • 1:30 p.m. ET

MATCH
14/29

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location..... Knoxville, Tenn.
Founded..... 1794
Enrollment..... 27,739
Colors..... Orange & White
Nickname..... Lady Vols
Conference..... Southeastern
President..... Jan Simek
Athletics Director..... Joan Cronan

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Rob Patrick
Record at School (Years)..... 243-135 (12)
Overall Record (Years)..... Same
Assistant Coaches..... Greg Whitis, Dani Busboom
Facility..... Thompson-Boling Arena
2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 22-10/15-5 (3rd East)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 10/5
Starters Returning/Lost..... 5+1/1

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KENTUCKY

Oct. 4 • Columbia, S.C. • 1:30 p.m. ET
Nov. 20 • Lexington, Ky. • 7 p.m. ET

MATCH
15/28

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location..... Lexington, Ky.
Founded..... 1865
Enrollment..... 27,000
Colors..... Blue & White
Nickname..... Wildcats
Conference..... Southeastern
President..... Dr. Lee T. Todd Jr.
Athletics Director..... Mitch Barnhart

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Craig Skinner
Record at School (Years)..... 84-40 (4)
Overall Record (Years)..... Same
Assistant Coaches..... Chris Beerman, Lauren Sauer
Facility..... Memorial Coliseum
2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 26-6/17-3 (2nd East)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 11/2
Starters Returning/Lost..... 5+1/1

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FLORIDA

Oct. 7 • Columbia, S.C. • 7 p.m. ET
Nov. 27 • Gainesville, Fla. • 7 p.m. ET

MATCH
16/30

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

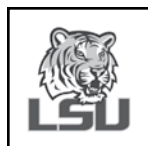
Location..... Gainesville, Fla.
Founded..... 1853
Enrollment..... 50,576
Colors..... Orange & Blue
Nickname..... Gators
Conference..... Southeastern
President..... Dr. J. Bernard Machen
Athletics Director..... Jeremy N. Foley

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach..... Mary Wise
Record at School (Years)..... 578-61(19)
Overall Record (Years)..... 659-124 (23)
Assistant Coaches..... Nick Cheronis, Ken Ko
Facility..... Stephen C. O'Connell Center
2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish)..... 27-4/18-2 (1st East)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 11/3
Starters Returning/Lost..... 5/2

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LSU

Oct. 9 • Baton Rouge, La. • 8 p.m. ET

Nov. 15 • Columbia, S.C. • 1:30 p.m. ET



UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location

Baton Rouge, La.

Founded

1860

Enrollment

29,317

Colors

Purple and Gold

Nickname

Tigers

Conference

Southeastern

President

Dr. John V. Lambardi

Athletics Director

Joe Avella

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach

Fran Flory

Record at School (Years)

198-132 (11)

Overall Record (Years)

308-246 (18)

Assistant Coach

Steve Loeswick

Facility

Pete Maravich Assembly Center

2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish)

18-10/13-7 (1st West)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost

8/3

Starters Returning/Lost

4/1+1

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AUBURN

Oct. 18 • Auburn, Ala. • 3:30 p.m. ET

Nov. 6 • Columbia, S.C. • 7 p.m. ET



UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location

Auburn, Ala.

Founded

1856

Enrollment

24,530

Colors

Burnt Orange & Navy Blue

Nickname

Tigers

Conference

Southeastern

President

Dr. Jay Gogue

Athletics Director

Jay Jacobs

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach

Wade Benson

Record at School (Years)

6-25(2)

Overall Record (Years)

160-80 (8)

Assistant Coach

Edgard da Gama e Silva

Facility

Student Activities Center

2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish)

6-25/1-19 (T-5th West)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost

8/8

Starters Returning/Lost

4+1/2

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GEORGIA

Oct. 16 • Athens, Ga. • 7 p.m. ET

Nov. 8 • Columbia, S.C. • 1:30 p.m. ET



UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location

Athens, Ga.

Founded

1785

Enrollment

34,180

Colors

Red & Black

Nickname

Bulldogs

Conference

Southeastern

President

Dr. Michael F. Adams

Athletics Director

Damon Evans

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach

Joel McCartney

Record at School (Years)

34-27 (2)

Overall Record (Years)

316-127 (12)

Assistant Coaches

Chad Hanson, Brian McCarthy

Facility

Ramsey Student Center

2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish)

17-14/10-10 (5th East)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost

6/5

Starters Returning/Lost

4+1/2

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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

Nov. 13 • Orangeburg, S.C. • 7 p.m. ET



UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location

Orangeburg, S.C.

Founded

1896

Enrollment

4,700

Colors

Garnet & Blue

Nickname

Lady Bulldogs

Conference

Mid-Eastern Athletic

President

Dr. George E. Cooper

Athletics Director

Charlene Johnson

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Head Coach

Millicent Sylvan

Record at School (Years)

21-43 (2)

Overall Record (Years)

141-139 (8)

Assistant Coach

Gordon Kirby

Facility

Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center

2008 Record/Conference Record (Finish)

13-22/5-3 (2nd Southern)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost

7/3

Starters Returning/Lost

5/1

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