

# CAROLINA

## GAMECOCKS



*2008 Season Review*





## THE NON-CONFERENCE SLATE

Complete with a roster composed of 14 freshmen and only one senior, Coach Shelley Smith set out in 2008 to build upon the momentum gained after leading the 2007 squad to the program's first NCAA Tournament appearance in 10 years. Despite an admittedly disappointing start to the new season with a scoreless draw at UNC Wilmington, the Gamecocks would progress to go unbeaten in their first eight games.

Following the draw at Wilmington, South Carolina returned home for a four-game homestand. Samantha Diaz-Matosas scored the first goal of the season with a penalty kick in the 43rd minute against East Carolina to give the Gamecocks their first win of the season with a 1-0 shutout. Another 1-0 shutout victory followed three days later after Lindsay Small scored her first career goal to put away the Boston Terriers.

In-state opponents Clemson and Furman travelled to Columbia the next weekend to participate in the fourth annual Carolina's Cup, and the Friday night marquee matchup featured rivals South Carolina and Clemson in a match played in front of 1,254 fans, the third largest crowd to watch a women's soccer match at Stone Stadium. Small once again stepped up to hit the gamewinner in the 48th minute as the South Carolina defense limited the Tigers to only four shots in 90 minutes of action. With the tournament title on the line, the Gamecocks defeated Furman 2-1 courtesy of a Kim Miller penalty kick in overtime to give South Carolina the championship for the second consecutive season. Furman's goal in the 25th minute to tie the match was the first given up by South Carolina on the year, ending a streak of 434:23 shutout minutes to start the season by new starter Mollie Patton — the longest shutout streak in program history.



A trip to the Auburn Soccer Classic was next and featured strong opponents in Marquette and nationally ranked Florida State. The Gamecocks found themselves on the fortunate side of yet another 1-0 shutout as freshman Kayla Grimsley scored a goal in her second consecutive game off an 87th minute corner kick by Shannon Bigbie. Sunday's morning match featured the Gamecocks against No. 7 Florida State, the 2007 national runner-up. Miller and Grimsley both scored in the opening 25 minutes to give the Gamecocks a comfortable lead against the ACC frontrunner, but the Seminoles responded with three goals in a 20-minute span to threaten Carolina with its first defeat. Freshman Idana DeCecco would be the surprising hero after subbing into the midfield and tying the score in the 75th minute. Following 110 minutes of thrilling soccer, the teams finished in a 3-3 draw, a result that due to the lack of experience on the roster almost resonated as loud as South Carolina's 1-0 victory against ACC opponent North Carolina in the 2007 season opener.

The showing against Florida State propelled the Gamecocks into the national polls for the first time this season, and the No. 20 Gamecocks responded with a 4-0 win against ETSU. Grimsley was one the goal scorers in the match and gave her the distinction of being the first freshman and only the second player in South Carolina history to register a goal in four consecutive games. Riding a nine-match unbeaten streak, Carolina traveled to Cullowhee, N.C., for the non-conference finale but suffered a devastating blow when lone senior Danila Monteiro went down in the second minute with a hard foul that would ultimately cause her to miss six games. With forward Brooke Jacobs also missing the game due to injury, Western Carolina used its physical play on the pitch to frustrate the Gamecocks before a Catamount corner kick in the 65th minute deflected into the goal to send the Gamecocks to their first loss of the season.

Coupled with a tie in the 2007 NCAA Tournament game against Duke, Carolina's nine-match unbeaten streak set a program record as the Gamecocks headed into conference play with a 6-1-2 record.

## SEC PLAY

Fresh off a stunning defeat at Western Carolina, the Gamecocks regrouped quickly as the team competed against Tennessee and Georgia to open up the Southeastern Conference slate. After going winless in the first 13 matches against the Lady Vols, the Gamecocks made it two in a row with a 2-1 victory at Stone Stadium. Junior Blakely Mattern and sophomore Brittny Rhoades hooked up for the second of four times this season on a corner kick-header combination for the game's first goal before an own goal tied the match in the 67th. Tennessee native Natalie Aaron responded six minutes later with her first career goal to move the Gamecocks to 1-0 in SEC play. Georgia came to town two days later seeking a turnaround after nonconference play left the Bulldogs 2-7-0. Georgia struck first before Aaron once again shined bright for the Gamecocks with a goal as the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

In the farthest road trip of the season, No. 24 South Carolina shutout Kentucky 2-0 courtesy of two goals from Grimsley who began to position herself in the running for conference Freshman of the Year honors. Grimsley also scored her SEC-leading seventh goal of the season two days later at Vanderbilt, but the Gamecocks were not able to overcome a 2-0 deficit as the Commodores upended Carolina.

A return to Stone Stadium was welcomed as the Gamecocks looked to build on a 10-game unbeaten streak at home dating to the 2007 season. Mississippi State was first on the docket, and it was apparent right away that Carolina was upset with its showing at Vanderbilt as the Gamecocks recorded goals by Grimsley and Jacobs in the opening eight minutes. The team settled for a 2-1 win after letting a goal slip away in the 79th minute due to a miscommunication on a Carolina corner kick that gave the Bulldogs a free breakaway from midfield. Ole Miss was next, and a scoreless first half was the exact opposite of a frenetic second half that saw the teams combine for four goals in a 16-minute span. Mattern and Rhoades connected yet again just 42 seconds into the half before Grimsley and Diaz-Matosas assisted a Shannon Bigbie goal 90 seconds later for a 2-0 lead. The assist marked the sixth consecutive game that Grimsley earned a point. The Gamecocks went on to win the match after Diaz-Matosas hit the gamewinner just yards in front of the net in the 88th minute following a scramble in the box.

With a 10-2-3 overall record and 4-1-1 mark in SEC play, the Gamecocks were riding high as they traveled west to take on Alabama and Auburn. Unfortunately, bad fortune befell the Garnet and Black as they dropped a 1-0 match at Alabama despite outshooting the Crimson Tide 20-6 and holding them

without a shot for the entire second half. With a trip to Auburn following, neither the defense nor the offense clicked as the Tigers earned a 2-0 victory, marking the first time that South Carolina dropped a match by more than one goal.

The next week featured a home date with the conference's most potent offensive attack in No. 13 LSU, but the Tigers offense was no match for a reawakened Carolina defense that limited LSU to only four shots in the match. However, despite strong looks on goal, the Gamecocks could not get one to blow past LSU's Freshman All-American keeper as the teams settled for a scoreless draw. The shutout was the seventh of the season for Patton, tying a South Carolina record in just her first season in goal. With a trip to Arkansas to end the weekend, Miller ended South Carolina's three-game scoreless streak with two first half goals in a 3-1 victory.

For the regular season finale, national television cameras focused on the South Carolina program for the second consecutive season as the Gamecocks welcomed No. 7 Florida to Stone Stadium in the NSCAA Game of the Week televised by the Fox Soccer Channel. Dominated by Carolina's backline throughout the match, the Gators were only able to get off five shots in the match but the fifth shot proved to be the difference after a rebound of a Patton save gave Florida the opportunity it needed. The Gamecocks earned the No. 5 seed in the SEC Tournament after concluding the season with an 11-5-4 (5-4-2 SEC) record.



## POSTSEASON PLAY

For the third consecutive year the Gamecocks headed to Orange Beach, Ala., to participate in the SEC Tournament. Fifth-seed Carolina drew fourth-seed Georgia in the quarterfinals in a rematch of a 1-1 draw in the regular season. For yet another time this season, the Gamecock defense put on a clinic in limiting the Bulldogs to three shots in 90 minutes of action — including holding Georgia without a shot in the second half — but the Bulldogs were able to convert on two of their three opportunities to claim a 2-1 victory. Mattern scored Carolina's lone goal in the match courtesy of assists from Grimsley and Rhoades as South Carolina awaited word from the NCAA Selection Committee regarding a spot in the tournament.

Thanks to a strong strength of schedule and a collection of dazzling defenses performances throughout the year, South Carolina was selected for the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year as the Gamecocks drew William & Mary in the first round of the Durham regional. Despite leading 2-1 in the second half courtesy of goals from Monteiro and Jacobs, Carolina gave up a late goal against the Tribe to send the match into overtime. In the extra period, William & Mary was able to score in the 93rd minute to deny the Gamecocks their first NCAA victory in a game that was filled with foul calls and yellow cards against a South Carolina team that had the fewest in the SEC throughout the season.

Following the season, two Gamecocks earned All-SEC honors in Blakely Mattern (First Team) and Kayla Grimsley (Second Team, Freshman Team). Mattern also earned First Team Academic All-America honors, marking the fourth consecutive year that a Gamecock earned the distinction.



2008 FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player	MP-MS	G	A	P	GWG	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	GWA	2008 MISC STATS				
											GOALS	1	2	OT	Total
Kayla Grimsley	22-20	8	6	22	2	37	.216	17	.459	1	USC	15	14	1	30
Kim Miller	22-22	4	3	11	2	36	.111	16	.444	1	OPP	8	13	1	22
Brooke Jacobs	21-15	3	4	10	1	38	.079	26	.684	2					
Blakely Mattern	22-22	4	0	8	0	20	.200	11	.550	0	<b>SHOTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lindsay Small	22-22	3	1	7	2	35	.086	11	.314	0	USC	142	149	17	308
Danila Monteiro	16-12	2	2	6	1	24	.083	12	.500	0	OPP	79	104	3	186
Samantha Diaz-Matosas	22-22	2	2	6	2	16	.125	11	.688	0					
Shannon Bigbie	22-20	1	4	6	0	24	.042	13	.542	3	<b>SAVES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Natalie Aaron	21-2	2	1	5	1	27	.074	18	.667	0	USC	25	34	0	59
Brittany Rhoades	22-22	0	5	5	0	15	.00	5	.333	1	OPP	58	57	10	125
Idana DeCecco	15-0	1	0	2	0	2	.500	1	.500	0					
Maria Petroni	17-7	0	2	2	8	0	.000	3	.375	1	<b>CKS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Kira Campbell	22-12	0	1	1	0	12	.000	5	.417	1	USC	52	52	4	108
Bonny Lepley	19-0	0	0	0	0	6	.000	2	.333	0	OPP	31	38	1	70
Kacie Brewer	9-0	0	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	0					
Courtney Bowen	3-0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	<b>FOULS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Ellen Fahey	22-22	0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	USC	92	93	8	193
Lolly Holland	15-0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	OPP	98	113	5	216
Alison Bagley	6-0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0					
Sydney Hill	14-0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		<b>GP</b>	<b>AVG</b>	
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>.097</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>.503</b>	<b>10</b>	Total		22	591	
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>.118</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>.435</b>		Home		11	562	
											Away		7	616	
											Neutral		4	627	

Goalkeeper	MP-MS	MIN	SVS	GA	GAA	SHO
Mollie Patton	22-22	2052:34	58	22	0.96	7
Roya Mojarab	1-0	13:07	0	0	0.00	0
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2065:41</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2065:41</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1.31</b>	<b>6</b>

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Goals	No.
Kayla Grimsley	8
Kim Miller	4
Blakely Mattern	4
Brooke Jacobs	3
Lindsay Small	3

  

Assists	No.
Kayla Grimsley	6
Brittany Rhoades	5
Brooke Jacobs	4
Shannon Bigbie	4
Kim Miller	3

  

Points	No.
Kayla Grimsley	22
Kim Miller	11
Brooke Jacobs	10
Blakely Mattern	8
Lindsay Small	7

  

Shots	No.
Brooke Jacobs	38
Kayla Grimsley	37
Kim Miller	36
Lindsay Small	35
Natalie Aaron	27

Shots On Goal	No.
Brooke Jacobs	26
Natalie Aaron	18
Kayla Grimsley	17
Kim Miller	16
Shannon Bigbie	13

  

Game Winning Goals	No.
Kayla Grimsley	2
Kim Miller	2
Lindsay Small	2
Samantha Diaz-Matosas	2

  

Game Winning Assists	No.
Shannon Bigbie	3
Brooke Jacobs	2

  

Minutes Played	No.
Blakely Mattern	2066
Kim Miller	2014
Brittany Rhoades	1976
Samantha Diaz-Matosas	1943
Lindsay Small	1899

  

Matches Started	No.
Kim Miller	22
Blakely Mattern	22
Lindsay Small	22
Samantha Diaz-Matosas	22
Brittany Rhoades	22
Ellen Fahey	22

SEASON SUPERLATIVES

TEAM HIGHS	
Goals Scored	4, vs. East Tennessee State (9/19)
Goals Allowed	3, vs. Florida State & William & Mary
Shots Taken	20, vs. Mississippi State (10/10)
Shots Allowed	20, vs. Florida State (9/14)
Corners Taken	11, vs. Alabama (10/17)
Corners Allowed	12, vs. Florida State (9/14)
Fouls Committed	13, vs. Furman (9/7)
Fouled Against	20, vs. Western Carolina & Miss. State
Saves	8, vs. Florida State (9/14)
Saves Against	11, at UNC Wilmington (8/23)

  

TEAM LOWS	
Goals Scored	0, 6 times
Goals Allowed	0, 8 times
Shots Taken	6, at Kentucky (10/3)
Shots Allowed	3, vs. Georgia (11/5)
Corners Taken	1, vs. Georgia (11/5)
Corners Allowed	0, 4 times
Fouls Committed	4, vs. Marquette & Florida
Fouled Against	4, vs. William & Mary (11/14)
Saves	0, vs. Georgia (11/5)
Saves Against	1, at Kentucky (10/3)

  

INDIVIDUAL	
Most Shots	6, Lindsay Small (two times)
Most Goals	2, Kayla Grimsley (10/3) & Kim Miller (10/26)
Most Assists	2, Dani Monteiro (9/14) & Brittany Rhoades (9/26)
Most Points	4, Kayla Grimsley (10/3) & Kim Miller (10/26)
Most Saves	8, Mollie Patton (9/14)

BACK-TO-BACK NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES



2008 FINAL RESULTS

Overall: 11-7-4      SEC: 5-4-2      Home: 8-1-2      Away: 2-4-1      Neutral: 1-2-1

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Att.	Record	SEC Record	Goals
Aug. 23	at UNC Wilmington	T (20T)	0-0	225	0-0-1		
Aug. 28	East Carolina	W	1-0	118	1-0-1		Diaz Matosas (PK)
Aug. 31	Boston University	W	1-0	404	2-0-1		Small (Miller, Bigbie)
Sept. 5	Clemson \$	W	1-0	1254	3-0-1		Small (Campbell, Jacobs)
Sept. 7	Furman \$	W (OT)	2-1	610	4-0-1		Grimsley (Aaron), Miller (PK)
Sept. 12	vs. Marquette ^	W	1-0	789	5-0-1		Grimsley (Bigbie)
Sept. 14	vs. #4 Florida State ^	T (20T)	3-3	247	5-0-2		Miller (Petroni), Grimsley (Monteiro), DeCecco (Monteiro)
Sept. 18	East Tennessee State	W	4-0	450	6-0-2		Monteiro (Jacobs), Small (Grimsley), Grimsley (Miller, Small), Mattern (Rhoades)
Sept. 21	at Western Carolina	L	0-1	500	6-1-2		
Sept. 26	Tennessee	W	2-1	282	7-1-2	(1-0-0 SEC)	Mattern (Rhoades), Aaron (Rhoades, Grimsley)
Sept. 28	Georgia	T (20T)	1-1	641	7-2-3	(1-0-1 SEC)	Aaron (Grimsley)
Oct. 3	at Kentucky	W	2-0	869	8-1-3	(2-0-1 SEC)	Grimsley (Petroni), Grimsley (Jacobs)
Oct. 5	at Vanderbilt	L	1-2	723	8-2-3	(2-1-1 SEC)	Grimsley (unassisted)
Oct. 10	Mississippi State	W	2-1	607	9-2-3	(3-1-1 SEC)	Grimsley (Diaz-Matosas), Jacobs (Bigbie)
Oct. 12	Ole Miss	W	3-2	482	10-2-3	(4-1-1 SEC)	Mattern (Rhoades), Bigbie (Diaz-Matosas, Grimsley), Diaz-Matosas (unassisted)
Oct. 17	at Alabama	L	0-1	648	10-3-3	(4-2-1 SEC)	
Oct. 19	at Auburn	L	0-2	437	10-4-3	(4-3-1 SEC)	
Oct. 23	#13 LSU	T (20T)	0-0	391	10-4-4	(4-3-2 SEC)	
Oct. 26	at Arkansas	W	3-1	912	11-4-4	(5-3-2 SEC)	Miller (unassisted), Miller (unassisted), Jacobs (Bigbie)
Oct. 30	#7 Florida	L	0-1	944	11-5-4	(5-4-2 SEC)	
Nov. 5	vs. Georgia %	L	1-2	1200	11-6-4	(5-4-2 SEC)	Mattern (Grimsley, Rhoades)
Nov. 14	vs. William & Mary &	L (OT)	2-3	273	11-7-4	(5-4-2 SEC)	Jacobs (Miller), Monteiro (Jacobs, Grimsley)

\$ Carolinas' Cup (Columbia, S.C.)  
 ^ Auburn Soccer Classic (Auburn, Ala.)  
 % SEC Tournament (Orange Beach, Ala.)  
 & NCAA Tournament (Durham, N.C.)

BACK-TO-BACK NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES



**Bottom Row (L-R):** Brooke Jacobs, Maggie Blackwell, Aly Shattls, Danila Monteiro, Kim Miller, Shannon Bigbie, Samantha Diaz-Matosas, Lindsay Small, Brittiny Rhoades, Alison Bagley, Lolly Holland. **Middle Row (L-R):** Associate Head Coach Jamie Smith, Head Coach Shelley Smith, Athletic Trainer Daniele Albert, Athletic Trainer Stephania Rosehart, Maria Petroni, Roya Mojarab, Mollie Patton, Blakely Mattern, Ellen Fahey, Volunteer Coach Laura Armstrong, Strength and Conditioning Coach Andrea Tyndall, Assistant Coach Mat Cosgriff. **Top Row (L-R):** Kayla Grimsley, Morgan Jones, Ali Glemser, Courtney Bowen, Kacie Brewer, Jocelyn Spurrier, Sydney Hill, Kira Campbell, Idana DeCecco, Bonny Lopley, Natalie Aaron.





**GAME 1:  
@ UNC WILMINGTON**

**South Carolina 0      UNC Wilmington 0**  
**Wilmington, N.C. • Aug. 23**  
**UNCW Soccer Stadium (225)**

The South Carolina women's soccer team opened the 2008 campaign with a scoreless draw Saturday against UNC Wilmington at a windy UNCW Soccer Stadium.

South Carolina outshot the Seahawks 17-4 but couldn't capitalize on their looks as the match moves the Gamecocks to 7-5-2 all-time in season openers. The overtime match was the first for South Carolina against a non-conference opponent in the regular season since they battled Charlotte to a 2-1 victory on Sept. 19, 2004.

Goals By Period	1	2	OT	2OT	F
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0
UNC Wilmington	0	0	0	0	0

Shots: 17-4      Saves: 4-11  
Corners: 4-2      Fouls: 8-14

**GAME 2:  
EAST CAROLINA**

**South Carolina 1      East Carolina 0**  
**Columbia, S.C. • Aug. 28**  
**Stone Stadium (118)**

Samantha Diaz-Matosas scored on a penalty kick in the 43rd minute as South Carolina continued its strong play at Stone Stadium in a 1-0 victory Thursday against East Carolina. The Gamecocks improve to 10-3-1 in home openers and move to 16-1-3 at Stone Stadium since the start of the 2006 season.

In a match where they dominated with a 15-3 shot differential, an ECU handball in the 18' led to Carolina's first goal of the season. Maria Petroni played a ball at the top of the penalty box that was originally intended to be a shot, but the ball hit the hand of a Pirate defender inside the 18' to set up the penalty kick at 42:31. Playing in the back line, Diaz-Matosas pushed up for her first career PK and snuck it past goalkeeper Amber Campbell for her first goal of the season. The strike came one game after Campbell, a preseason All C-USA selection, moved into first on the ECU record books with 23 career shutouts.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	1	0	1
East Carolina	0	0	0

**Scoring Summary**  
USC - Diaz-Matosas (PK), 42:01

Shots: 15-3      Saves: 1-5  
Corners: 6-3      Fouls: 7-8

**GAME 3:  
BOSTON UNIVERSITY**

**South Carolina 1      Boston Univ. 0**  
**Columbia, S.C. • Aug. 31**  
**Stone Stadium (404)**

Junior midfielder Lindsay Small could pick no better time to score her first career goal as she led Carolina to a 1-0 victory against Boston Sunday at Stone Stadium. The match was the first between the Gamecocks and Terriers as the two 2007 NCAA Tournament teams battled in a close match that was decided in the midst of heavy rain for the final 20 minutes of action.

Despite outshooting the Terriers 12-10, Carolina couldn't seem to get shots on the frame as they went into the half with zero of their five shots on goal. Small's goal in the 56th minute was only Carolina's second to the net as the Gamecocks finished with four on frame. It went slightly better for the Terriers as six of their 10 shots hit the mark, but Gamecock goalkeeper Mollie Patton continued her strong play in her first year in goal with six saves in the shutout. Patton has posted three shutouts to begin the season, a stretch that includes 290 minutes of shutout play.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	0	1	1
Boston	0	0	0

**Scoring Summary**  
USC - Small (Miller, Bigbie), 55:50

Shots: 12-10      Saves: 6-3  
Corners: 2-4      Fouls: 10-8

**GAME 4:  
CLEMSON**

**South Carolina 1      Clemson 0**  
**Columbia, S.C. • Sept. 5**  
**Stone Stadium (1254)**

Midfielder Lindsay Small stepped up for the second consecutive game to lead South Carolina to a 1-0 victory against rival Clemson in front of 1,254 fans at Stone Stadium, the third largest crowd to watch a women's soccer match at the stadium. The win is the third consecutive home victory for the Gamecocks against the Tigers and marks the 10th straight shutout victory in the series as the winning team has stifled the opponent in every match since 1999.

With the victory, South Carolina continues the unbeaten shutout streak for goalkeeper Mollie Patton to begin the season. Courtesy of a tough Carolina defense that limited the Tigers to four shots, Patton only registered two saves in the match but saw her season-opening shutout streak improve to 380 minutes (380:00) in her first season in goal, a South Carolina record to start a season.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	0	1	1
Clemson	0	0	0

**Scoring Summary**  
USC - Small (Campbell, Jacobs), 47:17

Shots: 14-4      Saves: 2-2  
Corners: 4-4      Fouls: 11-10

**GAME 5:  
FURMAN**

**South Carolina 2      Furman 1**  
**Columbia, S.C. • Sept. 7**  
**Stone Stadium (610)**

With the Carolina's Cup championship on the line, midfielder Kim Miller hit a penalty kick in the 94th minute to lead South Carolina to a 2-1 overtime victory over Furman. With the win, the Gamecocks improve to 4-0-1 and win the Carolina's Cup for the second consecutive year.

Miller's penalty kick came after a foul inside the 18' just three minutes after the start of overtime. Her last PK attempt came in the 2007 NCAA Tournament game against Duke where she was the only Gamecock to knock in a kick in the first round match. The goal was the second career score for Miller, who was one of four Gamecocks named to the All-Tournament Team in addition to Lindsay Small who was named Tournament MVP.

Goals By Period	1	2	OT	F
South Carolina	1	0	1	1
Furman	0	1	0	1

**Scoring Summary**  
USC - Grimsley (Aaron), 26:12  
FUR - Martin, 24:23  
USC - Miller (PK), 93:38

Shots: 15-8      Saves: 2-6  
Corners: 7-4      Fouls: 13-12

**GAME 6:  
MARQUETTE**

**South Carolina 1      Marquette 0**  
**Auburn, Ala. • Sept. 12**  
**Auburn Soccer Complex (789)**

Freshman Kayla Grimsley scored for the second consecutive game as her header in the 87th minute propelled South Carolina to a 1-0 victory over Marquette at the Auburn Soccer Classic. The win improves Carolina's unbeaten streak to six games as they begin the season with a 5-0-1 record. Mollie Patton registered her SEC-leading fifth shutout of the season to lead Carolina.

With three minutes remaining in the second period and the score deadlocked, Shannon Bigbie took a corner kick that landed right at Grimsley's head in front of the goal and went into the net with 3:14 remaining to give South Carolina its first victory on the road. The assist was Bigbie's second of the year on a game-winning goal.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	0	1	1
Marquette	0	0	0

**Scoring Summary**  
USC - Grimsley (Bigbie), 86:14

Shots: 12-13      Saves: 4-3  
Corners: 7-2      Fouls: 4-9



**GAME 7:  
#7 FLORIDA STATE**

**South Carolina 3 Florida State 3**  
**Auburn, Ala. • Sept. 14**  
**Auburn Soccer Complex (247)**

Three Gamecocks scored in a thrilling double-overtime tie between South Carolina and No. 7 Florida State Sunday at the Auburn Soccer Classic. The Gamecocks came back from a 3-2 deficit late in the second half off a goal from Idana DeCecco after initially leading 2-0 early in the first half. The seven-game unbeaten streak matches the 2007 team for best start to a season.

Kayla Grimsley, Kim Miller and DeCecco each scored once for Carolina with Maria Petroni picking up one assist and Danila Monteiro recording the other two. Grimsley notched her team-leading third goal in as many games for the Gamecocks.

Goals By Period	1	2	OT	2OT	F
South Carolina	2	1	0	0	3
Florida State	1	2	0	0	3

**Scoring Summary**

USC - Miller (Petroni), 15:36  
USC - Grimsley (Monteiro), 25:47  
FSU - Lim (Kazbour), 41:53  
FSU - McCarty (Wagenfuhr), 49:47  
FSU - McCarty (Wagenfuhr), 61:20  
USC - DeCecco (Monteiro), 74:22

Shots: 14-20                      Saves: 8-6  
Corners: 4-12                      Fouls: 8-7

**GAME 8:  
EAST TENNESSEE STATE**

**#20 South Carolina 4 ETSU 0**  
**Columbia, S.C. • Sept. 19**  
**Stone Stadium (450)**

Four separate Gamecocks scored in the first half to lead No. 20 South Carolina to a 4-0 victory against East Tennessee State, improving Carolina's unbeaten streak to eight games with a 6-0-2 record, the longest in program history.

Senior Danila Monteiro scored her first goal of the season in the 8th minute for the game-winner. Lindsay Small, Kayla Grimsley and Blakely Mattern also scored for South Carolina.

Kayla Grimsley's goal in the 22nd minute marked her fourth consecutive game with a goal making her the first freshman to notch a goal in four consecutive games and only the second player in Carolina history to do so.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	4	0	4
East Carolina	0	0	0

**Scoring Summary**

USC - Monteiro (Jacobs), 7:38  
USC - Small (Grimsley), 12:34  
USC - Grimsley (Miller, Small), 21:59  
USC - Mattern (Rhoades), 44:34

Shots: 19-7                      Saves: 2-6  
Corners: 3-0                      Fouls: 5-5

**GAME 9:  
@ WESTERN CAROLINA**

**#20 South Carolina 0 Western Carolina 1**  
**Cullowhee, N.C. • Sept. 21**  
**Catamount Athletic Complex (500)**

No. 20 South Carolina dropped its first match of the season Sunday in a physical 1-0 game against Western Carolina at the Catamount Athletic Complex. The loss ends Carolina's (6-1-2) program best eight-game unbeaten streak.

Western Carolina's Arlan Whittle scored the lone goal of the match in the 64th minute when she lined a corner kick that deflected into the goal on the Catamounts' third shot of the game.

Two minutes into the game the Gamecock offense suffered a severe blow when senior Danila Monteiro went to the ground following a foul from the back at 2:02. The lone senior on the team, Monteiro left the field with a leg injury and did not return to the match, changing the dynamic of the team with forward Brooke Jacobs also missing the match after suffering a leg injury in Friday's 4-0 victory against East Tennessee State.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	0	0	0
Western Carolina	0	1	1

**Scoring Summary**  
USC - Whittle, 64:14

Shots: 11-5                      Saves: 3-4  
Corners: 5-3                      Fouls: 8-20

**GAME 10:  
TENNESSEE**

**South Carolina 2 Tennessee 1**  
**Columbia, S.C. • Sept. 26**  
**Stone Stadium (282)**

Freshman Natalie Aaron scored the game-winner on her first career goal to lead South Carolina to a 2-1 victory against Tennessee in the SEC opener for both teams. The win is Carolina's second straight against the Lady Vols after going winless in the first 13 contests against the SEC Eastern division rival.

Blakely Mattern got the Gamecocks on the board early in the first half with a header at 18:12 from a Brittney Rhoades corner kick for the 1-0 lead. The Lady Vols evened the game in the second half courtesy of a South Carolina own goal in the 67th minute before Aaron hit the game-winner at 73:04.

The Carolina defense led by Mattern limited UT to only three shots on goal despite their 14 attempts in the match.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	1	1	2
Tennessee	0	1	1

**Scoring Summary**

USC - Mattern (Rhoades), 18:12  
UT - Rossi (OWN Goal), 66:40  
USC - Aaron (Rhoades, Grimsley), 73:04

Shots: 14-14                      Saves: 2-7  
Corners: 6-6                      Fouls: 11-12

**GAME 11:  
GEORGIA**

**South Carolina 1 Georgia 1**  
**Columbia, S.C. • Sept. 28**  
**Stone Stadium (641)**

Freshman Natalie Aaron scored her second goal in as many games to even the match in the 73rd minute as South Carolina battled Georgia to a 1-1 draw Sunday afternoon at Stone Stadium.

After hitting the game-winner in the 74th minute Friday to lead Carolina to its first regular season victory over Tennessee, Aaron hooked up with fellow freshman Kayla Grimsley at 72:41 to even the match 1-1 after Georgia went ahead early in the first half off a goal from Carrie Patterson. Grimsley also assisted Aaron's game-winner on Friday, giving her classmate payback this weekend after Aaron assisted Grimsley on her first career goal this season against Furman.

Goals By Period	1	2	OT	2OT	F
South Carolina	0	1	0	0	1
Georgia	1	0	0	0	1

**Scoring Summary**

UGA - Patterson (West), 38:34  
USC - Aaron (Grimsley), 72:41

Shots: 13-8                      Saves: 2-8  
Corners: 3-2                      Fouls: 6-13

**GAME 12:  
@ KENTUCKY**

**#24 South Carolina 2 Kentucky 0**  
**Lexington, Ky. • Oct. 3**  
**UK Soccer Complex (869)**

Freshman Kayla Grimsley notched South Carolina's first individual multi-goal game of the year in leading the No. 24 Gamecocks to a 2-0 shutout of Kentucky Friday at the UK Soccer Complex. Mollie Patton recorded her sixth shutout of the year as the Gamecocks earn their first SEC shutout victory on the road since defeating No. 13 Auburn 1-0 on Sept. 24, 2006 (not including Carolina's 2-0 victory against Tennessee at the neutral site Orange Beach Soccer Complex last season at the SEC Tournament).

Grimsley now leads the team with six goals and three assists for 15 points in her first season with the Gamecocks. Only 12 games into the season, Grimsley's 15 points puts her tied for fourth all-time for Carolina freshman. Gamecock great Jennie Ondo holds the freshman record for points with 34 set in 1996.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	1	1	2
Kentucky	0	0	0

**Scoring Summary**

USC - Grimsley (Petroni), 10:18  
USC - Grimsley (Jacobs), 57:12

Shots: 6-11                      Saves: 2-1  
Corners: 4-3                      Fouls: 10-5

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**GAME 13:  
@ VANDERBILT**

**#24 South Carolina 1      Vanderbilt 2**  
**Nashville, Tenn. • Oct. 5**  
**Vanderbilt Soccer Complex (723)**

Freshman Kayla Grimsley scored her SEC-leading seventh goal of the season but the Gamecocks were not able to overcome an early 2-0 deficit as No. 24 South Carolina dropped a 2-1 decision on the road Sunday at Vanderbilt.

Trailing 2-0 late in the second half after Vanderbilt sophomore's Molly and Megan Kinsella each scored goals, Grimsley put the Gamecocks on the board at 75:23 to put her in a tie with Tennessee's Kylie Rossi for tops in the SEC with seven goals on the year. Also following Sunday's action, Grimsley now sits alone at the top of the conference with 17 points on the year. The goal marks the fourth straight game that Grimsley has registered a point after recording assists in both games last weekend and notching two goals Friday at Kentucky.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	0	1	1
Vanderbilt	1	1	2

**Scoring Summary**  
VU - Me. Kinsella (Mo. Kinsella), 24:38  
VU - Mo. Kinsella (Me. Kinsella), 54:55  
USC - Grimsley, 75:23

Shots: 19-12      Saves: 3-8  
Corners: 3-3      Fouls: 7-11

**GAME 14:  
MISSISSIPPI STATE**

**South Carolina 2      Miss. State 1**  
**Columbia, S.C. • Oct. 10**  
**Stone Stadium (607)**

South Carolina scored two goals in the opening eight minutes Friday night to defeat Mississippi State 2-1. Sophomore Brooke Jacobs scored the game-winning goal in the eighth minute after freshman Kayla Grimsley improved her consecutive match scoring streak to five games with a goal in the third minute of play.

Grimsley leads the Gamecocks with eight goals and three assists on the year for 19 points. Her point total is third highest for a player in their first year at Carolina, surpassing the 18 points scored by Lydia Bienias and Morgan McIntyre in 1998. The goal is the Jacobs's second career goal and both have been game-winners after her score against Arkansas last year pushed Carolina to the 1-0 victory. Junior Shannon Bigbie's game-winning assist ties the South Carolina record with three on the season.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	2	0	2
Mississippi State	0	1	1

**Scoring Summary**  
USC - Grimsley (Diaz-Matosas), 2:18  
USC - Jacobs (Bigbie), 7:57  
MSU - Henderson, 78:49

Shots: 20-4      Saves: 1-9  
Corners: 10-0      Fouls: 11-20

**GAME 15:  
OLE MISS**

**South Carolina 3      Ole Miss 2**  
**Columbia, S.C. • Oct. 12**  
**Stone Stadium (482)**

Samantha Diaz-Matosas scored the game-winner in a five-goal second half as South Carolina held on to defeat Ole Miss 3-2. Kayla Grimsley set a USC record as her assist improved her scoring streak to six consecutive matches.

Following a scoreless and even first half, Blakely Mattern put Carolina ahead 42 seconds at the start of the second period and Shannon Bigbie added another goal 1:25 later before Ole Miss countered with goals in the 59th and 62nd minute to even the match, 2-2. Diaz-Matosas then moved up from the backline for the Gamecocks and put away the winning goal just yards in front of the net at 87:33 for her second game-winner of the season.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	0	3	3
Ole Miss	0	2	2

**Scoring Summary**  
USC - Mattern (Rhoades), 45:42  
USC - Bigbie (Diaz-Matosas, Grimsley), 47:07  
UM - Hance (Johnson), 58:09  
UM - Cunningham, 61:51  
USC - Diaz-Matosas, 87:33

Shots: 10-13      Saves: 2-4  
Corners: 4-6      Fouls: 7-7

**GAME 16:  
@ ALABAMA**

**South Carolina 0      Alabama 1**  
**Tuscaloosa, Ala. • Oct. 17**  
**Alabama Soccer Stadium (648)**

Alabama scored the lone goal of the game in the 17th minute as South Carolina dropped a 1-0 decision Friday night at a chilly UA Soccer Complex. South Carolina outshot Alabama 20-6 - holding the Crimson Tide without a shot for the entire second half - and held an 11-2 edge in corner kicks but could not get one to cross the frame after dominating in the second half.

The match ends a three-game South Carolina winning streak against the Crimson Tide.

Alabama scored in the 17th minute following a barrage of volleys in the box that led to a corner kick. Kailey Corken took the corner and Rosaly Petriello hit the shot high center and over Mollie Patton's hands. The goal marked just the third time this season the Gamecocks have allowed a first half goal.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	0	0	0
Alabama	1	0	1

**Scoring Summary**  
ALA - Petriello (Corken), 16:14

Shots: 20-6      Saves: 1-8  
Corners: 11-2      Fouls: 7-12

**GAME 17:  
@ AUBURN**

**South Carolina 0      Auburn 2**  
**Auburn, Ala. • Oct. 19**  
**Auburn Soccer Complex (437)**

South Carolina dropped a 2-0 decision Sunday at Auburn in SEC play. Katy Frierson scored both goals for the Tigers as Auburn won its fourth consecutive SEC Sunday match.

The game marked just the fourth time this season that the Gamecocks have allowed two goals, and it is the first time this year that South Carolina has dropped a game by more than one goal. Carolina had not dropped back-to-back games since falling at Tennessee and Georgia last season from Sept. 26-28.

Auburn took the 1-0 lead at 26:14 when Frierson one-touched a ball from inside the 6' after a long cross from Gabi Rivera from the left flank. The Tigers scored their second goal of the match at 80:28 after Frierson took a free kick and placed it into the upper right corner of the net for the 2-0 lead.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	0	0	0
Auburn	1	1	2

**Scoring Summary**  
AUB - Frierson (Rivera, Fransoso), 26:14  
AUB - Frierson, 80:28

Shots: 10-12      Saves: 5-6  
Corners: 5-7      Fouls: 8-6

**GAME 18:  
LSU**

**South Carolina 0      #13 LSU 0**  
**Columbia, S.C. • Oct. 23**  
**Stone Stadium (391)**

In a battle of the Southeastern Conference's top two defensive teams, South Carolina continued its series advantage over #13 LSU with a 0-0 draw Thursday at Stone Stadium, improving Carolina's unbeaten streak against the Tigers to nine games. The game ends LSU's school record five-game winning streak.

Mollie Patton registered the shutout for South Carolina for her seventh of the season. With two regular season games remaining, Patton ties the South Carolina single-season record for shutouts that was set in 2003 by Elise Matthews and 2007 by Laura Armstrong. Playing in her first season in goal for Carolina, the redshirt-sophomore moves into fifth place on the Carolina all-time shutouts list.

LSU is the second ranked team that Carolina has played this year as the team moves to 0-0-2 against ranked opponents. Carolina drew then-No. 7 Florida State, 3-3, on Sept. 14 at the Auburn Soccer Classic. The Gamecocks are also unbeaten in overtime games this year, posting a 1-0-4 record in extra minutes.

Goals By Period	1	2	OT	2OT	F
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0
LSU	0	0	0	0	0

Shots: 15-4      Saves: 1-7  
Corners: 8-2      Fouls: 9-6



**GAME 19:  
@ ARKANSAS**

**South Carolina 3                      Arkansas 1**  
**Fayetteville, Ark. • Oct. 26**  
**Lady'Back Field (912)**

Junior Kim Miller did as an individual what no other team as a whole has been able to do in Arkansas's previous 17 games - score two first half goals against the Razorbacks - as she led South Carolina to a 3-1 victory at Razorback Field. Brooke Jacobs added an insurance goal in the second half as the Gamecocks clinched an SEC Tournament berth with the victory.

Miller scored in the 15th and 37th minutes for the first multi-goal game of her career. Miller's free kick angled past keeper Britni Williams and into the goal at 14:54 to end Carolina's three-game scoreless streak before recording her second goal of the game off a corner kick that she curved into the net at 36:35.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	2	1	3
Arkansas	0	1	1

**Scoring Summary**

USC - Miller, 14:54  
USC - Miller, 36:35  
ARK - Anders, 55:52  
USC - Jacobs (Bigbie), 76:44

Shots: 11-8                      Saves: 3-4  
Corners: 5-0                      Fouls: 12-5

**GAME 20:  
#7 FLORIDA**

**South Carolina 0                      #7 Florida 1**  
**Columbia, S.C. • Oct. 30**  
**Stone Stadium (944)**

South Carolina dominated the first 79 minutes of action before Florida's Ameera Abdullah scored in the 80th minute to give the seventh-ranked Gators a 1-0 win at Stone Stadium, ending a 13-game home unbeaten streak for the Gamecocks. Playing in front of a national television audience as the NSCAA Game of the Week, Abdullah knocked in her own rebound as the Gators finish 11-0-0 in SEC play, marking the first 11-win conference season in SEC history.

Dominated by Carolina's backline throughout the match, the Gators finally found their opening in the 80th minute when Abdullah took a cross in front of the goal and hit a shot that was saved by Patton. However, the rebound ricocheted back to Abdullah who struck it to the top of the net at 79:21 for the game-winning goal.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	0	0	0
Florida	0	1	1

**Scoring Summary**

UF - Abdullah, 79:21

Shots: 10-5                      Saves: 3-5  
Corners: 4-4                      Fouls: 4-10

**GAME 21:  
GEORGIA (SEC TOURNEY)**

**South Carolina 1                      Georgia 2**  
**Orange Beach, Ala. • Nov. 5**  
**Orange Beach Soccer Complex (1200)**

Fifth-seeded South Carolina dropped a 2-1 decision to fourth-seeded Georgia in the SEC Tournament quarterfinals Wednesday night despite another strong effort from the Gamecock defense that limited the Bulldogs to only three shots in 90 minutes of action.

Again proving themselves to be a team strong on defense, the Gamecocks (11-6-4) outshot Georgia 18-3 in the game, including holding the Bulldogs (10-9-1) without a shot the entire second half. However, Georgia was able to convert on two of their three opportunities courtesy of a goal by Alex Hooker in the 10th minute and a header by Megan Tomlinson in the 26th that hit the right post and ricocheted into the net for the game-winner.

First Team All-SEC selection Blakely Mattern scored the lone goal for the Gamecocks in the 81st minute courtesy of assists from All-SEC selection Kayla Grimsley and Brittney Rhoades. The goal was the fourth of the year for Mattern while Grimsley and Rhoades both notched their fifth assists of the season.

"Obviously it's a very disappointing loss," South Carolina head coach Shelley Smith said. "To go down two goals early is tough. I thought we responded well in the second half with what we needed to do to put ourselves in position to score. I'm proud of the effort this team has given all year to come back and never give up. That's the true character of this team. Now we're just putting our hopes on an NCAA bid to prove that we are one of the best teams in the country. The way we finished tonight, we would be very difficult to beat. We were given the opportunity, but I'm proud of the effort. Unfortunately it didn't happen."

Georgia went ahead in the 10th following a play in the box where keeper Mollie Patton pushed the ball out but collided with a defender to keep her out of the play. The rebound found its way to the center of the box as Hooker connected for her second goal of the season. Fifteen minutes later on Georgia's second shot of the game, Tomlinson took a header off a cross from Kelli Corless that hit the near post and redirected into the goal for the quick 2-0 Bulldog lead. The two first half goals marks the first time Carolina has given up two goals in a half since falling to Georgia in the 2007 SEC Tournament semifinals.

South Carolina held a 14-0 shot advantage in the final 45 minutes of action. The Gamecocks recorded the lone corner kick of the match in the 72nd minute before Mattern put the Gamecocks on the board eight minutes later to push the total to 2-1. All four games of the SEC first round Wednesday ended in 2-1 finals as LSU, Tennessee and Florida also advanced.

Goals By Period	1	2	F
South Carolina	0	1	1
Georgia	2	0	2

**Scoring Summary**

UGA - Hooker, 9:50  
UGA - Tomlinson (Corless), 25:27  
USC - Mattern (Grimsley, Rhoades), 80:09

Shots: 18-3                      Saves: 0-9  
Corners: 1-0                      Fouls: 11-12

**GAME 22:  
WILLIAM & MARY (NCAA's)**

**South Carolina 2                      William & Mary 3**  
**Durham, N.C. • Nov. 14**  
**Koskinen Stadium (273)**

South Carolina dropped a 3-2 overtime decision to William & Mary in NCAA First Round action at Koskinen Stadium in Durham, N.C. The loss ends Carolina's season at 11-7-4 and wraps up the team's second consecutive NCAA bid.

The match marks the second consecutive opening round overtime match for the Gamecocks, who tied Duke 1-1 last season before falling in penalty kicks. William & Mary's Claire Zimmeck scored the golden goal at 92:03 to end Carolina's NCAA run.

"I think we played very well tonight," South Carolina head coach Shelley Smith said. "We played our hearts out. Our kids left everything on the field. I was so proud of their performance."

Brooke Jacobs and Dani Monteiro scored goals for South Carolina. Jacobs scored in the 35th minute courtesy of an assist from Kim Miller to tie the match 1-1. Monteiro, the lone senior on the South Carolina team, scored in the 60th courtesy of assists from Jacobs and Kayla Grimsley to give Carolina a 2-1 lead.

Zimmeck scored her first goal in the 79th to tie the game and send it to overtime before hitting the golden goal to end the game.

South Carolina was charged with 16 fouls to four given to William & Mary. After finishing the regular season with only three yellow cards, the lowest total in the SEC, the Gamecocks were booked Friday night with four yellows and two reds, including two yellows given after The Tribe's controversial second goal.

Playing on a rain-soaked field as a steady light rain showered the Durham area throughout the day, the Gamecocks played the aggressors early on to take a 5-4 shot advantage into the half. Looking to change the momentum, the Tribe advanced the ball into the attacking third and forced a South Carolina foul. CAA Defensive Player of the Year Abby Lauer sent the free kick to Danielle Collins's head for a 10-yard header to give William & Mary a 1-0 lead at 34:05.

The Gamecocks responded quickly with Jacobs getting the tying goal four minutes later. After a William & Mary throw-in, Miller stole the ball and crossed it to Jacobs for an open shot at 38:18. Much like the first goal, Carolina's second goal came after the Gamecocks stole a William & Mary throw-in. Jacobs took the ball from the Tribe defender and sent a pass to Grimsley, who then played it up to Monteiro for a goal from 12 yards out at 59:59 for the 2-1 lead.

In the extra period, Zimmeck was able to score after missing an initial header on a cross but finding herself in perfect position for a ball that was sent back into the box.

Goals By Period	1	2	OT	F
South Carolina	1	1	0	2
William & Mary	1	1	1	3

**Scoring Summary**

W&M - Collins (Lauer), 34:05  
USC - Jacobs (Miller), 38:18  
USC - Monteiro (Jacobs, Grimsley), 59:59  
W&M - Zimmeck (Lauer), 78:17  
W&M - Zimmeck (Collins), 92:03

Shots: 13-12                      Saves: 2-3  
Corners: 2-1                      Fouls: 16-4

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2008 SEC STANDINGS

Eastern	SEC	Pts.	Overall	Pct.	Western	SEC	Pts.	Overall	Pct.
Florida!	11-0-0	33	19-4-1	.813	LSU#	7-3-1	22	14-4-2	.750
Georgia	7-3-1	22	11-11-1	.500	Auburn#	7-3-1	22	12-9-2	.565
South Carolina	5-4-2	17	11-7-4	.591	Ole Miss	5-5-1	16	7-10-3	.425
Tennessee*	5-5-1	16	10-11-2	.435	Alabama	4-6-1	13	9-9-2	.500
Vanderbilt	3-7-1	10	9-8-2	.526	Arkansas	4-7-0	12	11-8-0	.579
Kentucky	3-7-1	10	5-12-2	.316	Mississippi State	0-11-0	0	5-15-0	.250

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\* SEC Tournament Champion

# SEC West Co-Champions

2008 SEC TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Quarterfinals

- #2 LSU def. #7 Ole Miss, 2-1
- #6 Tennessee def. #3 Auburn, 2-1
- #1 Florida def. #8 Alabama, 2-1
- #4 Georgia def. #5 South Carolina, 2-1

Semifinals

- #6 Tennessee tied #2 LSU, 1-1 (Tennessee advances on PK's 4-2)
- #4 Georgia def. #1 Florida, 3-0

Final

- #6 Tennessee def. #4 Georgia, 1-0

2008 NCAA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

First Round

- Auburn, Ala. Auburn def. Belmont, 2-0
- Chapel Hill, N.C. Charlotte def. Tennessee, 2-0
- College Station, Texas Washington def. LSU, 3-2 (OT)
- Durham, N.C. William & Mary def. South Carolina, 3-2 (OT)
- Gainesville, Fla. Florida def. California, 2-1
- Winston-Salem, N.C. James Madison def. Georgia, 1-0

Second Round

- Auburn, Ala. Florida State def. Auburn, 1-0
- Gainesville, Fla. Florida def. UCF, 2-0

Third Round

- Gainesville, Fla. Texas A&M def. Florida, 2-1

2008 SEC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Nicki Bush	D	LSU
Casey Crawford	D	LSU
Ameerah Abdullah	F	Florida
Megan Kerns	F	Florida
Michelle Betos	GK	Georgia
Megan Tomlinson	D	Georgia
Bailey Powell	D	Georgia
Julie Edwards	M	Tennessee
Chelsea Hatcher	M	Tennessee
Tanya Emerson	M	Tennessee
Jaimel Johnson (MVP)	GK	Tennessee

2008 PRESEASON ALL-SEC TEAM

Caitlin King	F	Jr.	Auburn
Carrie Patterson#	F	Jr.	Georgia
Kylee Rossi#	F	Sr.	Tennessee
Ameera Abdullah	M	Sr.	Florida
Ashlee Elliott	M	Jr.	Florida
Malorie Rutledge	M	Jr.	LSU
Katie Schulz	M	Sr.	Vanderbilt
<b>Blakely Mattern</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>South Carolina</b>
Lauren Hyde	D	Jr.	Florida
Kelli Corless	D	So.	Georgia
Danielle Johnson	D	Jr.	Ole Miss
Jaimel Johnson	GK	Sr.	Tennessee

# - Unanimous selection

2008 POSTSEASON ALL-SEC TEAM

First Team

- Ameera Abdullah (F), Florida
- Megan Kerns (F), Florida
- Carrie Patterson (F), Georgia
- Kylee Rossi (F), Tennessee
- Molly Kinsella (F), Vanderbilt
- Katy Frierson (M), Auburn
- Ashlee Elliott (M), Florida
- Malorie Rutledge (M), LSU
- Megan Tomlinson (D), Georgia
- Danielle Johnson (D), Ole Miss
- Blakely Mattern (D), South Carolina**
- Allison Whitworth (GK), Auburn

Second Team

- Brooke Rogers (F), Alabama
- Lindsay Patterson (F), Arkansas
- Kayla Grimsley (F), South Carolina**
- Nicola Holdsworth (M), Kentucky
- Melissa Clarke (M), LSU
- Christine Breaux (M), Ole Miss
- Jennifer Hance (M), Ole Miss
- Lauren Hyde (D), Florida
- Bailey Powell (D), Georgia
- Kate Hughes (D), Kentucky
- Jaimel Johnson (GK), Tennessee

2008 SEC ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

Katy Frierson (M), Auburn	Julie King (M), Auburn
Tahnai Annis (M), Florida	Jazmyne Avant (D), Florida
Lindsay Thompson (M), Florida	Ashley Miller (F), Georgia
Bailey Powell (D), Georgia	Mo Isom (GK), LSU
<b>Kayla Grimsley (F), South Carolina</b>	Chelsea Hatcher (M), Tennessee
Candace Wester (F), Vanderbilt	

2008 SEC WOMEN'S SOCCER AWARDS

- Coach of the Year** - Becky Burleigh, Florida
- Offensive Player of the Year** - Malorie Rutledge, LSU
- Defensive Player of the Year** - Megan Tomlinson, Georgia
- Freshman of the Year** - Katy Frierson, Auburn
- Scholar-Athlete of the Year** - Allison Whitworth, Auburn

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**Goals**

Team	GP	No.	Avg.
1. Florida	24	52	2.17
2. LSU	20	49	2.45
3. Auburn	23	41	1.78
4. Arkansas	19	34	1.79
<b>5. South Carolina</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1.36</b>
Vanderbilt	19	30	1.58
7. Georgia	23	28	1.22
Tennessee	23	28	1.22
9. Ole Miss	20	26	1.30
10. Mississippi State	20	25	1.25
Alabama	20	25	1.25
12. Kentucky	19	23	1.21

**Goals Allowed**

Team	GP	No.	Avg.
1. LSU	20	17	0.85
<b>2. South Carolina</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1.00</b>
3. Florida	24	23	0.96
Auburn	23	23	1.00
5. Vanderbilt	19	24	1.26
Arkansas	19	24	1.26
7. Ole Miss	20	27	1.35
8. Tennessee	23	29	1.26
Georgia	23	29	1.26
10. Kentucky	19	35	1.84
11. Alabama	20	38	1.90
12. Mississippi State	20	40	2.00

**Goals**

Player	Team	GP	No.
1. Kylie Rossi	UT	19	13
Megan Kerns	UF	24	13
3. Roslyn Jones	LSU	20	9
Malorie Rutledge	LSU	20	9
Katy Frierson	AUB	22	9
Tahnai Annis	UF	24	9
<b>7. Kayla Grimsley USC</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>
Molly Kinsella	VU	19	8
Rachel Yepez	LSU	20	8
Carrie Patterson	UGA	23	8
Ameera Abdullah	UF	24	8

**Shots on Goal %**

Player	Team	SH	SOG%
1. Tarah Henderson	MSU	10	.900
2. Kaelsey Breathitt	UM	17	.765
3. Kara Kasten	AUB	43	.721
<b>4. Sam Diaz-Matosas USC</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>.688</b>
<b>5. Brooke Jacobs USC</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>.684</b>
<b>6. Natalie Aaron USC</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>.667</b>
7. Megan Kerns	UF	49	.653
8. Megan Tomlinson	UGA	33	.636
9. Brooke Rogers	ALA	30	.633
Roslyn Jones	LSU	30	.633

**Assists**

Team	GP	No.	Avg.
1. Florida	24	49	2.04
2. Auburn	23	48	2.09
3. LSU	20	46	2.30
<b>4. South Carolina</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1.41</b>
5. Arkansas	19	30	1.58
6. Alabama	20	27	1.35
7. Ole Miss	20	24	1.20
8. Kentucky	19	22	1.16
Georgia	23	22	0.96
Mississippi State	20	22	1.10
11. Tennessee	23	20	0.87
12. Vanderbilt	19	19	1.00

**Goals Against Average**

Team	GA	Min.	Avg.
1. LSU	17	1845	0.83
2. Florida	23	2207	0.94
<b>3. South Carolina</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2066</b>	<b>0.96</b>
4. Auburn	23	2126	0.92
5. Vanderbilt	24	1790	1.21
6. Georgia	29	2132	1.22
7. Tennessee	29	2126	1.23
8. Arkansas	24	1739	1.24
9. Ole Miss	27	1894	1.28
10. Kentucky	35	1781	1.77
11. Alabama	38	1856	1.84
12. Mississippi State	40	1815	1.98

**Assists**

Player	Team	GP	No.
1. Malorie Rutledge	LSU	20	18
2. Rebecca Howell	AUB	23	12
3. Ameera Abdullah	UF	24	9
Megan Kerns	UF	24	9
5. Gabi Rivera	AUB	23	8
6. Katy Frierson	AUB	23	7
<b>7. Kayla Grimsley USC</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>
Melissa Clarke	LSU	19	6
Jennifer Hance	UM	19	6
Rachel Yepez	LSU	20	6
Nicky Kit	UF	24	6

**Saves**

Player	Team	GP	No.
1. Allison Whitworth	AUB	23	132
2. Taryn Holland	MSU	20	124
3. Michelle Betos	UGA	23	117
4. Kara Gundmens	ALA	19	116
5. Jaimel Johnson	UT	23	85
6. Rachel Bachtel	VU	19	80
7. Mo Isom	LSU	20	74
8. Britni Williams	ARK	19	66
<b>9. Mollie Patton USC</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>58</b>
10. Sydney Hiance	UK	15	54

**Points**

Team	GP	No.	Avg.
1. Florida	24	153	6.38
2. LSU	20	144	7.20
3. Auburn	23	130	5.65
4. Arkansas	19	98	5.16
<b>5. South Carolina</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>4.14</b>
6. Vanderbilt	19	79	4.16
7. Georgia	23	78	3.39
8. Alabama	20	77	3.85
9. Tennessee	23	76	3.30
Ole Miss	20	76	3.80
11. Mississippi State	20	72	3.60
12. Kentucky	19	68	3.58

**Points Allowed**

Team	GP	No.	Avg.
1. LSU	20	50	2.50
<b>2. South Carolina</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2.64</b>
3. Florida	24	62	2.58
4. Arkansas	19	63	3.32
5. Auburn	23	65	2.83
6. Vanderbilt	19	69	3.63
7. Ole Miss	20	75	3.75
8. Tennessee	23	82	3.57
9. Georgia	23	87	3.78
10. Kentucky	19	101	5.32
11. Alabama	20	111	5.55
12. Mississippi State	20	119	5.95

**Points**

Player	Team	GP	No.
1. Malorie Rutledge	LSU	20	36
2. Megan Kerns	UF	24	35
3. Kylee Rossi	UT	19	27
4. Katy Frierson	AUB	22	25
Ameera Abdullah	UF	24	25
6. Rebecca Howell	AUB	23	24
7. Roslyn Jones	LSU	20	23
<b>8. Kayla Grimsley USC</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
Rachel Yepez	LSU	20	22
Tahnai Annis	UF	24	22

**Shutouts**

Player	Team	GP	No.
1. Allison Whitworth	AUB	23	8
<b>2. Mollie Patton USC</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>
Mo Isom	LSU	20	7
Britni Williams	ARK	19	7
Michelle Betos	UGA	23	7
6. Kara Gundmens	ALA	19	6
7. Jaimel Johnson	UT	23	5
Megan Berlingo	UF	14	5
Rachel Bachtel	VU	19	5
10. Sydney Hiance	UK	15	4

**Shots**

Team	GP	No.	Avg.
1. Tennessee	23	387	16.83
2. Vanderbilt	19	364	19.16
3. Auburn	23	333	14.48
<b>4. South Carolina</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>14.00</b>
5. LSU	20	293	14.65
6. Alabama	20	292	14.60
7. Ole Miss	20	283	14.15
8. Florida	24	280	11.67
9. Georgia	23	265	11.52
10. Kentucky	19	238	12.53
11. Mississippi State	20	221	11.05
Arkansas	19	221	11.63

**Shots Allowed**

Team	GP	No.	Avg.
<b>1. South Carolina</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>8.45</b>
Arkansas	19	186	9.79
3. LSU	20	202	10.10
4. Ole Miss	20	26	11.30
5. Vanderbilt	19	231	12.16
6. Kentucky	1	240	12.63
7. Tennessee	23	257	11.17
8. Florida	24	285	11.88
9. Georgia	23	317	13.78
10. Auburn	23	318	13.83
11. Alabama	20	337	16.85
12. Mississippi State	20	349	17.45

**Shots**

Player	Team	GP	No.
1. Molly Kinsella	VU	19	84
2. Mick Imgram	UT	21	81
3. Kylee Rossi	UT	19	80
4. Malorie Rutledge	LSU	20	59
5. Rebecca Howell	AUB	23	58
6. Rachel Yepez	LSU	20	54
7. Ameera Abdullah	UF	24	51
8. Jennifer Hance	UM	19	50
9. Megan Kerns	UF	24	49
10. Carrie Patterson	UGA	23	48

**Goals Against Average**

Player	Team	Min.	Avg.
1. Meghan Berlingo	UF	1176	0.69
2. Mo Isom	LSU	1845	0.83
<b>3. Mollie Patton USC</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>2053</b>	<b>0.96</b>
4. Allison Whitworth	AUB	2026	1.02
5. Michelle Betos	UGA	2118	1.19
6. Rachel Bachtel	VU	1749	1.24
7. Jaimel Johnson	UT	2102	1.24
8. Britni Williams	ARK	1694	1.28
9. Kara Gundmens	ALA	1662	1.57
10. Sydney Hiance	UK	1389	1.75

**Saves**

Team	GP	No.	Avg.
1. Auburn	23	143	6.22
2. Mississippi State	20	130	6.50
3. Alabama	20	128	6.40
4. Georgia	23	122	5.30
5. Florida	24	95	3.96
6. Tennessee	23	87	3.78
7. Vanderbilt	19	81	4.26
8. Ole Miss	20	79	3.95
9. LSU	20	74	3.70
10. Kentucky	19	69	3.63
Arkansas	19	69	3.63
<b>12. South Carolina</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2.68</b>

**Shutouts**

Team	GP	No.
1. Auburn	23	10
<b>2. South Carolina</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>
Florida	24	8
Arkansas	19	8
Alabama	20	8
6. LSU	20	7
Georgia	23	7
8. Vanderbilt	19	6
Tennessee	23	6
10. Kentucky	19	5
11. Ole Miss	20	3
Mississippi State	20	3

**Shot %**

Player	Team	Goals	%
1. Megan Kerns	UF	13	.265
2. Kylee Rossi	UT	13	.162

**Shots on Goal**

Player	Team	GP	No.
1. Molly Kinsella	VU	19	40
2. Kylee Rossi	UT	19	36
3. Megan Kerns	UF	24	32
4. Kara Kasten	AUB	23	31
5. Ameera Abdullah	UF	24	29
6. Rachel Yepez	LSU	20	28
Rebecca Howell	AUB	23	28
<b>8. Brooke Jacobs USC</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>
Mick Imgram	UT	21	26
Carrie Patterson	UGA	23	26

**GWG**

Player	Team	GP	No.
1. Megan Kerns	UF	24	5
2. Malorie Rutledge	LSU	20	4
Ashley Miller	UGA	21	4
Katy Frierson	AUB	22	4
Ameera Abdullah	UF	24	4
Tahnai Annis	UF	24	4

