THE 2004 OPPONENTS



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THE NATION'S PREMIER CONFERENCE . . . A LOOK AT THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

The Southeastern Conference, with its storied 72-year history of athletic achievements and academic excellence, has built perhaps the greatest tradition of intercollegiate competition of any league in the country since its inception in 1933.

The 2003-04 academic year was another season to remember for the SEC as conference teams captured six national titles and nine national runner-up finishes. In the last 15 years, the SEC has won 100 national team championships for an average of more than six per year.

LSU won the conference's first three NCAA titles of the year, in men and women's indoor track and football. Auburn won both the men and women's swimming & diving titles and Arkansas won the men's outdoor track & field championships. Georgia finished first among Southeastern Conference schools and fifth overall in the Sears Trophy final standings.

Overall, the SEC finished in the top two in 10 of its 20 sponsored sports and in the top five in 15 of the 20 sports. Seven SEC teams participated in football postseason bowls with LSU wining the BCS Championship game. Six men's and seven women's basketball teams were invited to the NCAA Tournament with LSU and Tennessee advancing to the Women's Final Four. An NCAA record nine teams advanced to postseason play in baseball with four teams (Arkansas, Georgia, LSU and South Carolina) advancing to the College World Series. With 170 teams, over eight per sport, advancing to NCAA postseason competition, the SEC continued to solidify its place as the nation's premier conference.

In addition to the six team championships, 81 SEC studentathletes garnered individual national championships, while 498 individuals were awarded with first-team All-America honors. Studentathletes around the league continued to excel in the classroom as well with 1,954 earning recognition on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

On the national all-sport level, the SEC placed seven teams in the top 30 of the Sears/NACDA Director's Cup rankings. Georgia led the league with a fifth-place finish. Florida placed sixth, while LSU was 11th, Tennessee finished 14th, Auburn 23rd, Arkansas 27th and Vanderbitl 28th to round out the league's top 30 finishes. Ten of the SEC's 12 schools finished in the top 50 of the Sears Cup Standings. Alabama (41) and Kentucky (45) also made the top 50.

A brief sport-by-sport summary of the 2003-04 year follows:

Baseball: Arkansas, Georgia, LSU and South Carolina all advanced to the College World Series. South Carolina finished third, Georgia fourth and Arkansas and LSU tied for seventh in Omaha. The SEC earned a record nine NCAA Tournament selections (Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, South Carolina, Tennessee and Vanderbilt). An NCAA record six teams advanced to the Super Regionals with four teams advancing to the CWS. An SEC squad has now appeared in the College World Series 19 of the last 20 years. South Carolina, as the fifth seed, won the SEC tournament title, 3-2, over Vanderbilt. Arkansas and Georgia shared the SEC regularseason title with 19-11 conference records. LSU's Jon Zeringue and Ole Miss' Stephen Head were named SEC Co-Players of the Year by the league's coaches, while Florida's Justin Hoyman was named Pitcher of the Year. Arkansas' Brady Toops earned the first annual SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year honor and Alabama's Wade LeBlanc was the SEC Freshman of the Year. Arkansas skipper Dave Van Horn and Georgia's David Perno were named SEC Co-Coaches of the Year.

Men's Basketball: The SEC sent six teams to the NCAA Tournament in 2004, matching 1987, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 as the only years the league sent six squads (Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Vanderbilt) to the "Big Dance." Georgia, LSU and Tennessee also advanced to postseason play, participating in the NIT. The 2004 NCAA Tournament marked the 15th straight year the SEC had at least one team advance to the Sweet 16. Alabama advanced to the Elite Eight and Vanderbilt and made it the Sweet 16. The SEC ended the 2004 regular season with Mississippi State winning the SEC Championship with a 14-2 mark in league play. Kentucky won the SEC Tournament. South Carolina's Dave Odom won SEC Coach of the Year honors. Mississippi State's Lawrence Roberts and Shane Power earned the SEC Player of the Year and the SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards, respectively. LSU's Brandon Bass won SEC Freshman of the Year honors, Georgia Rashad Wright was named SEC Defensive Player of the Year and Vanderbilt's Scott Hundley was the SEC's Sixth Man of the Year. The SEC has sent at least half of its members to postseason play for the last 26 consecutive seasons.

Women's Basketball: The SEC continued its tradition of excellence in women's basketball in 2003-04. The SEC had seven teams earn bids to the NCAA Tournament. Tennessee led the SEC, advancing to the championship game and LSU also advanced to the national semifinals, marking the 11th time in 12 seasons the SEC was represented at the Women's Final Four. Georgia advanced to the Elite Eight and Vanderbilt to the Sweet Sixteen. Arkansas' Shameka Christon was named SEC Player of the Year. Tennessee's Pat Summitt garnered SEC Coach of the Year honors, while Ole Miss' Armintie Price was the SEC Freshman of the Year. Vanderbilt's Hillary Hager was the Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Florida's Vanessa Hayden and Bernice Mosby earned Defensive Player of the Year and Sixth Woman of the Year honors respectively. Tennessee claimed the league title with 14-0 SEC record, while Vanderbilt won the SEC Tournament title.

Men's Cross Country: Arkansas finished fifth at the NCAA Cross Country Championships. Arkansas' men captured their 13th straight SEC crown and their amazing 30th consecutive conference title,

dating back to 17 straight Southwest Conference titles prior to joining the SEC in 1991. Arkansas' John McDonnell was named SEC Male Cross Country Coach of the Year. The award marked McDonnell's ninth consecutive honor. Thomas Morgan of Kentucky garnered Male Cross Country Athlete of the Year honors and Arkansas' Mike Poe garnered SEC Freshman of the Year honors.

Women's Cross Country: Tennessee came in 24th to lead the SEC at the NCAA Championships. The Lady Vols also won their third SEC title. Auburn's Angela Homan won the SEC Female Athlete of the Year award. Tennessee head coach J.J. Clark earned his third SEC Female Cross Country Coach of the Year honor and Georgia's Kristin Heffelfinger garnered SEC Freshman of the Year honors.

Football: The SEC sent seven of its teams to postseason bowl games in 2003-2004, winning an NCAA-best five. For the 23rd straight season, the SEC has recorded the largest total attendance figure of any conference in the nation, with over six million fans attending games in the conference in 2003. Five SEC teams were ranked in the final Top 25 of the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN polls. LSU won its second SEC title in three years and won its first national championship since 1958. LSU led the conference in both polls (2nd-AP/1st-USA Today/ESPN). Ole Miss' David Cutcliffe and Eli Manning garnered SEC Coach and Offensive Player of the Year honors, respectively. LSU's Chad Lavalais was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Year. Auburn's Dontarrious Thomas earned SEC Student-Athlete of the Year honors, Jonathan Nichols of Ole Miss was named SEC Special Teams Player of the Year and Florida's Chris Leak was named SEC Freshman of the Year. Arkansas' Shawn Andrews was awarded the Jacobs Blocking Trophy.

Men's Golf, Nine SEC Men's Golfteams advanced to postseason play with five making the NCAAChampionships. Florida finished tied for sixth, Kentucky finished eighth, Georgia finished tied for 11th, Aubum finished tied for 21st and Vanderbilt finished 28th. Arkansas, LSU, South Carolina and Tennessee also competed in NCAA Regionals. Florida's BuddyAlexandereamed hissecond consecutive SEC Coach of the Year honor. Georgia's Brendon Todd took home individual medalist honors, finishing at three-under-par 207. Florida's Camilo Villegas was named SEC Player of the Year and Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Florida's Jessie Mudd and Georgia's Brendon Todd shared SEC Freshman of the Year honors.

Women's Golf: Ten SEC Women's Golf teams advanced to the postseason with three making the NCAA Championships. Vanderbilt inished fifth to lead all SEC teams at the NCAA Championship. Georgia finished ninth and Tennessee was 11th. Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, LSU, Ole Miss and South Carolina all participated in NCAA Regionals, as well. Vanderbilt won the school's first SEC Women's Golf Championship by four strokes over Auburn and LSU. Vanderbilt senior May Wood was crowned the individual champion after winning a sudden death playoff at the SEC Championships. Vanderbilt's Martha Freitag was named SEC Coach of the Year for the second straight year. Alabama's Darby Sligh was named the first annual SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Vanderbilt's May Wood and Auburn's Nicole Hage shared for Golfer of the Year honors and Hage was also tabbed SEC Freshman of the Year.

Gymnastics: Georgia (197.200) and Alabama (197.125) finished second and third, respectively at the NCAA Championships. Alabama's Ashley Miles won the vault and shared the floor title. Her teammate Jeana Rice won the all-around title. Alabama's Jeana Rice took home the all-around, vault and shared the uneven bar title with Georgia's Cory Fritzinger. Fritzinger also won the balance beam title. Alabama's Ashley Miles and Georgia's Marlene Stephens shared the floor exercise title. LSU's April Burkholder earned SEC Athlete of the Year honors. Georgia's Kelsey Ericksen was named SEC Freshman of the Year and teammate Kinsey Rowe was named the SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year. Georgia head coach Suzanne Yoculain was also named the SEC Coach of the Year for the sixth time.

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Dowling earned Defensive Player of the Year honors. Softball: Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Tennessee represented the league in the NCAA Tournament with LSU advancing to the Women's College World Series. Kristin Schmidt of LSU was named the NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player and teammate Camille Harris was an All-Tournament selection. Alabama and Georgia advanced to the regional finals of the NCAA Tournament. LSU also was the SEC Regular Season Champion and the SEC Tournament Champion. Tennessee's Ralph and Karen Weekly were the SEC Coaches of the Year. Mississippi State's lyhia McMichael earned her second straight Athlete of the Year honor. Her teammate Kate Jaspers and South Carolina's Ashley Smith shared the inaugural SEC Student-Athlete of the Year award. Tennessee's Monica Abbott garnered both the SEC Pitcher of the Year and SEC Freshman of the Year awards.

Men's Swimming & Diving: The Auburn men's swim team won its fourth national title at the NCAA Championships. Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU, South Carolina and Tennessee finished in the top 25. Auburn won its eighth straight SEC Championship and 10th in 11 years. Fred Bousquet of Auburn was named SEC Men's Swimmer of the Year. Diver of the Year for the men was Auburn's Caesar Garcia. Taking home the Men's Freshman Swimmer of the Year award was Bill Mrazek of Florida, and the conference's Men's Freshman Diver of the Year honor was a tie, awarded to Chris Cowill of Georgia and Jevon Tarantino of Tennessee. Auburn's David Marsh and Jeff Shaffer swept the men's awards in Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year. Garcia was also honored as the Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

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Women's Swimming & Diving: Auburn earned its third consecutive women's NCAA Championship in 2004, defeating Georgia for the third straight year. Auburn's Kirsty Coventry was named SEC Women's Swimmer of the Year while Lane Bassham of Alabama earned Women's Diver of the Year accolades in a unanimous vote. Kara Lynn Joyce of Georgia was also a unanimous pick for Women's Freshman Swimmer of the year. Kentucky's Kari Retrum claimed the corresponding awarf or a freshman diver. Georgia's Jack Bauerle was named Women's Swimming Coach of the Year and Pat Greenwall of Alabama won Women's Diving Coach of the Year. Auburn's Lauren Duerk was honored as the Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

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Women's Tennis: Eight SEC teams advanced to NCAA postseason action with four moving onto the round of 16 at the NCAA Women's Tennis Championships. Florida won the SEC Championship and the SEC Tournament title. Florida's Roland Thornqvist earned SEC Coach of the Year honors for the first time in his career. Alexis Gordon of Florida garnered SEC Player of the Year honors and Kentucky's Sarah Foster was named SEC Freshman of the Year. Alabama's Ashley Bentley and Vanderbilt's Annie Menees were named Co-Scholar-Athletes of the Year

Men's Indoor Track & Field: LSU became the first school to sweep the NCAA Indoors men and women's championships. An SEC team has won the NCAA men's indoor title 12 out of the past 13 seasons. The SEC had three of the top 10 at the NCAA Championships and six of the top 25. Arkansas and Florida were national runner-ups. South Carolina (14th), Aubum (116th), Ole Miss (122-dd), Georgia (134th), Alabama (144th) and Tennessee (t56th) also competed at the National Championships. Florida edged out Arkansas, 128-126, in the SEC Men's Indoor Championships.

Men's Indoor Championships.

Women's Indoor Track & Field: The SEC had six of the top 10 at the NCAA Championships and seven of the top 25. LSU won its third straight and 10th NCAA Women's Indoor National title. It was the 14th straight year the SEC has at least one team in the top two of the final results. Nine other SEC schools scored at the national meet including Florida (2nd), Tennessee (4th), Georgia (6th), Arkansas (110th), South Carolina (110th), Mississippi State (121st), Auburn (138th), Kentucky (138th), and Vanderbilt (138th), LSU claimed its 11th SEC Indoor Track & Field Championship, edging out second-place Florida, 52-51

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Men's Outdoor track & Field: Arkansas scored os points to win its 11th outdoor title and 39th national championship in either indoor track, outdoor track or cross country under coach John McDonnell. Florida (2nd), LSU (3rd), Tennessee (13th), Mississippi State (20th), Auburn (23rd), Georgia (26th), South Carolina (31st), Kentucky (40th) and Ole Miss (60th) also scored at the national meet. Arkansas won its 11th SEC outdoor crown and its 20th outdoor conference title in 23 years with 183 points.

Women's Outdoor Track & Field: LSU finished second at the NCAA Outdoor National Championships. Six SEC schools finished in the top 10 of the NCAA Championships with Florida coming in fifth, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee tied for seventh and Arkansas 10th. Other SEC point scorers were, Auburn (18th), Alabama (T22nd), Mississippi State (T22nd), Vanderbitt (48th) and Kentucky (56th). The University of Arkansas Lady Razorbacks won its third SEC Outdoor Championship in five years.

Volleyball: Florida fell short of its first national title, losing in the NCAA Championship match. This season, Florida and Arkansas participated in the NCAA Tournament. Florida finished the season second in the final USA Today/AVCA Poll and was undefeated in conference play for the ninth consecutive season earning them the SEC regular season and East Division Championship titles. Florida was also the SEC Tournament Champion, defeating Arkansas in the title game 3-0. Kentucky's libero Jenni Casper was named Defensive Player of the Year, while Florida's Aury Cruz took home her third consecutive SEC Women's Volleyball Player of the Year award. Arkansas coach Chris Poole was named the 2003 SEC Women's Volleyball Coach of the Year. Denitza Koleva of Arkansas and South Carolina's Lynae Vanden Hull shared SEC Freshman of the Year honors. Alabama's Erin Price was awarded the inaugural 2003 SEC Volleyball Scholar-Athlete of the Year award.



YEAR AFTER YEAR, THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE SHOWS WHY IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE PREMIER VOLLEYBALL CONFERENCES IN THE NATION.

Year after year, the Southeastern Conference shows why it is considered to be one of the premier volleyball conferences in the nation.

In the decade of the 1990s, the SEC made stellar contributions in volleyball. The conference has sent at least two SEC teams to the NCAA Tournament in every season the last 14 years. The SEC has had a team reach the Final Four seven of the 10 seasons in the '90s with the league having a team advance to the regional final nine of those 10 seasons.

In 2003, Florida competed in its 13th straight NCAA Tournament and made it to the Regional Finals for the 11th time in those 13 tries en route to another Final Four appearance. Arkansas 27-7 record also earned the Lady Razorbacks at spot in the NCAA Tournament field. Florida made a historic run, as the Lady Gators advanced to the national championship game, a first in the history of the Southeastern Conference. Florida was bested by defending champion Southern California, as the women of Troy defeated the SEC Champions 3-1.

Since the inaugural SEC volleyball championship in 1979-80, many changes have occurred in the conference with volleyball. The addition of Arkansas and South Carolina to the league in 1991 brought the divisional format to the sport with five teams competing in the Eastern Division and six teams in the Western Division. The most recent change came in 1999 as the tournament format will feature only eight teams participating in a three-day conference tournament.

Along with the popularity growth throughout the country, women's volleyball has also grown in the SEC. A benchmark in that growth came in 1995 when SECvolleyball was first broadcasted on SEC-TV (FOX Sports Net South, FOX Sports Net Southwest and Sunshine Network) on a tape-delay basis. For the past seven seasons the coverage has grown, especially in the last four years, to live telecasts of several regular season matches and the SEC Tournament championship match. SEC volleyball will continue to enjoy the live coverage on SEC-TV to almost 22 million subscribers in the conference's nine-state region.

SEC OUICK FACTS

Founded: 1933

Members (12): Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana State, Mississippi, Mississippi State, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vanderbilt (no volleyball)

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2003 SEC Champions:

Florida (16-0)

2003 SEC Tournament Champions:

Florida 3, Arkansas 1

2003 SEC NCAA Participants:

Florida, Final Four

VOLLEYBALL DIVISIONS

In 1994, the SEC split the 11 members into Eastern and Western Divisions. Each team plays the members in its division twice. Members of opposing divisions play each other once.

Eastern DivisionWestern DivisionFloridaAlabamaGeorgiaArkansasKentuckyAuburnSouth CarolinaLouisiana StateTennesseeMississippi

Mississippi Mississippi State

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- The 2003 season marked the 14th consecutive season in which the SEC has placed at least two teams in the NCAA Tournament.
- Nine of the 11 teams posted wins in double-digits in 2002, with three posting 20+ wins. Florida led the way with an SEC-high 35 victories. Arkansas had 27 wins, while Tennesee had 22 and Georgia and Alabama posted 18 victories on the season.
- Arkansas claimed the school's eighth Western Division crown in nine seasons. Alabama won the title in 2000.
- Florida made its 14th NCAA appearance and 13th in a row in 2003 on its way to the Final Four, making it to at least the Regional Finals for the 11th time in 13 years. The also made the SEC's first appearance in the National Championship Game, losing to Southern California.
- Three players were named AVCA All-American and seven players were named to the AVCA All-Region Team in 2002.
- In the past 13 years, 715 student-athletes have earned selection to the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2004 SEC-TV VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

*Sept. 19 Notre Dame at South Carolina 2:00 pm

Oct. 15 Mississippi State at Kentucky (Live) 7:30 pm

Oct. 22 Florida at Tennessee (Live) 7:30 pm

Oct. 31 Alabama at LSU (Live) 3:00 pm

Nov. 7 SEC Tournament Championship Match

*on CSTV

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WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

Friday, September 3 • 7 p.m. Winston-Salem, N.C. • Wake Forest Invit.



VALORIE BAKER Head Coach

| Location | Winston-Salem, N.C. |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Enrollment | 3,950 |
| Nickname | |
| Colors | |
| Conference | Atlantic Coast |
| Facility (cap) | Revnolds Gvm (2.000) |
| Head Coach | |
| Alma Mater | |
| Overall Record | |
| Assistants | |
| 2003 Overall Record | |
| 2003 Conference Record | |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | |
| Sports Information | |
| Office Phone | |
| Cell Phone | |
| Fax | |
| Email Address | |
| Website | |
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CLEMSON TIGERS

Tuesday, September 7 • 7 p.m. Columbia, S.C.



JOLENE JORDAN HOOVER Head Coach

| | Clemson, S.C. |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Enrollment | 15,873 |
| Nickname | Tigers |
| Colors | Burnt Orange and Northwest Purple |
| Conference | Atlantic Coast |
| Facility (cap) | Jervey Gymnasium (2,000) |
| Head Coach | Jolene Jordan Hoover |
| Alma Mater | Illinois State '86 |
| Overall Record | 325-160 |
| Assistants | Gregg Whitis, Jodi Steffes |
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| 2003 Conference Record | 6-10 |
| | 8/7 |
| | TBA |
| Office Phone | TBA |
| Home Phone | TBA |
| | (864) 656-0299 |
| | www.clemsontigers.com |
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CONNECTICUT HUSKIES Saturday, September 4 • 11 a.m. Winston-Salem, N.C. • Wake Forest Invit.



KELLI MYERS Head Coach

| Location | Storrs, Ct |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Enrollment | |
| Nickname | Huskies |
| Colors | National Flag Blue and White |
| Conference | Big East |
| Facility (cap) | Harry H. Gampel Pavilion (10,027) |
| Head Coach | Kelli Myers |
| Alma Mater | Maryland '92 |
| Overall record | |
| Assistants | Holly Strauss |
| 2003 Overall Record | 20-12 |
| 2003 Conference Record | 6-6 |
| | |
| Sports Information | Jillian Jakuba |
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DUKE BLUE DEVILS

Friday, September 10 • 7 p.m. Durham, N.C. • Duke Invitational



JOLENE NAGEL Head Coach

| Location | Durham, N.C. |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Enrollment | 6,347 |
| | Blue Devils |
| | Royal Blue ad White |
| | Atlantic Coast |
| | Cameron Indoor Stadium (9,314) |
| Head Coach | Jolene Nagel |
| Alma Mater | Edinboro '83 |
| Overall Record | |
| Assistants | John Wasielewski, Jeni Gentry |
| | (919) 684-2778 |
| 2003 Overall Record | |
| | 6-10 |
| | 10/8 |
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MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

Saturday, September 4 • 5 p.m. Winston-Salem, N.C. • Wake Forest Invit.



MITCH JACOBS Head Coach

| Location | Huntington, W.Va. |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Enrollment | |
| | Thundering Herd |
| Colors | green and white |
| Conference | Mid-American |
| Facility (cap) | Cam Henderson Center (9,043) |
| Head Coach | Mitch Jacobs |
| Alma Mater | lowa '91 |
| Overall Record | |
| Assistants | Greg Spector, Trevor Therould |
| 2003 Overall Record | 21-16 |
| 2003 Conference Record | 8-8 |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | 4/7 |
| Sports Information | Matt Riley |
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| E-mail Address | riley24@marshall.edu |
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NORTHERN ILLINOIS HUSKIES

Saturday, September 11 • 10 a.m. Durham, N.C. • Duke Invitational



RAY GOODEN Head Coach

| Location Enrollment Nickname. Colors Conference. Facility (cap) Head Coach Alma Mater Overall Record. Assistants Office Phone. 2003 Overall Record. 2003 Conference Record | |
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| 2003 Conference Record Letterwinners Returning/Lost | |
| Sports Information Office Phone | Brian Kedzior |
| Cell Phone | (630) 400-1132 |
| E-mail Address | |





TOWSON

Saturday, September 11 • 5 p.m. Durham, N.C. • Duke Invitational



CHRIS RILEY Head Coach

| | Towson, Md. |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Tigers |
| | Gold, Black and White |
| Conference | Colonial Athletic Association |
| Facility (cap) | Towson Center (5,000) |
| Head Coach | Chris Riley |
| Alma Mater | Jacksonville, '93 |
| | 91-38 |
| | Ian Blanchard, Adrienne McDonough |
| | 25-6 |
| | 14-0 |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | 11/2 |
| Sports Information | Megan Bradshaw |
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NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

Sunday, September 19 • 2 p.m. Columbia, S.C. • USC Invitational



DEBBIE BROWN Head Coach

| Location. Enrollment | 11,311 |
|------------------------------|--|
| 2003 Conference Record | 11-1 |
| Letterwinners Retruning/Lost | 9/5 |
| Sports Information | Bo Rottenborn (574) 631-8642 (574) 532-4154 (574) 631-7941 rottenborn.2@nd.edu |



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TROJANS Friday, September 17 • 7 p.m. Columbia, S.C. • USC Invitational



MICK HALEY Head Coach

| Location | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Enrollment | 30,000 |
| Nickname | Troians/Women of Trov |
| Colors | Cardinal and Gold |
| Conference | |
| Facility (cap) | Lvon Center (1.304) |
| Head Coach | Mick Halev |
| Alma Mater | |
| Overall Record | |
| Assistants | Liz Towne-Gilbert, Rob Machan |
| Office Phone | |
| 2003 Overall Record | |
| 2003 Conference Record | |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | |
| Sports Information | Vicky Hammond |
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| Website | |
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MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS

Friday, September 24 • 7 p.m. • Columbia, S.C. Sunday, October 10 • 2 p.m. • Starkville, Miss.



TINA SEALS Head Coach

| Location | |
|---|------------------------|
| Nickname | |
| Colors | Maroon and white |
| Conference | Southeastern |
| Facility (cap) | |
| Head Coach | Ina Seals |
| Alma Mater Overall Record | |
| Assistants | |
| Office Phone | |
| 2003 Overall Record | 3-23 |
| 2003 Conference Record | |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | 6/6 |
| Sports Information | |
| Office Phone | |
| Home Phone | (662) 323-0989 |
| Fax | |
| E-mail Website | |
| *************************************** | www.motateatmetico.com |



MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS

Saturday, September 18 • Noon Columbia, S.C. • USC Invitational



CHUCK ERBE Head Coach

| Location | East Lansing, Mich. |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Enrollment | 44 937 |
| Nickname | |
| Colors | |
| Conference | |
| Facility (cap) | Jenison Field House (5.017) |
| Head Coach | |
| Alma Mater | Cal State Fullerton |
| Overall Record | 523-233-3 |
| Assistants | Duane Koester, Ed Tolentino |
| Office Phone | (517)355-4750 |
| 2003 Overall Record | 19-12 |
| 2003 Conference Record | 11-9 |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | 7/5 |
| Sports Information | Lis Erickson |
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OLE MISS REBELS

Sunday, September 26 • 1:30 p.m. • Columbia, S.C. Friday, October 8 • 7 p.m. • Oxford, Miss.



JOE GETZIN Head Coach

| Location | Oxford, Miss. |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Enrollment | |
| Nickname | Lady Rehels |
| Colors | Cardinal red and Navy Blue |
| Conference | Southeastern |
| Facility (cap) | Gillom sports Center (1,000) |
| Head Coach | Joe Getzin |
| Alma Mater | George Williams College '86 |
| Overall Record | 52-101 |
| Assistants | Kris Grunwald, Kim Eymann |
| Office Phone | (662) 915-7540 |
| 2003 Overall Record | 7-24 |
| 2003 Conference Record | |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | |
| Sports Information | |
| Office Phone | (662) 915-7522 |
| Home Phone | (662) 234-0913 |
| Fax | (662) 915-7006 |
| E-mail Address | wbunting@olemiss.edu |
| Website | www.olemisssports.com |
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TENNESSEE LADY VOLS

Wednesday, September 29 • 7 p.m. • Columbia, S.C. Wednesday, October 27 • 7 p.m. • Knoxville, Tenn.



ROB PATRICK Head Coach

| Location | Knoxville, Tenn. |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Enrollment | |
| Nickname | Lady Volunteers |
| Colors | Orange and White |
| Conference | Southeastern |
| Facility (cap) | Stokely Athletics Ctr. (5,000) |
| Head Coach | Rob Patrick |
| Alma Mater | |
| Overall Record | 134-83 |
| Assistants | Mike Minnis, Cindy Young |
| Office Phone | (865) 974-4275 |
| 2003 Overall Record | 22-9 |
| 2003 Conference Record | 10-6 |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | 11/2 |
| Sports Information | Matt MacDonald |
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AUBURN TIGERS Sunday, October 17 • 1:30 p.m. Auburn, Ala.



LAURA FARINA Head Coach

| Location | Auburn, Ala. |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Enrollment | 23,152 |
| | Tigers |
| Colors | Burnt orange and Navy |
| | Southeastern |
| Facility (cap) | Student Activities Center (1,320) |
| | Laura`Farina |
| Alma Mater | Illinois, '92 |
| Overall Record | 57-94 |
| Assistants | Matt Darling, Steve Aird |
| | (334) 844-9794 |
| 2003 Overall Record | |
| 2003 Conference Record | 1-15 |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | 5/5 |
| Sports Information | Dan Froehlich |
| Office Phone | (334) 844-9703 |
| Home Phone | (334) 826-2838 |
| Fax | (334) 844-9708 |
| | froehdp@áuburn.edu |
| Website | www.auburntigers.com |
| | |



KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Friday, October 1 • 7 p.m. • Columbia, S.C. Sunday, October 31 • 2 p.m. • Lexington, Ky.



JONA BRADEN Head Coach

| Location | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Enrollment | 25,397 |
| Nickname | Wildcats |
| Colors | Blue and White |
| Conference | |
| Facility (cap) | Memorial Coliseum (8 700) |
| Head Coach | Jona Braden. |
| Alma Mater | |
| Overall Record | |
| Assistants | Scott Carter Christie Landry |
| Office Phone | |
| 2003 Overall Record | 14_18 |
| 2003 Conference Record | 6 10 |
| | |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | |
| Office Dhane | |
| Office Phone | |
| Home Phone | |
| Fax | (859) 323-4310 |
| E-mail Addreess | |
| Website | www.ukathletics.com |



GEORGIA BULLDOGS

Friday, October 22 • 7 p.m. • Columbia, S.C. Sunday, November 14 • 1:30 p.m. • Athens, Ga.



MARY BUCZEK Head Coach

| Location | Athens, Ga. |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Enrollment | 32,941 |
| Nickname | Bulldogs |
| | Red and Black |
| | Southeastern |
| | Ramsey Student Center (2,400) |
| | Mary Buczek |
| | Kentucky, '91 |
| | 127-124 |
| Assistants | Jennifer McGurn, Steffi Legall |
| | (706) 542-7915 |
| 2003 Overall Record | |
| | 10-6 |
| | |
| Sports Information | Tyler Sabo |
| | (706) 542-1621 |
| Home Phone | (706) 769-2881 |
| Fay | (706) 542-9339 |
| | tyler@sports.uga.edu |
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ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

Friday, October 15 • 7 p.m. Tuscaloosa, Ala.



JUDY GREEN Head Coach

| Enrollment | Tuscaloosa, Ala20,000Crimson TideCrimson and White Southeastern |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Facility (cap) The CAVE (Cole | man Auxillary Volleyball Extension) |
| Head Coach | Judy Green Western Carolina, '84 |
| Overall Record | 522-206 |
| | Chris Redding, Erich Hinterstocker |
| | (205) 348-3829 |
| | 11-5 |
| | |
| | Brian Morgan (205) 348-7496 |
| | (205) 333-7211 |
| Fax | (205) 348-8841 |
| | bmorgan@ia.ua.edu www.rolltide.com |
| website | www.rolitide.com |



FLORIDA GATORS

Sunday, October 24 • 1:30 p.m. • Columbia, S.C. Friday, November 12 • 7 p.m. • Gainesville, Fla.



MARY WISE Head Coach

| Location | Gainesville, Fla. |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Enrollment | |
| Nickname | Gators |
| | Orange and Blue |
| Conference | Southeastern |
| | Stephen C. O'Connell Center (12,000) |
| Head Coach | Mary Wise |
| | Purdue '81 |
| | 512-106 |
| | Nick Cheronis |
| | Arlisa Hagan |
| | (352) 375-4683 |
| 2003 Overall Record | 36-2 |
| 2003 Conference Record | |
| | st |
| Sports Information | Mike Vietti |
| Office | (352) 375-4683 ext. 6120 |
| | (352) 375-4809 |
| | mikev@gators.uaa.ufl.edu |
| | www.gatorzone.com |
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LSU TIGERS Friday, November 5 • 7 p.m. Columbia, S.C.



FRAN FLORY Head Coach

| Location | Baton Rouge, La. |
|--------------------|--|
| Enrollment | |
| Nickname | Tigers |
| Colors | Purple and Ğold |
| Conference | Southeastern |
| Facility (cap) | . Pete Maravich Assembly Center (14,164) |
| | Fran Flory |
| Alma Mater | Texas, '84 |
| Overall Record | |
| Assistants | Craig Bere, Danijela Tomic |
| Office Phone | (225) 578-5050 |
| | 11-19 |
| | 6-10 |
| | ost |
| Sports Information | Melissa Reynaud |
| | (225) 578-8226 |
| | (225) 334-2072 |
| | (225) 578-1861 |
| | mreynaud@lsu.edu |
| Website | www.lsusports.net |
| | |



ARKANSAS LADY RAZORBACKS Sunday, November 7 • 1:30 p.m. Columbia, S.C.



CHRIS POOLE Head Coach

| Location Enrollment Nickname Colors Conference Facility (cap) Head Coach Alma Mater Overall Record Associate Head Coach Assistant Office Phone | 16,499 Lady Razorbacks Cardinal and White Southeastern Barnhill Arena (9,000) Chris Poole Arkansas Tech, '83 Holly Watts Jenny Wilson |
|--|---|
| 2003 Overall Record | |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | 7/3 Jeri Thorpe (479) 575-5037 (479) 443-3219 (479) 575-7410 .jthorpe@uark.edu |



NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS Saturday, November 27 • Noon Columbia, S.C.



JOE SAGULA Head Coach

| Location | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Enrollment | 25,972 |
| Nickname | Tar Heels |
| Colors | Carolina Blue and White |
| Conference | |
| Facility (cap) | Carmichael Auditorium (9,100) |
| Head Coach | Joe Sagula |
| Alma Mater | |
| Overall Record | 494-297 |
| Assistants | |
| Office Phone | |
| 2003 Overall Record | |
| 2003 Conference Record | |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | 12/2 |
| Sports Information | |
| Office Phone | (919) 843-5678 |
| Fax | |
| Email Address | |
| Website | |

SOUTH CAROLINA IN TOURNAMENTS

Since joining the SEC in 1991, the Gamecocks are 93-45 in tournaments, including a 68-29 mark since Coach Christopher took over the reigns in 1993. The tournaments Carolina has played in since joining the SEC follow. For match by match scores and results, see pages 85-88.

| 2003 |
|-------------------------------------|
| Southern California Tournament, 1-2 |
| Carolina Classic1-1 |
| Shamrock Invitational 2-1 |
| Gamecock Invitational 2-1 |
| Gamecock invitational 2-1 |
| 2002 |
| Michigan State Tournament 2-1 |
| Carolina Classic3-0 |
| Long Beach State Invite 0-2 |
| |
| 2001 |
| Sun Devil Challenge3-0 |
| Miami (OH) Classic3-0 |
| |
| 2000 |
| Carolina Classic3-1 |
| Michigan Tournament 1-2 |
| Gamecock Tournament 3-0 |
| |
| 1999 |
| FSU Classic |
| Georgia Tech Invite2-2 |
| Carolina Classic1-1 |
| 1998 |
| Carolina Classic3-0 |
| Sooner Classic2-1 |
| UTC Invitational |
| SEC/Pac-10 Challenge0-2 |
| OLON do to ondhongo |
| 1997 |
| Carolina Classic1-1 |
| Gamecock Invitational2-0 |
| Texas Tech Invitational3-0 |
| Maryland Tournament2-1 |
| |
| 1996 |
| Notre Dame Classic 2-1 |

Carolina Classic......2-1 Kansas State Invit......3-1

| 1995 |
|---------------------------------|
| Carolina Classic3-0 |
| Arizona Tournament2-1 |
| Michigan State Tournament 1-2 |
| 1994 |
| Carolina Classic4-0 |
| Sooner Invitational 2-1 |
| South Florida Invitational 2-1 |
| 1993 |
| Carolina Classic2-0 |
| Palmetto State Invit 4-0 |
| East Tennessee State Invit 0-4 |
| Gamecock Invitational 3-0 |
| 1992 |
| Palmetto State Invit 3-0 |
| Winthrop Tournament 4-0 |
| SW Texas State Invitational 0-3 |
| Gamecock Invitational 1-2 |
| 1991 |
| Coastal Carolina Tournment 3-1 |
| N.C. State Tournament 0-3 |
| Winthrop Tournament 4-0 |
| U.A.B. Tournament 2-2 |
| Gamecock Invitational 1-2 |
| |

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| South Carolina | (803) 777-3650 |
|-------------------|----------------|
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| Alabama | (205) 348-3089 |
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| Duke | N/A |
| Florida | (352) 373-1801 |
| George Washington | (202) 994-1776 |
| Georgia | (706) 542-9790 |
| Kentucky | N/A |

| LSU | N/A |
|----------------|----------------|
| Mississippi | N/A |
| Mississippi St | (662) 325-6618 |
| Tennessee | (865) 974-0618 |
| Wake Forest | (336) 758-4109 |
| | |



SOUTH CAROLINA ALL-TIME VS. THE CONFERENCES

| Atlantic Coast | 61-65 |
|---------------------|-------|
| Atlantic Sun | 40-12 |
| Atlantic Ten | 8-5 |
| Big East | 8-8 |
| Big Eight | 0-2 |
| Big South | 26-5 |
| Big Ten | 4-12 |
| Big 12 | 5-5 |
| Big West | 2-4 |
| Capital Athletic | 0-1 |
| Carolina | 8-2 |
| Colonial Athletic | 7-4 |
| Conference USA | 2-1 |
| Florida Sunshine | 1-0 |
| Foot Ohio Valley | 3-0 |
| Georgia Athletic | 1-0 |
| Great Lakes | 0-3 |
| Gulf South | 1-2 |
| Independent Schools | 4-3 |
| lvy | 3-1 |
| Metro | 63-23 |
| Mid-American | 8-2 |
| | |

| Mid-Continent | 2-0 |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Mid-Eastern Athletic | 1-0 |
| Midwestern Collegiate | 3-0 |
| Missouri Valley | 4-4 |
| Mountain West | 1-0 |
| North Atlantic | 2-0 |
| Northeast Atlantic | 4-0 |
| Ohio Valley | 4-1 |
| Pacific 10 | 3-5 |
| Patriot | 1-0 |
| Peach Belt | 4-0 |
| South Atlantic | 2-0 |
| Southeastern | 116-121 |
| Southern | 19-2 |
| Southland | 4-4 |
| Southwest | 1-7 |
| Sun Belt | 21-6 |
| Sunshine State | 2-3 |
| TN-VA Athletic | 1-0 |
| West Coast | 1-1 |
| Western Athletic | 1-4 |
| WV Intercollegiate | 1.0 |
| www.interconegiate | 1-0 |
| Yankee | |

(results since 1978)

VOLLEYBALL TERMS

ACE: A serve that results directly in a point.
ANTENNA: The red and white striped pole attached to the net that extends 32 inches above the net and indicates out of bounds along the sideline.

ASSIST: Passing or setting the ball to a teammate who attacks the ball for a kill.

BLOCK: An attempt by any front row player to intercept the ball near the net. (Block solo: When only one player blocks the ball; Block assist: When two or more players block the ball).

BLOCKING ERROR: A violation that consists of touching the net, crossing the center line, blocking a set or any other violation which pertains to illegal blocking.

DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST: A player who only plays in the back court.

DIG: Successfully passing a hard driven spike.

TIP: A one-handed soft hit into the opponent's court using the fingertips.

ERROR: Any spiking attempt which results as a point or side out for an opponent.

FREE BALL: Returning the ball to the opponent without the intent to get a kill.

HITTING EFFICIENCY: A hitting statistic derived from total kills minus total attack errors divided by total attempts.

ILLEGAL CONTACT: By a ruling of the official, the ball comes to rest at contact (also called a throw or a carry).

KILL: An attack that directly results in a point or a side out.

LIBERO: Adesignated back-row player intended to be used as a ball-control specialist.

MIDDLE BLOCKER: Plays in the middle of the net when in the front row and moves laterally to her blocking assignment.

NET HEIGHT: 7'4 1/8 inches high.

OUTSIDE HITTER: Plays at the ends of the net when in the front row.

RECEIVING ERROR: Used only when the opponent is serving and the official determines

that the ball has been illegally received. This includes a poor pass off a received serve to a teammate.

RED/YELLOW CARD: A yellow card is given to a player or the coach as a warning of misconduct. Two yellow cards or flagrant misconduct results in a red card and subsequent ejection from the match.

ROTATION: Players must retain their initial rotational order throughout the entire match. But once the ball is served, they are allowed to move within the front or back lines.

SERVICE ERROR: When the serve is hit long or hit wide. Also called when the server commits a foot fault, is in the wrong rotation order or any other service violation.

SHANK: A grossly misdirected forearm pass that cannot be recovered.

TEN FOOT/THREE METER LINE: A line extended across the court to signify the point which back row players cannot cross in order to attack the ball.



2004 SEC TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

2004 Southeastern Conference Volleyball Championships November 21-23 • Hosted by the University of Florida



Tournament Field: Each of the 11 Southeastern Conference schools with volleyball programs competing for the SEC title are eligible to compete in the tournament. The top eight teams, as determined by regular season record, will compete in the tournament.

Tournament Seedings: Tournament seedings will be determined by the regular season standings. The winners of each division will be awarded the top two seeds. The remaining six seeds will be determined by conference winning percentage.

2004 NCAA TOURNAMENT PREVIEW



Tournament Field: 64 teams from the Mideast, South, Northwest and West regions will make up the field for the 2003 NCAA Tournament. There are 31 automatic berths and 33 at-large hids

Automatic Berths: The 31 conferences whose champions earn automatic bids are: America East, Atlantic Coast, Atlantic Sun, Atlantic 10, Big East, Big South, Big 12, Big Sky, Big Ten, Big West, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Ivy Group, Metro Atlantic, Mid-American Athletic, Mid-Continent, MEAC, Midwestern Collegiate, Missouri Valley, Mountain West, Northeast, Ohio Valley, Pacific-10, Patriot League, Southeastern, Southland, SWAC, Sun Belt, West Coast and Western Athletic.

First and Second Rounds: The first-round and second-round matches are scheduled for Dec. 4-6 at campus sites. Winners from the first round of each bracket will face off in the second round.

Regionals: Four regional titles will be contested among four teams each on Dec. 14-16. Each regional will be hosted by one of the schools in that regional. Winnners of the regional advance to the final four.

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