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2011-12 Schedule

Fri., Nov. 4	Limestone (Exh.)	Columbia, S.C.	W, 84-53
Fri., Nov. 11	at Illinois	Champaign, Ill.	W, 71-52
Mon., Nov. 14	Alabama A&M	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Thu., Nov. 17	at Clemson	Clemson, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 20	Penn State (SPSO)	Columbia, S.C.	3 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 23	C. of Charleston (SPSO)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 27	Presbyterian (SPSO)	Columbia, S.C.	1 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 30	at Xavier	Cincinnati Ohio	7 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 4	at NC State	Raleigh, N.C.	2 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 11	Furman (SPSO)	Columbia, S.C.	1 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 14	South Carolina State	Columbia, S.C.	Noon

Carolinas Challenge

Myrtle Beach, S.C.

3 p.m.

vs. North Carolina

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Wed., Dec. 21	Savannah State	Columbia, S.C.	Noon
Wed., Dec. 28	at Drexel	Philadelphia, Pa.	5 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 1	Alabama*	Columbia, S.C.	3 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 5	Vanderbilt*	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 8	at Florida*	Gainesville, Fla.	2 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 12	at LSU*	Baton Rouge, La.	8 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 15	Kentucky*	Columbia, S.C.	3 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 19	at Auburn*	Auburn, Ala.	7 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 22	at Vanderbilt* (ESPNU)	Nashville, Tenn.	1:30 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 26	Ole Miss* (FSN)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 29	Mississippi St.* (SECN)	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 2	at Tennessee* (CSS)	Knoxville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 9	at Arkansas*	Fayetteville, Ark.	8 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 12	Florida* (ESPN2)	Columbia, S.C.	5 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 16	Georgia* (FSN)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 19	at Alabama* (FSN)	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	3 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 23	at Kentucky*	Lexington, Ky.	7 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 26	Arkansas* (SECN)	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.

SEC Tournament

Thu., Mar. 1	First Round (FSN)	Nashville, Tenn.	TBA
Fri., Mar. 2	Quarterfinals (FSN)	Nashville, Tenn.	TBA
Sat., Mar. 3	Semifinals (ESPNU)	Nashville, Tenn.	TBA
Sun., Mar. 4	Final (ESPN2)	Nashville, Tenn.	TBA

* indicates SEC game

Sun., Dec. 18

All Times Listed as Eastern

Television outlet listed in parentheses — SPSO is SportSouth; FSN is SportsSouth, Fox Sports Southwest and Sun Sports; SECN is SEC Network; CSS is Charter Sports Southeast.



Uniform Patch

The Gamecocks have added a patch to their uniforms this season to honor teammate Shelbretta Ball, who was medically disqualified from playing this fall. The team wanted Brett and everyone watching to know that she will always be an integral part of them and whatever they achieve this season.



South Carolina Gamecocks (1-0)

Head Coach: Dawn Staley
Record at South Carolina: 43-48 (4th season)
Career Record: 215-128 (12th season)

Record vs. Alabama A&M: 0-0



Alabama A&M Bulldogs (0-1)

Head Coach: Altherias Warmley
Record at AAMU: 124-134 (11th season)
Career Record: 124-134 (11th season)
Record vs. South Carolina: 0-1

Game Information

Alabama A&M Series: SC leads 1-0 In Columbia: SC leads 1-0 In Huntsville: Never met At Neutral Site: Never met Tickets: \$7 adult, \$4 youth (17 & under) TV: None
Radio: WISW 1320 AM (Brad Muller
and Marcy Girton)
Live Stats: GamecocksOnline.com
Live Video: GamecocksOnline.com

South Carolina Notables

- This is the Gamecocks' 38th season as a varsity sport.
- The 2011-12 season is the fourth at the helm for South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley. Her teams have improved by four wins each of the last two campaigns, capped by last season's 18-15 mark.
- South Carolina's 71 points at Illinois were its highest offensive production since netting 77 against NC State on Dec. 12, 2010.
- Counting both points and points scored off assists, senior guards Markeshia Grant and La'Keisha Sutton contributed to 34 of the Gamecocks' 71 points at Illinois (45.1 percent).
- The Gamecocks' 65.2 percent field goal shooting in the second half at Illinois was its most efficient half since Dec. 2, 2009.

Tale of the Tape

AAMU		SC
0-1	Overall Record	1-0
0-0	Conference Record	0-0
0-0	Home Record	0-0
0-1	Away Record	1-0
0-0	Neutral Record	0-0
55.0	Points Per Game	71.0
86.0	Opp. Points Per Game	52.0
	Field Goal %age	
.485	Opp. Field Goal %age	
.167	3-Pt. Field Goal %age	
.450	Opp. 3-Pt. Field Goal %age	500
	Free Throw %age	
11.0	FTs Made Per Game	18.0
7.0	Assists Per Game	14.0
-6.0	Turnover Margin	+8.0
	Rebounds Per Game	
	Rebounding Margin	
	Steals Per Game	
4.0	Blocked Shots Per Game	2.0

A Snapshot of the 2011-12 Gamecocks Probable starters noted by shaded background and are based on previous game

		1	1	tea by sna	_		ua are vasea on previous game
		lmani	GP	1	SPG	0.0	Snagged five rebounds in just six minutes of exhibition game
	1-6	Sellers	GS	0	BPG	0.0	• Joined team as a walk-on in August 2010
U		5-8 • Jr. • Guard	PPG	0.0	FG%		• Played in three SEC games and three of the team's four postseason
		Holly Hill, S.C.	RPG	1.0	3FG%	_	contests among her 15 appearances last season
-	24	(Lake Marion)	APG	0.0	FT%		High energy, great teammate
_		Ebony	GP	1	SPG	3.0	Big boost defensively at Illinois, added two key baskets as well
4	1000	Wilson	GS	0	BPG	1.0	Key defender, especially in late-game situations
	100	5-8 • Sr. • Guard	PPG	4.0	FG%	1.000	• Will focus on playing a guard position this season after also
		Newark, N.J.	RPG	2.0	3FG%		contributing to the frontcourt last season
	THE STREET	(Rend Lake College)	APG	1.0	FT%		• Has the ability to change the complexion of a game defensively
_		leasia	GP	1	SPG	0.0	• Slow start in season opener due to first-half foul trouble, finished
9	* * * *	Walker	GS	1	BPG	0.0	with eight points and five rebounds in 23 minutes
-5	130	5-8 • Jr. • Guard	PPG	8.0	FG%	.400	• In exhibition, team-high six rebs. with three assts. and three steals
	3	Amityville, N.Y.	RPG	5.0	3FG%	.000	Voted to preseason All-SEC Second Team by league's coaches
		(Copiague)	APG	2.0	FT%	.667	Versatile player still learning when to utilize which of her skills
		Markeshia	GP	1	SPG	0.0	• Steady offense in first half at Illinois, three 3-ptrs and three assists
		Grant	GS	1	BPG	0.0	• Hit her stride in 2011 postseason action – averaging 12.3 points
-	() ()	5-6 • Sr. • Guard	PPG	11.0	FG%	.375	and 5.5 rebounds over four games
		Tampa, Fla./	RPG	4.0	3FG%	.429	• Worked hard over the summer to develop her point guard skills,
		(Coll. of Central Florida)	APG	3.0	FT%	1.000	including attending Point Guard College over the summer
		La'Keisha	GP	1	SPG	1.0	• 10 points, three assists at Illinois
44	6.4	Sutton	GS	1	BPG	0.0	Team captain (with Courtney Newton)
	100	5-8 • Sr. • Guard	PPG	10.0	FG%	.300	Voted to preseason All-SEC Second Team by league's coaches
		Trenton, N.J.	RPG	1.0	3FG%	.000	• Showed balance in her game last season, stepping back from
		(Trenton Catholic)	APG	3.0	FT%	.667	shooting to get whole team involved in offensive output
		Charenee	GP	1	SPG	0.0	• Hit 4-of-4 field goals for nine points to go with five boards in just
40			GS	1	BPG	0.0	16 minutes in exhibition against Limestone
	A CONTRACTOR	Stephens	PPG	4.0	FG%	.667	Has seven career double-doubles, during which team is 4-3
		6-0 • Sr. • Forward Decatur, Ga.	RPG	2.0	3FG%		• Has pulled in double-figure rebounds 13 times in her career,
		(Southwest DeKalb)	APG	0.0	FT%		including five times last season
			GP	1	SPG	2.0	
		Sancheon	GS	0	BPG	0.0	• Tied for team-high honors with three assists at Illinois, added six points, including a 3-pointer
71	2572	White	PPG	6.0	FG%	.111	• First-team NJCAA All-Region I and all-conference selection for
		5-10 • Jr. • Guard	RPG	3.0	3FG%	.250	Central Arizona College last season
		Hammon, Ind. (Central Arizona)	APG	3.0	FT%	.750	Great transition player, turning defense to easy transition scoring
-			GP		SPG		
		Ashley	GS	1 0	BPG	3.0 0.0	• Led team with 14 points at Illinois, 12 in 2nd half during crucial surge to win, also led with six rebounds, including four offensive
7/7	4 7 5	Bruner	PPG	14.0	FG%	.667	Was the team's top rebounder last season with 5.3 rpg
		6-0 • Jr. • Forward Norman, Okla.	RPG	6.0	3FG%	.007	• Tenacious rebounder with good instincts that offset her height
		(Norman)	APG	2.0	FT%	.667	disadvantage
0		Courtney	GP	1	SPG	0.0	• Team captain (with La'Keisha Sutton)
27	17.17	Newton	GS	1	BPG	1.0	• In her fifth season in the Garnet and Black, a career that began as
		5-9 • Sr. • Forward	PPG	2.0	FG%	_	a point guard and has evolved into an aggressive interior presence
		Flowery Branch, Ga.	RPG	1.0	3FG%	1 000	• Started the last 16 games of 2010-11
	A ALL	(Flowery Branch)	APG	0.0	FT%	1.000	Tough competitor with never-back-down mentality
		Tina	GP	1	SPG	0.0	• Scored five points in 10 minutes at Illinois, hitting a 3-pointer
23	136	Roy	GS	0	BPG	0.0	• Named 2011 Farm Bureau Miss Basketball selection by Louisiana
		5-11 • Fr. • Guard	PPG	5.0	FG%	.500	Sports Writers Association and three-time all-state selection
		Kaplan, La.	RPG	0.0	3FG%	.500	Excellent shooter with great basketball IQ
	HE	(Kaplan)	APG	0.0	FT%		
		Aleighsa	GP	1	SPG	0.0	Snagged three rebounds in 16 minutes at Illinois
24		Welch	GS	0	BPG	0.0	Added 10 points and four offensive rebounds in exhibition
		6-0 • Fr. • Forward	PPG	2.0	FG%	.500	Named 2011 South Carolina Miss Basketball
		Goose Creek, S.C.	RPG	3.0	3FG%		• Helped Goose Creek to first basketball state championship in 2010
	1	(Goose Creek)	APG	0.0	FT%		• Able to shoot out to 3-point line and put the ball on the floor
		Pamela	GP	1	SPG	0.0	Hit a pair of 3-pointers in nine minutes of exhibition action
71	100	Decheva	GS	0	BPG	0.0	• Has participated in FIBA Europe competitions with Bulgarian
.51	160	6-1 • Fr. • Forward	PPG	0.0	FG%		national teams since 2007, beginning at the U16 level
			RPG	0.0	3FG%		Grandmother Vanya Voynova is in the FIBA Hall of Fame
		Sofia, Bulgaria		0.0	FT%		
30		Sona, bulgana	APG	0.0	1 1 /0		
			APG GP	1	SPG	0.0	Grabbed three of her four rebounds at Illinois on offensive end and
20		Elem					Grabbed three of her four rebounds at Illinois on offensive end and netted five points in nine minutes of action
33		Elem Ibiam	GP	1	SPG	0.0	
33	3	Elem	GP GS	1 0	SPG BPG	0.0	netted five points in nine minutes of action

Quick Facts

The University

Location: Columbia, S.C.

Founded: 1801 Enrollment: 29,957

Colors: Garnet (PMS 202) and Black

Nickname: Gamecocks Conference: Southeastern President: Dr. Harris Pastides Athletics Director: Eric Hyman Facility: Colonial Life Arena (18,000)

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Dawn Staley Alma Mater: Virginia, 1992

Overall Record: 215-128 (12th season) School Record: 43-48 (4th season)

Assoc. Head Coach (Alma Mater):

Lisa Boyer (Ithaca, 1972)

Assistant Coaches (Alma Mater):

Nikki McCray (Tennessee, 1995) Darius Taylor (Michigan, 2000)

Dir. of Basketball Operations (Alma Mater):

Cynthia Jordan (Temple, 2004)

Team Information

2010-11 Record: 18-15

Home: 14-5 Away: 3-8 Neutral: 1-2

SEC Record (Finish): 8-8 (T-5th)

Home: 5-3 Away: 3-5

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/5

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Program History

First Year of Women's Basketball: 1974-75 All-Time Record: 623-477 (38th season)

All-Time SEC Record: 81-186 (21st season)

NCAA Appearances (Last): 8 (2003) NCAA Tournament Record: 8-8

WNIT Appearances (Last): 4 (2011)

WNIT Record: 3-4

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Current Gamecock Streaks

	Total	Home	Road	Neut.
Overall	W1	L1	W1	L1
SEC	L2	L1	L2	
Non-Conference	W1	L9	W1	L1
Ranked Teams	L1	W2	L2	L2

A South Carolina Win Would...

- Give the Gamecocks a 2-0 record for the first time since the 2007-08 season.
- Make the Gamecocks 26-10 in home openers (game site is not available for first two seasons).
- Stretch the Gamecocks' regular-season non-conference home win streak to 10 games, dating back to last season's season opener.
- Keep the Gamecocks undefeated against Southwestern Athletic Conference teams (4-0).

By the Numbers

- .652 Gamecocks' second-half field goal percentage at Illinois, their highest in a half since knocking down the same percentage (both 15-of-23) in the second half against High Point on Dec. 2, 2009.
- 2 Gamecocks that stand over six-feet tall – Elem Ibiam (6-3) and Pamela Decheva (6-1)
- 4 Wins away from 100 at Colonial Life Arena
- 5 Newcomers that will take the court for the Gamecocks this season
- 8 Letterwinners that the Gamecocks returned from last season's Women's NIT second round team
- 18 Offensive rebounds for South Carolina at Illinois, more than half its total of 34, which helped the Gamecocks to 19 more possessions than the Illini
- Margin of victory at Illinois, the most decisive road win of the Dawn Staley era and the highest margin on the road since the Gamecocks topped Clemson 64-43 on Dec. 22, 2008
- 50.7 Percent of points scored by the bench in the season opener at Illinois (36 of 71)

Last Time Out

South Carolina snapped a four-game non-conference road losing streak with a decisive 71-52 victory at Illinois in the season opener for both teams. The Gamecocks overcame turnovers and poor shooting in the first half to take control of the game in the second period. The team shot 65.2 percent in the second half, and Ashley Bruner netted 12 of her 14 points in the final 20 minutes of action. The Gamecocks led by as many as 30 points with seven minutes to play, which allowed head coach Dawn Staley to give her newcomers extended minutes down the stretch.

Alabama A&M Series Notes

The Gamecocks and Bulldogs have met just once before tonight's game. South Carolina prevailed 88-41 in that Nov. 19, 20007, meeting.

Scouting the Bulldogs

Alabama A&M kicked off its 2011-12 season with an 86-55 loss at Vanderbilt Friday night. The Bulldogs got 25 points from senior Whiquitta Tobar, while junior Shundray Davis fell one rebound shy of a double-double, posting 13 points and nine boards in the loss.

The Bulldogs return four starters from last season's 15-14 campaign, led by the 5-foot-7 Tobar, who keyed the Bulldog offense last season with 18.1 points and 3.0 assists per game. She also tallied a team-best 6.2 rebounds and 2.3 steals per outing.

The Bulldogs finished the 2010-11 season tied for fourth in the SWAC behind an 11-7 league record. The team scored 59.9 points per game on 35.8 percent field goal shooting, including 26.4 percent from 3-point range. Alabama A&M out-rebounded its opponents by 0.7 boards per game, while limiting its foes to 60.7 points per game on 37.4 percent shooting, including 26.9 percent from 3-point range.

Head coach Altherias Warmley is in her 11th season, leading the Bulldogs to a 124-135 record overall.

Home Sweet Home

South Carolina has won 69.3 percent of its home games since the 1976-77 season (records did not include the site of games for the first two seasons of women's basketball). That 337-149 mark includes a 93-52 mark in Colonial Life Arena.

The Gamecocks turned in their most productive home season in 2001-02, winning 17 of their 18 contests in their final season playing at Carolina Coliseum. The team's best home record at Colonial Life Arena came in 2006-07 when South Carolina went 15-5. Last season, South Carolina was 15-4 at home, the fourth-most home wins in school history.

For Starters

In the Gamecocks' 37 seasons of women's basketball, the program is 25-10 in its first home game of the season. (The site of games is not available for the program's first two seasons.) Two of the 10 losses have come in the last three seasons, including last season's loss to then-No. 5 Xavier in the season opener. The Gamecocks followed up Staley's home debut loss in 2008 with a 63-56 win over Penn State to kick off the home slate in the 2009-10 campaign.

Hitting a High Note

The Gamecocks' 71 points at Illinois were their most since posting 77 against NC State in Colonial Life Arena on Dec. 12, 2010, and the most on the road since a 73-70 win at then-No. 22 Vanderbilt on Feb. 28, 1010. South Carolina netted 70 or more points three times last season – 77 vs. NC State (Dec. 12), 75 vs. Charleston Southern (Dec. 1) and 73 vs. Clemson (Nov. 18) – and won all three contests. In fact, the Gamecocks are 15-3 in the Dawn Staley era when reaching the 70-point plateau.

Every Which Way

All 13 players available on the Gamecock roster saw the court at Illinois with all but two scoring at least one field goal in the outing. South Carolina's offense showed just the versatility head coach Dawn Staley was hoping for it posted 71 points by all manner of scoring. The Gamecocks netted 26 points in the paint, 18 from 3-point range and 18 from the free-thow line. They posted 18 second-chance points off 18 offensive rebounds and scored 27 points off turnovers. And, finally, 14 of South Carolina's 24 field goals were assisted.

Friendly Rivals

The South Carolina backcourt, led by seniors Markeshia Grant and La'Keisha Sutton and junior Ieasia Walker – will have a significant impact on how far the Gamecocks go this season. The trio's camaraderie on and off the floor has bred friendly competition specifically between the two seniors, designed to ultimately guide the team to its goals.

After Sutton led the team with 3.6 assists per game last season, Grant has set her sights on unseating her classmate in the assist department. The way the challenger has shot the ball so far this season, she may be aiming more at Sutton's overall additions to the offense last season when she contributed to 32.2 percent of the Gamecocks' production between her points (10.2 ppg) and assists (3.6 apg accounting for 8.7 ppg).

In the season opener at Illinois, the two were neck-and-neck. Each handed out three assists that led to seven points, while Grant netted one more point (11) than Sutton (10) in the outing. Depending on how the competition is judged, however, Sutton may have the early advantage as one of her assists led to a Grant 3-pointer. Of course, the two will ultimately be remembered most for the team's success. Their combined exploits in the commanding win at Illinois contributed to 45.1 percent of the Gamecocks' 71 points. Maybe a little friendly competition isn't so bad.

Team Specialty Stats			S	tarters	vs. E	Bench	Poi	nts		
South	Carolir	ıa/Oppo	nent							
	Pts.	Pts.	2nd	Fast						
	in	Off	Chance				SC	Opp.	SC	Opp.
	Paint	TOs	Pts	Pts				Starters		
11/11 at Ill.	26/20	27/16	18/12	4/4		at Ill.	35	40	36	12
11/14 Ala. A&M						Ala. A&M				
11/17 at Clemson						at Clemson				
11/20 Penn St.						Penn St.				
11/23 CofC						CofC				
11/27 Presby.						Presby.				
11/30 at Xavier						at Xavier				
12/4 at NC St.						at NC St.				
12/11 Furman						Furman				
12/14 SC State						SC State				
12/18 vs. UNC						vs. UNC				
12/21 Sav. St.						Sav. St.				
12/28 at Drexel						at Drexel				
1/1 Ala.					1/1	Ala.				
1/5 Vandy					1/5	Vandy				
1/8 at Fla.					1/8	at Fla.				
1/12 at LSU					1/12	at LSU				
1/15 Kentucky					1/15	Kentucky				
1/19 at Auburn					1/19	at Auburn				
1/22 at Vandy					1/22	at Vandy				
1/26 Ole Miss					1/26	Ole Miss				
1/29 Miss. St.					1/29	Miss. St.				
2/2 at Tenn.					2/2	at Tenn.				
2/9 at Ark.					2/9	at Ark.				
2/12 Fla.					2/12	Fla.				
2/16 Georgia					2/16	Georgia				
2/19 at Ala.					2/19	at Ala.				
2/23 at Ky.					2/23	at Ky.				
2/26 Ark.					2/26	Ark.				



Around the SEC

	SEC Games			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Alabama	0	0	.000	1	0	1.00
Auburn	0	0	.000	1	0	1.00
Georgia	0	0	.000	1	0	1.00
Kentucky	0	0	.000	1	0	1.00
Ole Miss	0	0	.000	1	0	1.00
Mississippi St.	0	0	.000	1	0	1.00
South Carolina	. 0	0	.000	1	0	1.00
Vanderbilt	0	0	.000	1	0	1.00
Arkansas	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Florida	0	0	.000	0	1	.000
LSU	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Tennessee	0	0	.000	0	0	.000

Coming Up

November 14

21/22 LSU at Wichita State, 7 p.m. Stetson at Florida, 7 p.m. Xavier at Mississippi State, 7 p.m. Western State at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.

November 15

Jacksonville State at 18/15 Kentucky, 11 a.m. Miami at 3/3 Tennessee, 6 p.m. (ESPN2) Belmont at Auburn, 6 p.m. Alabama at Central Arkansas, 7 p.m. 13/12 Georgia at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m. Ole Miss at Lamar, 7 p.m.

November 16

Texas-Arlington at Arkansas, 11 a.m. Georgetown at 21/22 LSU, 7 p.m. USC-Aiken at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.

Recent Results

November 13

14/13 Florida State at Arkansas, 2 p.m. Pepperdine at 3/3 Tennessee, 4:30 p.m. (SPSO)

November 12

Alabama def. Nicholls State, 72-51 Arkansas def. USF, 65-61

November 11

Ole Miss def. North Florida, 68-59 Minnesota def. Arkansas, 68-60 Michigan def. Florida, 69-66 13/12 Georgia def. TCU, 83-60 Auburn def. Mercer, 77-43 Vanderbilt def. Alabama A&M, 86-55 18/15 Kentucky def. Morehead State, 96-60 Mississippi State def. Jacksonville State, 78-41

> Rankings are listed as AP/ESPN Poll All Times Eastern; TV Network in ()

Preseason Props

SEC Coaches voted two Gamecocks to the Preseason All-SEC team last week as senior La'Keisha Sutton and junior Ieasia Walker earned spots on the second team. The pair of guards accounted for 38.2 percent of the team's scoring last season and handed out 54.0 percent of the assists.

We're Back...

South Carolina returns eight letterwinners from last season's Women's NIT team. All are juniors and seniors, including three starters. Additionally, the group includes the top two in points, rebounds and assists for the season. The two seniors that departed in May provided vast leadership and experience, but did not necessarily have a significant game-to-game statistical impact.

The returning Gamecocks accounted for 74.5 percent of last season's scoring, 63.1 percent of rebounding and 81.4 percent of assists. The group of five seniors and three juniors amassed 103 starting assignments a year ago.

Fresh Look

South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley added five student-athletes to her roster this season, providing depth and height on the backcourt while building a foundation for the frontcourt. As a group, the newcomers have accumulated two state titles, eight all-conference selections, six all-state honors and six player of the year awards.

Noting November

The Gamecocks are 70-38 (.648) all-time in the month of November, including a 34-9 (.791) record at home. Under head coach Dawn Staley, South Carolina is 9-9 in the first month of basketball season. The Gamecocks went 3-2 in Staley's first year at the helm (2008-09), were 3-3 in 2009-10 and posted a 2-4 mark last season. The team is currently 1-0 this month.

On the Horizon

Head coach Dawn Staley inked three in the early signing period. Below is a brief look at each of the future Gamecocks.

- Tiffany Davis (Houston, Texas/Westbury Christian) is a 5-foot-8 point guard rated the 29th in the 2012 class at that position. Before transferring to Westbury Christian, she helped Westside High to the 2011 District 20-5A championship game. Davis earned all-region and first-team all-district honors as a junior, netting 16.0 points per game.
- Asia Dozier (Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley) is a 5-foot-11 guard who helped Spring Valley to state championships in 2009 and 2011. Rated the 34th-best guard in the 2012 class and a four-star player by ESPN Hoop/Gurlz, Dozier averaged 17.1 ppg and 3.8 apg as a junior as the Lady Vikings went 29-0. As a freshman, her 18.3 ppg and 3.8 apg earned her Class 4A Area Player of the Year honors from The State newspaper. Her father, Perry, and uncle Terry Dozier also played basketball for the Gamecocks.
- Tina Mitchell (Charlotte, N.C./Providence Day) is a 5-foot-10 guard who is rated among the top 50 players in the 2012 class by ESPN Hoop/Gurlz. She earned South Charlotte player of the year honors and was an Associated Press All-State selection after averaging 18.4 points, 6.9 rebounds, 4.2 steals and 3.9 assists as a junior. She guided the Chargers to 21 straight wins in 2010-11, including the program's second-straight NCISAA state title.

Strength of Schedule

After finishing the 2010-11 campaign with the nation's 19th-toughest schedule, the Gamecocks are facing another challenging slate in 2011-12. With both the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN Coaches preseason polls released this week, South Carolina will play seven games against nationally ranked teams. Another five games will be against teams that also received votes in one or both polls.

Seventeen of the Gamecocks' 29 games this season will be against teams that participated in the 2011 postseason, including nine who were in the NCAA Tournament. Of the 24 opponents on the schedule, eight finished the 2010-11 season with an RPI in the top 50. Six others closed with an RPI between 51 and 100.

AP Top 25 (Preseason)		ESPN/USA Today Top (Preseason)	25
1. Baylor	0-0	1. Baylor	0-0
2. Notre Dame	0-0	2. Notre Dame	0-0
3. Tennessee	0-0	3. Tennessee	0-0
4. Connecticut	0-0	4. Connecticut	0-0
5. Stanford	0-0	5. Stanford	0-0
6. Texas A&M	0-0	6. Texas A&M	0-0
7. Miami (FL)	0-0	7. Miami (FL)	0-0
8. Duke	0-0	8. Duke	0-0
9. Louisville	0-0	9. Louisville	0-0
10. Georgetown	0-0	10. Maryland	0-0
11. Maryland	0-0	11. Georgetown	0-0
12. Penn State	0-0	12. Georgia	0-0
13. Georgia	0-0	13. Florida State	0-0
14. Florida State	0-0	14. Penn State	0-0
15. Oklahoma	0-0	15. Kentucky	0-0
16. Rutgers	0-0	16. Oklahoma	0-0
17. Purdue	0-0	17. Rutgers	0-0
18. Kentucky	0-0	18. DePaul	0-0
19. DePaul	0-0	19. North Carolina	0-0
20. North Carolina	0-0	20. Texas	0-0
21. LSU	0-0	21. Purdue	0-0
22. UCLA	0-0	22. LSU	0-0
23. Southern Cal	0-0	23. Southern Cal	0-0
24. Texas	0-0	24. Green Bay	0-0
25. St. John's	0-0	25. Michigan State	0-0

Miscellaneous Stats

Double-Doubles	2011-12	Career	Record
Charenee Stephen	s 0	7	4-3
Ashley Bruner	0	3	1-2
Ieasia Walker	0	1	1-0
30+ Points	2011-12	Career	Record
Ieasia Walker	0	1	1-0
20+ Points	2011-12	Career	Record
La'Keisha Sutton	0	5	4-1
Ieasia Walker	0	4	2-2
Charenee Stephen	s 0	1	1-0
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10+ Points	2011-12	Career	Record
La'Keisha Sutton	1	44	20-24
Ashley Bruner	1	12	7-5
Markeshia Grant	1	9	6-3
Ieasia Walker	0	30	16-14
Charenee Stephen	s 0	17	11-6
Courtney Newton	0	4	3-1
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10+ Rebounds	2011-12	Career	Record
Ashley Bruner	1	4	2-2
Charenee Stephen	s 0	13	6-7
Ieasia Walker	0	1	1-0
5+ Assists	2011-12	Career	Record
La'Keisha Sutton	0	20	11-9
Ieasia Walker	0	4	3-1
Courtney Newton	n 0	1	1-0
5+ Steals	2011-12	Career	Record
La'Keisha Sutton	0	3	2-1
Ieasia Walker	0	2	1-1
5+ Blocks	2011-12	Career	Record
None			

Games Led Team In...

(Tied for team lead in each category included)

Scoring	2011-12	Career	Record
Ashley Bruner	1	4	2-2
La'Keisha Sutton	0	19	6-13
Ieasia Walker	0	14	8-6
Charenee Stephen	s 0	3	3-0
Courtney Newton	0	2	2-0
Markeshia Grant	0	2	1-1

Rebounding	2011-12	Career	Record
Ashley Bruner	1	16	8-8
Charenee Stephens	s 0	22	10-12
Ieasia Walker	0	5	3-2
Markeshia Grant	0	3	2-1
La'Keisha Sutton	0	2	1-1
Courtney Newton	0	2	0-2
Ebony Wilson	0	1	1-0

Assists	2011-12	Career	Record
La'Keisha Sutton	1	48	23-25
Markeshia Grant	1	3	2-1
Sancheon White	1	1	1-0
Ieasia Walker	0	11	5-6
Courtney Newton	0	5	4-1
Ashley Bruner	0	1	0-1
Charenee Stephen	s 0	1	0-1
Ebony Wilson	0	1	0-1

Watching the Gamecocks

Fans can catch up with the Gamecocks on television 12 times this season, including a pair of games on the ESPN family of networks. South Carolina will also live stream video of all of its non-televised home games for free via its official athletics website, www.GamecocksOnline.com.

The television schedule opens with four nonconference games on SportSouth, beginning with the Penn State game on Nov. 20. The station also will air games against College of Charleston (Nov. 23), Presbyterian (Nov. 27) and Furman (Dec. 11). The SEC package kicks in on Jan. 22 with the contest at Vanderbilt airing on ESPNU. Fox Sports Net will show the home game against Ole Miss (Jan. 26), and SEC Network will air the Mississippi State tilt (Jan. 29). Following the CSS broadcast of the game at Tennessee (Feb. 2), ESPN2 comes to Columbia for the Florida game (Feb. 12). The games against Georgia (Feb. 16) and at Alabama (Feb. 19) will air on FSN, and SEC Network closes out the string with the regular-season finale against Arkansas (Feb. 26).

South Carolina was 9-5 last season in games televised live, including a 5-3 mark in SEC action.

Scoring Differentials

Largest lead in a win	by 30 (65-35), 2nd-7:10 at Illinois, 11/11/11
Largest deficit overcome to win	by 2 (4-6), 1st-17:56 at Illinois, 11/11/11
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2011-12 Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht	Yr.	Hometown/Last School
0	Imani Sellers	G	5-8	Jr.	Holly Hill, S.C./Lake Marion
1	Ebony Wilson	G	5-8	Sr.	Newark, N.J./Rend Lake College
2	Shelbretta Ball #	G	5-8	Fr.	Jackson, Miss./Jackson Academy
3	Ieasia Walker	G	5-8	Jr.	Amityville, N.Y./Copiague
5	Markeshia Grant	G	5-6	Sr.	Tampa, Fla./Coll. of Central Florida
11	La'Keisha Sutton	G	5-8	Sr.	Trenton, N.J./Trenton Catholic
12	Charenee Stephens	F	6-0	Sr.	Decatur, Ga./Southwest DeKalb
20	Sancheon White	G	5-10	Jr.	Hammond, Ind./Central Ariz. Coll.
21	Ashley Bruner	F	6-0	Jr.	Norman, Okla./Norman
22	Courtney Newton	F	5-9	Sr.	Flowery Branch, Ga./Flowery Branch
23	Tina Roy	G	5-11	Fr.	Kaplan, La./Kaplan
24	Aleighsa Welch	F	6-0	Fr.	Goose Creek, S.C./Goose Creek
30	Pamela Decheva	F	6-1	Fr.	Sofia, Bulgaria
33	Elem Ibiam	F	6-3	Fr.	Favetteville, Ga./Favette County

Head Coach: Dawn Staley
Associate Head Coach: Lisa Boyer

Assistant Coaches: Nikki McCray, Darius Taylor

indicates medically disqualified from participating

Pronunciation Guide

Ashley Bruner	BREW-ner
Pamela Decheva	DETCH-iv-uh
Markeshia Grant	mar-KEY-shuh
Elem Ibiam	ELL-um IB-ee-um
Imani Sellers	i-MAH-nee
Charenee Stephens	shar-NAY
La'Keisha Sutton	luh-KEY-shuh
Ieasia Walker	eye-EESH-uh
Aleighsa Welch	uh-LEE-suh
Sancheon White	SAN-chee-on



2011-12 South Carolina Basketball South Carolina Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 11, 2011) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0

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##	Player	gp-gs	min avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot avg	pf	dq	а	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
21	BRUNER, Ashley	1-0	26 26.0	6-9	.66	0-0	.00	2-3	.66	4	2	6 6.0	2	0	2	1	0	3	14	14.0
05	GRANT, Markeshi	1-1	22 22.0	3-8	.37	3-7	.42	2-2	1.000	2	2	4 4.0	0	0	3	0	0	0	11	11.0
11	SUTTON, La'Keish	1-1	30 30.0	3-10	.30	0-2	.00	4-6	.66	2	0	2 2.0	2	0	3	3	0	1	10	10.0
03	WALKER, leasia	1-1	23 23.0	2-5	.40	0-1	.00	4-6	.66	1	4	5 5.0	3	0	2	4	0	0	8	8.0
20	WHITE, Sancheon	1-0	15 15.0	1-9	.11	1-4	.25	3-4	.75	2	1	3 3.0	0	0	3	0	0	2	6	6.0
33	IBIAM, Elem	1-0	9 9.0	2-5	.40	0-0	.00	1-2	.50	3	1	4 4.0	3	0	0	1	0	0	5	5.0
23	ROY, Tina	1-0	10 10.0	2-4	.50	1-2	.50	0-0	.00	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	5.0
01	WILSON, Ebony	1-0	18 18.0	2-2	1.000	0-0	.00	0-0	.00	1	1	2 2.0	1	0	1	0	1	3	4	4.0
12	STEPHENS, Char	1-1	16 16.0	2-3	.66	0-0	.00	0-0	.00	1	1	2 2.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
22	NEWTON, Courtn	1-1	7 7.0	0-0	.00	0-0	.00	2-2	1.000	0	1	1 1.0	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	2.0
24	WELCH, Aleighsa	1-0	16 16.0	1-2	.50	0-0	.00	0-0	.00	1	2	3 3.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	2.0
30	DECHEVA, Pamel	1-0	5 5.0	0-0	.00	0-0	.00	0-0	.00	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
00	SELLERS, Imani	1-0	3 3.0	0-0	.00	0-0	.00	0-0	.00	0	1	1 1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Team									1	0	1				1				
	Total	1	200	24-57	.42	5-16	.31	18-25	.72	18	16	34 34.0	21	0	14	14	2	9	71	71.0
	Opponents	1	200	13-38	.34	1-2	.50	25-35	.71	12	20	32 32.0	20	-	5	22	5	6	52	52.0

TEAM STATISTICS	SC	OPP
SCORING	71	52
Points per game	71.0	52.0
Scoring margin	+19.0	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	24-57	13-38
Field goal pct	.421	.342
3 POINT FG-ATT	5-16	1-2
3-point FG pct	.313	.500
3-pt FG made per gam	5.0	1.0
FREE THROWS-ATT	18-25	25-35
Free throw pct	.720	.714
F-Throws made per ga	18.0	25.0
REBOUNDS	34	32
Rebounds per game	34.0	32.0
Rebounding margin	+2.0	-
ASSISTS	14	5
Assists per game	14.0	5.0
TURNOVERS	14	22
Turnovers per game	14.0	22.0
Turnover margin	+8.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.2
STEALS	9	6
Steals per game	9.0	6.0
BLOCKS	2	5
Blocks per game	2.0	5.0
ATTENDANCE	0	770
Home games-Avg/Gam	0-0	1-770
Neutral site-Avg/Game	=	0-0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
South Carolina	31	40	71
Opponents	24	28	52

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/11/11	at Illinois	W	71-52	770

^{* -} Conference game