



SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

2017 MATCH NOTES

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SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
UNF SAND INVITATIONAL (St. Augustine, Fla.)		
3/4	vs. #11 FIU *	8:30 am
	vs. Spring Hill College	12:30 pm
3/5	vs. College of Charleston *	11:30 am
	at North Florida	2:30 pm
GAMECOCK CHALLENGE (Columbia, S.C.)		
3/11	MERCER	1:00 PM
	GRAND CANYON	5:00 PM
3/12	UAB *	1:00 PM
	JACKSONVILLE	5:00 PM
3/14	COASTAL CAROLINA	6:00 PM
	<i>Dual Match</i>	
TIGER BEACH CHALLENGE (Baton Rouge, La.)		
3/19	vs. Tulane *	2:00 pm
	at LSU *	6:00 pm
3/20	vs. Florida Gulf Coast	12:00 pm
	vs. UAB *	3:00 pm
GAMECOCK GRAND SLAM (Columbia, S.C.)		
3/25	STETSON	1:00 PM
	SOUTHERN CAL	5:00 PM
3/26	FLORIDA STATE *	1:00 PM
	GEORGIA STATE *	5:00 PM
UNCW TOURNAMENT (Wilmington, N.C.)		
4/1	vs. Coastal Carolina	9:00 am
	vs. Mercer	4:00 pm
4/2	vs. College of Charleston *	9:00 am
	at UNC-Wilmington *	12:00 pm
FLORIDA STATE TOURNAMENT (Tallahassee, Fla.)		
4/7	vs. Florida International *	10:00 am
	vs. Florida Atlantic	2:30 pm
4/8	vs. Georgia State *	8:30 am
	at Florida State *	11:30 am
	vs. TCU	1:00 pm
PALMETTO INVITATIONAL (Columbia, S.C.)		
4/14	UNC-WILMINGTON *	1:00 PM
	TULANE * (SENIOR NIGHT)	6:00 PM
4/15	JACKSONVILLE STATE	1:00 PM
	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON *	5:00 PM
4/21-23 at CCSA Tournament		TBA
	<i>Emerson, Ga.</i>	
5/5-7 at NCAA Championship		TBA
	<i>Gulf Shores, Ala.</i>	

All times Eastern || Home matches in **BOLD**

* - CCSA Conference match

WEEKEND OPPONENTS

			
#11 FIU (0-0) Saturday, March 3, 8:30 AM St. Augustine Beach	Spring Hill College (0-0) Saturday, March 3, 12:30 PM St. Augustine Beach	College of Charleston (0-0) Sunday, March 4, 11:30 AM St. Augustine Beach	North Florida (0-0) Sunday, March 4, 2:30 PM St. Augustine Beach
ALL-TIME SERIES Panthers lead, 3-1 LAST MEETING Carolina won, 4-1 (4/23/16)	ALL-TIME SERIES Gamecocks lead, 1-0 LAST MEETING Carolina won, 5-0 (4/18/16)	ALL-TIME SERIES Gamecocks lead, 3-1 LAST MEETING Carolina won, 4-1 (3/22/16)	ALL-TIME SERIES Ospreys lead, 3-1 LAST MEETING Carolina won, 3-2 (4/9/16)



ROSTER

#	NAME	HT.	YR.	EXP.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
2	Shannon Williams	5-10	So.	1L	Ashburn, Va. (Stone Bridge)
3	Julia Mannisto	5-11	Jr.	2L	Westlake Village, Calif. (Mater Dei)
4	Caroline Skaff	5-11	Fr.	HS	Haymarket, Va. (Battlefield)
5	Delaney Wood	6-0	So.	1L	Westlake, Texas (Westlake Academy)
10	Macie Tendrich	5-3	Jr.	2L	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Saint Andrews)
11	Jade Vitt	5-7	Sr.	3L	San Diego, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)
13	Adrianna Culbert	5-10	Gr.	TR	Delton, Mich. (Colorado State)
14	AJ Baumann	5-7	So.	1L	Roswell, Ga. (Fellowship Christian)
15	Katie Zimmerman	6-0	Gr.	1L	Cypress, Texas (Wichita State)
20	Erin Neuenfeldt	5-10	Sr.	3L	Birmingham, Mich. (Seaholm)
21	Sarah Nacouzi	5-10	Fr.	HS	Raleigh, N.C. (Cardinal Gibbons)
23	Carly Schnieder	5-10	Fr.	HS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Mother of Mercy)
25	Jordan Wilson-Talmadge	5-7	Sr.	3L	Orlando, Fla. (First Academy)
30	Ali Denney	5-6	Fr.	HS	Jupiter, Fla. (The Pine School)
32	Helen Recaborde	5-10	Sr.	3L	Atlanta, Ga. (Atlanta International)
33	Franky Harrison	5-10	Fr.	HS	Knoxville, Tenn. (Webb School)
34	Hannah Sorensen	6-0	Gr.	TR	Wilmington, N.C. (Mercer)
41	Abby Feruck	6-0	Sr.	2L	Atlanta, Ga. (Blessed Trinity)
44	Hannah Edelman	5-5	Fr.	HS	Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Hilton Head Island)
50	Katie Smith	5-9	Fr.	HS	West Chester, Ohio (Lakota West)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Moritz Moritz (4th season, Colorado State, 2006)

Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator: RJ Abella (4th season, Wichita State, 2009)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Luke Higgs (1st season)

Director of Operations: Alyssa Taylor (2nd season)

Student Managers: Collin Wilson, Courtney Smith



MATCH NOTES: WEEK ONE (UNF BEACH INVITATIONAL)



QUICK FACTS

Location	Columbia, S.C.
Founded	1801
Enrollment	32,027
Colors	Garnet (PMS 202C) & Black
Nickname	Gamecocks
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Coastal Collegiate Sports Assoc. (CCSA)
President	Dr. Harris Pastides
Athletic Director	Ray Tanner
Senior Associate AD/SWA	Judy Van Horn
Faculty Athletics Representative	Dr. Valinda Littlefield
Home Court	Wheeler Beach
2016 Record	20-16
2016 Conference Record	5-5
2016 Conference Finish	5th
Starters Returning/Lost	7/3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	8/4
Newcomers	9

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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

AJ Baumann	Bow-Men
Abby Feruck	Fair-Rick
Sarah Nacouzi	Nah-coo-zee
Erin Neuenfeldt	NEW-en-felt
Carly Schnieder	Sh-NEE-der

AVCA RANKINGS

PRESEASON (2/20/17)

Rank	School	Record
1	Southern California	34-2
3	Florida State	32-3
4	UCLA	22-8
2	Pepperdine	20-5
5	Hawai'i	18-10
6	Arizona	20-7
7	Long Beach State	13-14
8	Georgia State	26-10
9	Stetson	28-9
10	LSU	20-9

SOCIAL MEDIA



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NOTEWORTHY

SCOUTING FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL

The Panthers went 13-9 overall and 5-3 in the CCSA last season, carrying a top-10 national ranking throughout the spring and are ranked 11th in the AVCA preseason ranks. Though the roster was mixed and matched up and down the five starting pair positions, a number of athletes who made an impact as a starter will return for 2017. Senior Katie Hogan won four matches at the #1 position, while Anabela Sataric went 5-4 for the year at #2. Junior Natalia Giron will likely play a bigger role in the lineup after notching a team-high 17 wins overall and 15 at the #5 position. Her classmate, Estefanie Bethancourt, may also factor in to the top pairs after winning five matches at #3 and seven more at #4 in 2016.

SCOUTING SPRING HILL COLLEGE

The Badgers had a 9-13 record in 2016, and will carry 15 underclassmen on their roster this spring. The team's top pair of Madison Seuzeneau and Julie Vujnovich returns after winning seven matches in the #1 spot last season. Also adding to the team's depth is Anna Tietjens, who was part of Spring Hill's winningest pair in 2016 (10 wins at #2), and Molly Griffin and Hannah Masoner - the main #3 pair from last year.

SCOUTING COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

The College of Charleston will be conference rivals with South Carolina this season, as the Cougars joined the CCSA in the fall. The program is coming off a 2016 season which ended with a 9-14 overall record, and return its winningest pair in sophomores Allison Beckman and Devon Rachel (12 wins at #5). Also returning is the team's main #3 pair from 2016, Krissy Mumney and McKala Rhondes (nine wins), but with both members of the top pair graduating, the Cougars will need to find a new grouping to lead the way for 2017.

SCOUTING NORTH FLORIDA

The host Ospreys are defending Atlantic Sun champions, and welcome in five newcomers for 2017. North Florida finished 2016 with a 24-9 overall record, highlighted by three wins against nationally ranked opponents, and are ranked 13th in the preseason DiG Magazine national rankings. Though the program lost three players from its first and second pair, it does return Katarina Raicevic and Courtney Miller - who went 26-7 at #3 in 2016 - as well as Chaney Howard, who won 27 matches as part of the #4 pair in her 2016 freshman campaign.

PRESEASON NOTABLES

- The Gamecocks return seven players who were mainstays in the top five pairs last season. All seven returners won 10 or more dual matches, and six won at least 15 matches.
- Among those returning are Macie Tendrich and Katie Zimmerman, who paired up for 26 wins between the number two and three pairs. The 26 wins are a new single-season record for a Gamecock pair.
- 2017 will be the final go-around for the program's first-ever freshman class. The group is made up of Erin Neuenfeldt, Helen Recaborde, Jade Vitt and Jordan Wilson-Talmadge.
- Entering the fold this season are nine newcomers hailing from seven different states. Seven are freshmen, while two join the program as graduate transfers - Adrianna Culbert and Hannah Sorensen.
- Three freshmen ended their high school careers with national honors. Carly Schnieder and Katie Smith earned a place on the AVCA High School Beach All-America Team, and Ali Denney made MaxPreps' 2015 High School Small Schools All-American first team for her efforts during her senior indoor season. She finished with 7.5 kills and 1.3 aces per set for the The Pine School in Florida.
- The Gamecocks are receiving votes in the AVCA top 15 preseason poll and are 17th in the DiG Magazine rankings.

WELCOME TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

After finding tremendous success converting Wichita State indoor volleyball standout Katie Zimmerman to the beach last season, the coaching staff will try that same formula this season with Adrianna Culbert. While playing indoors for Colorado State, Culbert earned 2015 Mountain West Player of the Year honors and was a three-time AVCA All-Pacific North Region Team member for the Rams.

YEAR TWO OF CONFERENCE ACTION HEATS UP

South Carolina's 2017 slate will feature a number of brewing rivalries thanks to an expanded conference this season. The Coastal Collegiate Sports Association added two more programs this past fall, welcoming College of Charleston and UNC-Wilmington to push the conference up to 10 teams. The Gamecocks finished 5-5 in CCSA matches during the regular season, and made the semifinal round of the conference's first-ever postseason tournament. Carolina will play 16 conference matches during the 2017 regular season, six coming at home.

CHALLENGING SCHEDULE AWAITS GAMECOCKS IN 2017

As the program heads into its fourth year, the competition level has been stepped up to another level. The Gamecocks have lined up seven regular season tournaments that will cover 28 duals. Of those 28 matches, six are against opponents who finished in the AVCA Coaches top-10 poll in 2016 and 13 against teams that were ranked in the DiG Magazine final top-20 poll. The highlight for the year will no doubt be the Gamecock Grand Slam on March 25-26, where Carolina hosts the defending national champions Southern Cal, national runner-up Florida State, and Stetson, who ended 2016 ranked 9th nationally by the AVCA.

STRONG SUMMER EARDS GAMECOCK DUO ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Freshmen Carly Schnieder and Katie Smith come to Carolina with accomplished prep careers on the beach. The duo won the AAU Jr. National Beach Volleyball Championship as well as the USA Volleyball Junior Beach Volleyball Tour Championship. For their efforts, Carly and Katie made the six-member AVCA High School Beach All-America Team. South Carolina Beach Volleyball now has three first-team All-Americans on the roster, as the two freshmen joined junior Julia Mannisto, who was on the four-member 2014 All-America team. South Carolina is the only school in the country to have three AVCA Beach All-Americans on their roster.



MATCH NOTES: WEEK ONE (UNF BEACH INVITATIONAL)



FINAL 2016 PAIRS RECORDS

PAIR	DUAL	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO. 4	NO. 5
Julia Mannisto/Shannon Williams	15-21	14-21	1-0	--	--	--
Sarah Blomgren/Aubrey Ezell	22-14	1-0	17-13	4-1	--	--
Macie Tendrich/Katie Reilly	26-10	--	4-1	21-9	1-0	--
Jade Vitt/Delaney Wood	18-13	--	--	1-0	17-13	--
Erin Neuenfeldt/Litsa Darby	8-13	--	--	--	--	8-13
Jade Vitt/Katie McCormick	1-4	--	--	--	1-3	0-1
Litsa Darby/Darian Dozier	2-2	--	--	--	--	2-2
Erin Neuenfeldt/Delaney Wood	0-2	--	--	--	0-1	0-1
Erin Neuenfeldt/Katie McCormick	3-4	--	--	--	--	3-4
Katie Cross/Anna Joy Baumann	1-0	--	--	--	--	1-0
Emma Lock/Lauren Percy	0-1	--	--	--	--	0-1
TOTALS	96-84	15-21	22-14	26-10	19-17	14-22

FINAL 2016 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL	DUAL	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO. 4	NO. 5
Julia Mannisto *	15-21	14-21	1-0	--	--	--
Shannon Williams *	15-21	14-21	1-0	--	--	--
Sarah Blomgren	22-14	1-0	17-13	4-1	--	--
Aubrey Ezell	22-14	1-0	17-13	4-1	--	--
Macie Tendrich *	26-10	--	4-1	21-9	1-0	--
Katie Reilly *	26-10	--	4-1	21-9	1-0	--
Jade Vitt *	19-17	--	--	1-0	18-16	0-1
Delaney Wood *	18-15	--	--	1-0	17-14	0-1
Erin Neuenfeldt *	11-19	--	--	--	0-1	11-18
Litsa Darby	10-15	--	--	--	--	10-15
Katie McCormick	4-8	--	--	--	1-3	3-5
Darian Dozier	2-2	--	--	--	--	2-2
Katie Cross	1-0	--	--	--	--	1-0
Anna Joy Baumann *	1-0	--	--	--	--	1-0
Emma Lock	0-1	--	--	--	--	0-1
Lauren Percy	0-1	--	--	--	--	0-1

* - ON CURRENT ROSTER



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CAREER RECORDS

PAIRS WINS - OVERALL

1. Macie Tendrich/Katie Reilly, 2016-
2. Paige Wheeler/Megan Kent, 2014-15
3. Sarah Blomgren/Aubrey Ezell, 2016
4. Jade Hayes/Macie Tendrich, 2015
5. Jade Vitt/Delaney Wood, 2016-

PAIRS WINNING PERCENTAGE - OVERALL

(Minimum two seasons and 20 matches played)

1. Paige Wheeler/Megan Kent, 2014-15 (25-28)

PAIRS WINS - DUAL ONLY

1. Macie Tendrich/Katie Reilly, 2016-
2. Sarah Blomgren/Aubrey Ezell, 2016
3. Jade Vitt/Delaney Wood, 2016-
4. Paige Wheeler/Megan Kent, 2014-15
5. Macie Tendrich/Jade Hayes, 2015

PAIRS WINNING PERCENTAGE - DUAL ONLY

(Minimum two seasons and 20 matches played)

1. Paige Wheeler/Megan Kent, 2014-15 (16-21)

INDIVIDUAL WINS - OVERALL

1. Sarah Blomgren, 2014-16
2. Jade Vitt, 2014-
3. Macie Tendrich, 2015-
4. Julia Mannisto, 2015-
5. Paige Wheeler, 2014-15
6. Megan Kent, 2014-15

INDIVIDUAL WINNING PERCENTAGE - OVERALL

(Minimum two seasons and 20 matches played)

1. Macie Tendrich, 2015- (44-17)
2. Sarah Blomgren, 2014-16 (50-44)
3. Jade Vitt, 2014- (46-44)
4. Koko Atoa-Williams, 2014-15 (23-24)
5. Paige Wheeler, 2014-15 (27-33)
6. Megan Kent, 2014-15 (27-33)

INDIVIDUAL WINS - DUAL ONLY

1. Macie Tendrich, 2015-
2. Sarah Blomgren, 2014-16
3. Jade Vitt, 2014-
4. Katie Reilly, 2016-
5. Julia Mannisto, 2015-

INDIVIDUAL WINNING PERCENTAGE - DUAL ONLY

(Minimum two seasons and 20 matches played)

1. Macie Tendrich, 2015- (42-15)
2. Sarah Blomgren, 2014-16 (41-31)
3. Jade Vitt, 2014- (38-36)
4. Koko Atoa-Williams, 2014-15 (19-18)
5. Paige Wheeler, 2014-15 (17-21)
6. Megan Kent, 2014-15 (17-21)

THREE-SET VICTORIES - OVERALL

1. Sarah Blomgren, 2014-16
2. Paige Wheeler, 2014-15
3. Megan Kent, 2014-15
4. Koko Atoa-Williams, 2014-15
5. Macie Tendrich, 2015-
6. Erin Neuenfeldt, 2014-
7. Mikaela Christiaansen, 2014
8. Litsa Darby, 2014-16
9. Jade Vitt, 2014-
10. Julia Mannisto, 2015-
11. Aubrey Ezell, 2016-
12. Katie Zimmerman, 2016-

SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS

PAIRS WINS - OVERALL

1. Macie Tendrich/Katie Reilly, 2016
2. Sarah Blomgren/Aubrey Ezell, 2016
3. Paige Wheeler/Megan Kent, 2015
4. Jade Vitt/Delaney Wood, 2016
5. Macie Tendrich/Jade Hayes, 2015

PAIRS WINNING PERCENTAGE - OVERALL

(Must have played in at least half of team's duals)

1. Macie Tendrich/Katie Reilly, 2016 (26-10)
2. Macie Tendrich/Jade Hayes, 2015 (18-7)
3. Paige Wheeler/Megan Kent, 2015 (20-10)
4. Sarah Blomgren/Aubrey Ezell, 2016 (22-14)
5. Koko Atoa-Williams/Allie Monserez, 2015 (14-9)

PAIRS WINS - DUAL ONLY

1. Macie Tendrich/Katie Reilly, 2016
2. Sarah Blomgren/Aubrey Ezell, 2016
3. Jade Vitt/Delaney Wood, 2016
4. Macie Tendrich/Jade Hayes, 2015
5. Julia Mannisto/Shannon Williams, 2016

PAIRS WINNING PERCENTAGE - DUAL ONLY

1. Macie Tendrich/Jade Hayes, 2015 (16-5)
2. Macie Tendrich/Katie Reilly, 2016 (26-10)
3. Paige Wheeler/Megan Kent, 2015 (14-7)
4. Koko Atoa-Williams/Allie Monserez, 2015 (13-7)
5. Sarah Blomgren/Aubrey Ezell, 2016 (22-14)

INDIVIDUAL WINS - OVERALL

1. Macie Tendrich, 2016
2. Katie Reilly, 2016
3. Sarah Blomgren, 2016
4. Aubrey Ezell, 2016
5. Paige Wheeler, 2015
6. Megan Kent, 2015

INDIVIDUAL WINNING PERCENTAGE - OVERALL

1. Macie Tendrich, 2016 (26-10)
2. Katie Reilly, 2016 (26-10)
3. Macie Tendrich, 2015 (18-7)
4. Jade Hayes, 2015 (18-7)
5. Paige Wheeler, 2015 (20-10)
6. Megan Kent, 2015 (20-10)

INDIVIDUAL WINS - DUAL ONLY

1. Macie Tendrich, 2016
2. Katie Reilly, 2016
3. Sarah Blomgren, 2016
4. Aubrey Ezell, 2016
5. Jade Vitt, 2016

INDIVIDUAL WINNING PERCENTAGE - DUAL ONLY

1. Macie Tendrich, 2015 (16-5)
2. Jade Hayes, 2015 (16-5)
3. Macie Tendrich, 2016 (26-10)
4. Katie Reilly, 2016 (26-10)
5. Paige Wheeler, 2015 (14-7)
6. Megan Kent, 2015 (14-7)

THREE-SET VICTORIES - OVERALL

1. Mikaela Christiaansen, 2014
2. Sarah Blomgren, 2014
3. Paige Wheeler 2015
4. Megan Kent 2015
5. Sarah Blomgren 2016
6. Aubrey Ezell 2016



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SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS TEAM/STAFF SPOT CHART



#2 Shannon Williams
5-10 • So.
Ashburn, Va.



#3 Julia Mannisto
5-11 • Jr.
Westlake Village, Ca.



#4 Caroline Skaff
5-11 • Fr.
Haymarket, Va.



#5 Delaney Wood
6-0 • So.
Westlake, Texas



#10 Macie Tendrich
5-3 • Jr.
Boynton Beach, Fla.



#11 Jade Vitt
5-7 • Sr.
San Diego, Calif.



#13 Adrianna Culbert
5-10 • Gr.
Delton, Mich.



#14 AJ Baumann
5-7 • So.
Roswell, Ga.



#15 Katie Zimmerman
6-0 • Gr.
Cypress, Texas



#20 Erin Neuenfeldt
5-10 • Sr.
Birmingham, Mich.



#21 Sarah Nacouzi
5-10 • Fr.
Raleigh, N.C.



#23 Carly Schnieder
5-10 • Fr.
Cincinnati, Ohio



#25 Jordan Wilson-Talmadge
5-7 • Sr.
Orlando, Fla.



#30 Ali Denney
5-6 • Fr.
Jupiter, Fla.



#32 Helen Recabarre
5-10 • Sr.
Atlanta, Ga.



#33 Franky Harrison
5-10 • Fr.
Knoxville, Tenn.



#34 Hannah Sorensen
6-0 • Gr.
Wilmington, N.C.



#41 Abby Feruck
6-0 • Sr.
Atlanta, Ga.



#44 Hannah Edelman
5-5 • Fr.
Hilton Head Isl, S.C.



#50 Katie Smith
5-9 • Fr.
West Chester, Ohio



HC

Moritz Moritz
Head Coach
4th Season



AC

RJ Abella
Assistant Coach
4th Season