



TABLE OF CONTENTS

The 2006 Season	1-7
A Note to the Media.....	1
South Carolina on the Internet.....	1
South Carolina Quick Facts	2
University Facts	2
Key Contact Information	2
Media Outlets.....	2
Eugene E. Stone III Stadium	3
2006 Outlook	4-5
The Carolina Coaching Staff	6-8
Head Coach Shelley Smith	6
Assoc. Head Coach Jamie Smith....	7
Assistant Coach Mat Cosgriff.....	7
Women's Soccer Support Staff	8
Athletics Administration.....	9
This Is Carolina Soccer	10-11
Meet The Gamecocks	12-30
Alphabetical/Numerical Rosters...	14
Roster Breakdown.....	15
Laura Armstong	16
Kim Boulos.....	16
Courtney Cobbs	17
Amanda Dabbenigno	17
M.A. Foster.....	18
Annie Galloway	18
Erin Geldhof	19
Kimmy Gillespie.....	20
Monica Hogan	20
Ashley Kirk.....	21
Darcel Mollon.....	21
Kali Neumann.....	22
Felicia Schroeder	23
Erin Sullivan	23
Lindsay Thorstenson.....	24
Mary Worthen	25
Shannon Bigbie.....	26
Kacie Brewer	26
Samantha Diaz-Matosas	26
Lauren Holcomb	27
Leah Loguidice	27
Blakely Mattern	27
Kim Miller	28
Mollie Patton	28
Aly Shattls	28
Lindsay Small	29
Caitlin Stojkovic	29
Class Photos.....	30

The Opponents.....	31-34
Illinois, Iowa	32
Francis Marion, James Madison..	32
The Citadel, Charlotte.....	32
Furman, Clemson.....	32
Jacksonville State, Alabama	32
Auburn, Tennessee.....	32
Georgia, Kentucky	33
Kentucky, Mississippi State.....	33
Ole Miss, LSU	33
Arkansas, Florida.....	33
SEC Soccer Tournament Bracket	33
The Southeastern Conference	34
2005 Review.....	35-39
2005 Review	36-37
2005 Final Statistics & Results....	37
2005 Game-by-Game Results..	38-39
2005 NCAA/SEC Review	40-41
NCAA Results	40
2005 SEC Standings	41
2005 All-SEC Team.....	41
2005 SEC Team/Individual Leaders..	41
Records	42-48
Gamecock Individual/Team Records..	42
Gamecock Year-by-Year Leaders...	43
Honors & Award Winners.....	44
Carolina Letterwinners	45
Gamecock Career Scoring List....	46
Gamecock Career Goalkeeper List ...	46
Carolina Class Records.....	46
Year-by-Year Results	47
All-Time Records vs. Opponents ..	48
University of South Carolina...49-64	
This is Carolina.....	50-51
President Dr. Andrew Sorensen ...	52
Athletics Director Eric Hyman	53
Carolina Head Coaches.....	54
Faculty Rep Dr. Bill Bearden.....	54
2005-06 Carolina Highlights	55
Columbia, South Carolina	56
The State of South Carolina.....	57
A Total Program.....	58-59
C.A.R.E.S	60
Team Gamecocks.....	61
Gamecock Athletic Facilities..	62-63
Gamecock Traditions	64

A NOTE TO THE MEDIA

The University of South Carolina welcomes your attention to the 2006 Gamecock women's soccer team. Any questions concerning South Carolina women's soccer should be directed to Andrew Kitick, assistant media relations director, at (803) 777-5257. Kitick's e-mail address is kitick@gwm.sc.edu. Interviews, game notes, statistics or general information concerning student-athletes or Coach Shelley Smith should also be handled through Media Relations.

Thank you for your interest in Carolina soccer. please let us know if there is any way we may assist you in your coverage of Gamecock Athletics.

ON THE INTERNET

The University of South Carolina has its own home page set up on the Internet with information on the 20 Gamecock varsity sports. To access the page, type <http://www.uscsports.com>. Schedules, rosters, coaches' bios and other information are available on the USC Athletics home page. Call the South Carolina Athletic Media Relations office for further details.

CREDITS

The 2006 University of South Carolina Soccer Media Guide is a production of the South Carolina Media Relations Office. Writing, layout and design by Andrew Kitick. Editorial assistance provided by Steve Fink. Covers by Grant Hawkins. Mug shots by Jason Ayer. Action shots courtesy of Allen Sharpe. 2005 Senior Day photos by Gregg Martin. Also thanks to Sporting Images, USC Instructional Services, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for providing images.

A special thanks goes to USC head coach Shelley Smith and opponent Sports Information Directors for their help in the production of this brochure.

Media guide designed using Adobe InDesign CS2 and Adobe Photoshop CS2. Guide printed by Professional Printers of West Columbia, S.C.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

The University of South Carolina does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities or decisions for qualified persons on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation or veteran status.



SOUTH CAROLINA MEDIA OUTLETS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pete Iacobelli • 1311 Marion Street • Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: (803) 799-5510 • Fax: (803) 252-2913
piacobelli@ap.org

THE GAMECOCK

Sports Editor • 1400 Greene St. • Columbia, SC 29208
Phone: (803) 777-7182 • Fax: (803) 777-6482
gamecocksports@gwm.sc.edu

THE GREENVILLE NEWS

Rick Scoppe • 1611 Hollywood • Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: (803) 256-2588 • Fax: (864) 765-0001
rscoppejr@sc.rr.com

THE HERALD

Matt Cobbs • Spartanburg Herald-Journal Box 1657 • Spartanburg, SC 29304
Phone: (864) 562-7242 • Fax: (864) 594-6234
mccobbs@yahoo.com

THE POST-COURIER

Charlie Bennett • The Post & Courier • 414 Riverwalk Way • Irmo, SC 29063
Phone: (803) 749-8639 • Fax: (843) 937-5579
chap113@hotmail.com

SOCCER AMERICA

Dean Caparaz • Box 23704 • Oakland, CA 94623-0704
Phone: (510) 528-5000 • Fax: (510) 528-5177

SOCCER BUZZ

Randy Diggs • Soccerbuzz.com • PO Box 1818 • New York, NY 10156
Phone: 646-473-1539 • Fax: 646-349-1532
editors@soccerbuzz.com

SOCCER NEWS

Tim Nash • Box 3293 • Burlington, NC 27215-0293
Phone: (910) 227-0000 • Fax: (910) 227-0426

SOCCER SCENE

Dale Terry • Box 450054 • Atlanta, Ga 30345
Phone: (404) 296-7733 • Fax: (404) 493-1007

S.C. NEWS NETWORK

Phil Kornblut • Kevin McCroney
3710 Landmark Dr., Suite 100 • Columbia, SC 29204
Phone: (803) 790-4305 • Fax: (803) 790-4309
philtalk@aol.com

SOUTHERN SOCCER SCENE

Ray Alley • Box 19445 • Greensboro, NC 27419
Phone: (910) 292-7015 • Fax: (910) 292-8135

SPURS & FEATHERS

Dexter Hudson • Box 8055 • Columbia, SC 29202
Phone: (803) 256-1789 •
spursusc@aol.com

THE STATE

Rick Millians • Box 1333 • Columbia, SC 29202
Phone: (803) 771-8470 • Fax: (803) 771-8613
rmillians@thestate.com

WIS-TV

Rick Henry • 1111 Bull St. • Columbia, SC 29204
Phone: (803) 758-1288 • Fax: (803) 758-1278
rhenry@wis-tv.com

WLTX-TV

Bob Shields • Drawer, M • Columbia, SC 29205
Phone: (803) 776-9508 • Fax: (803) 783-2971
bobshields@wltx.com

WOLO-TV

Tim Hill • Box 4217 • Columbia, SC 29204
Phone: (803) 754-7525 • Fax: (803) 691-4015
thill@wolo.com

WVOC-AM RADIO

Christopher Thompson • WVOC Radio Box 21567 • Columbia, SC 29221
Phone: (803) 343-1300
tophsports@aol.com

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Mailing Address:Rex Enright Athletic Center;
1300 Rosewood Drive, University of South Carolina;
Columbia, SC 29208
Founded:1801
Enrollment:27,065
Nickname:Gamecocks
Mascot:Cocky
Colors:Garnet (PMS 201) & Black
President:Dr. Andrew Sorensen
Faculty President:Dr. Bill Bearden
Athletics Director.....Eric Hyman
Executive Associate AD/External Relations.....Kevin O'Connell
Senior Associate AD/SWA.....Val Sheley
Senior Associate AD/Academic Support and Student Services.....Harold White
Associate AD/Facilities.....Jeff Davis
Associate ADCharles Waddell
Associate AD/Development.....Chris Wyrick
Chief Financial OfficerJeff Tallant
Assistant AD/Event Management.....Shawn Burke
Assistant AD/Director of Major Gifts.....Bryan Risner
Assistant ADDr. Rod Walters
Assistant AD/Assistant SID.....Michelle Schmitt
Media Relations Director.....Steve Fink
Marketing Director.....Jeff Crane
Ticket Operations Manager.....Kent Hegenauer
Associate Media Relations DirectorGavin Lang
Assistant Media Relations Directors.....Matt Freed, Andrew Kitick, Christy Lang, Ayanna Wakefield

WOMEN'S SOCCER QUICK FACTS

Affiliate: NCAA Division I
Conference: Southeastern
Head Coach: Shelley Smith
Alma Mater: Vermont, 1993
Record at USC: 45-43-10 (five years)
Career Record: 86-78-12 (nine years)
Associate Head Coach: Jamie Smith
Alma Mater: Providence College, 1994
Assistant Coach: Mat Cosgriff
Alma Mater: University of Maine, 2002
Athletic Trainer: Stephanie Roseheart
Strength & Conditioning Coach: Alissa Goldman
Home Field: Eugene E. Stone III Stadium
Surface: Natural Grass
Capacity: 5,700
2005 Record: 6-12
2005 SEC Record: 2-9 (6th SEC East)

Letterwinners Returning: 15
Laura Armstrong, Kim Boulos, Courtney Cobbs, M.A. Foster, Annie Galloway, Erin Geldhof, Kimmy Gillespie, Monica Hogan, Ashley Kirk, Darcel Mollon, Kali Neumann, Felicia Schroeder, Erin Sullivan, Lindsay Thorstenson, Mary Worthen

Letterwinners Lost: 8
Kimmy Criss, Katie Derden, Brooke Magouirk, Alex Mouton, Jessi Swaim, Amanda Thurber, Jackie Welch, Stacey Zelek

Starters Returning: 9
Kim Boulos, Courtney Cobbs, Erin Geldhof, Kimmy Gillespie, Ashley Kirk, Darcel Mollon, Kali Neumann, Erin Sullivan, Lindsay Thorstenson.

Starters Lost: 2
Amanda Thurber, Jackie Welch

Newcomers: 12
Shannon Bigbie, Kacie Brewer, Amanda Dabbenigno, Samantha Diaz-Matosas, Lauren Holcomb, Leah Loguidice, Blakely Mattern, Kim Miller, Mollie Patton, Aly Shattls, Lindsay Small, Caitlin Stojkovic

KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

(Area Code 803)

Andrew Kitick - Media Relations Contact
Media Relations Office: 777-5257
Media Relations Fax: 777-2967
Kitick's cell: 240-4150
Athletics Director's Office: 777-8881
Shelley Smith's Office: 777-1353
E-mail: smithsa7@gwm.sc.edu
Jamie Smith's Office: 777-1354
E-mail: smithjr5@gwm.sc.edu
Mat Cosgriff's Office: 777-1940
E-mail: cosgriff@gwm.sc.edu
Ticket Office: 777-4274
Ticket Office (Toll Free): 1-800-4SC-FANS
Olympic Sports Fax: 777-0964
Stadium Press Phone: 777-8722

If you require special accommodations, please contact the Athletic Ticket Office at (803) 777-4274.



Located in the heart of the University campus is the home field of the Gamecocks, Eugene E. Stone Stadium III, formerly known as The Graveyard. The stadium, which debuted in 1996, was made possible by the \$1 million dollar gift given by the late Eugene E. Stone III, who passed away in 1997 and was a Carolina graduate and Chairman of Stone Manufacturing Co., Inc., the parent company of UMBRO International.

Stone Stadium's west side houses permanent stands that hold 4,000 fans, with stands to hold 1,700 fans placed on the east side of the field to bring the capacity to 5,700. It is equipped with a 70' by 8' press box with a camera deck on top, and an electronic scoreboard/message center. The press box houses both the scoreboard operating system and the public address system as well as room to comfortably seat over 20 members of the media.

The facility includes two team rooms with air conditioning, a referee room equipped with showers, a concession stand for the fans and restrooms for both men and women on each side of the stadium.

The Gamecocks will play host to 11 teams in 2006 at Stone Stadium. The 11 matches ties the most home matches in a season for the Gamecocks. The early non-conference home slate features several in-state schools including Carolina's home opener, set for Thursday, Aug. 31 vs. Francis Marion. Carolina will also host The Citadel (Sept. 5) as well as Clemson (Sept. 15). Other non-conference foes coming to Columbia are James Madison (Sept. 3) and Jacksonville State (Sept. 17). The SEC home opener will feature defending SEC champion Tennessee (Sept. 29). Carolina also hosts conference matches vs. Georgia (Oct. 1), Mississippi State (Oct. 13), Ole Miss (Oct. 15), LSU (Oct. 20) and the regular season finale vs. Florida (Oct. 27).

Also nicknamed "The Graveyard" because of its close proximity to the House of Peace cemetery, the area has proven to be a "graveyard" for opponents over the years. The Gamecocks have posted a 60-38-6 record in their 10 seasons at home.

STONE STADIUM FACTS AND RECORDS

STONE STADIUM QUICK FACTS

Location: Corner of Whaley and Heyward
 Capacity: 5,700
 Turf: Natural Grass
 Field Dimensions: 75 x 120
 Press Box Number: 803-777-8722
 First Match/Win: vs. Furman (9/2/95), 1-0

MATCH RECORDS

Most Goals: 12 vs. South Carolina State (9/19/01)
 Fewest Goals: 0, 21 times
 Most Opponent Goals: 8 by Vanderbilt (9/13/96)
 Fewest Opponent Goals: 0, 28 times
 Largest Margin of Victory: 8-0 Vanderbilt (10/6/00)

SEASON RECORDS

Most Matches: 11 (1995, 1998, 1999, 2004)
 Most Wins: 9 (1999)
 Most Losses: 7 (2000)
 Most Ties: 2 (1995)
 Most Consecutive Wins: 6 (2003-04)
 Most Consecutive Losses: 3 (1997, 2004, 2005)
 Longest Unbeaten Steak: 7 (1999)
 Highest Win-Loss Percentage:818 (9-2, 1999)
 Lowest Win-Loss Percentage:286 (2-7-0, 2000)
 Most Goals: 37 (1999)
 Fewest Goals: 8 (2000)
 Most Opponent Goals: 22 (1997, 10 matches)
 Fewest Opponent Goals: 4 (2001, 8 matches)
 Most Shutouts: 5 (1995, 1998, 2001)
 Most Opponent Shutouts: 5 (2000)

ALL-TIME RECORDS

Women's Soccer All-Time Record: 60-38-6 (.591)

ATTENDANCE

Year	Record	Atten.	Avg. Atten.	Top Crowd
1995	6-3-2	7,017	638	1,123 vs. App. St., Sept. 13
1996	5-3-0	3,479	435	805 vs. Vanderbilt, Sept. 13
1997	5-5-0	3,237	324	570 vs. Charleston, Oct. 29
1998	7-3-1	5,232	476	1,208 vs. Georgia, Sept. 11
1999	9-1	5,620	511	938 vs. VCU, Sept. 19
2000	2-7	4,512	501	964 vs. Iowa State, Sept. 17
2001	5-3	3,230	404	780 vs. Kentucky, Oct. 5
2002	5-3-1	5,537	615	1,863 vs. Clemson, Sept. 11
2003	6-2-1	3,381	376	658 vs. Auburn, Oct. 3
2004	6-4-1	4,210	383	815 vs. Clemson, Sept. 15
2005	4-4	2,777	347	526 vs. Mercer, Aug. 26



SOUTH CAROLINA HEADS INTO 2006 SEASON WITH HIGH HOPES

A combination of talented returning players and a contingent of gifted newcomers is looking to succeed in the 2006 soccer season for South Carolina with goals and aspirations of post-season berths in the SEC and NCAA tournaments. Following an inadequate year that saw a good team not obtain the results desired, South Carolina head coach Shelley Smith anticipates a better squad that will test every team that stares across the field at the garnet and black.

“We are excited to return a strong core of players including several juniors,” said Coach Smith. “We have relied on a large group of freshmen and sophomores the past two years and they have more experience heading into the year. The team has worked hard and made a commitment to be more prepared than ever going into this season. With the improvements of the returning players combined with some key freshmen, we should be ready to reach our potential this fall after a season where we underachieved.”

The attitude is upbeat and players have taken accountability for a below average campaign in the previous year. A fervent work ethic has accompanied the team through the spring and summer that looks to produce a top, quality team to compete in the SEC and across the nation.

“Our players have gone away and found teams to play on, or they have stayed in Columbia and worked together all summer with the strength coach and each other,” said Smith. “We have moved some players around on field to solidify our lineup after not having much flexibility last fall due to injuries. If we can stay healthy, we will already be a step ahead of where we finished last fall.”

Among the returning players for Carolina include All-SEC midfielder Ashley Kirk, Trinidad National Team forward Darcel Mollon and senior co-captain and defender, Erin Geldhof. The advantage of nine returning starters to go along with the fifth best recruiting class in the SEC (*Soccer Buzz*) has Carolina positioned to return to a spot among the best teams in the conference and throughout the Southeast region.

“Leading the way is Ashley Kirk,” said Smith. “She has grown into her leadership role and should be even more of a leader on the field from her central position. She already showed that in the spring and that will make our team more effective on the field. Geldhof as a captain is expected to be much more of a leader on and off the field.”

FORWARDS

South Carolina projects a higher goal tally this season with the return of senior forward and leading scorer Darcel Mollon. Along with her experience with Trinidad at an international level, Mollon has adapted to play in the United States and Division I over the last year with a stop in Charlotte as well this summer in the W-1 League.

“Darcel has worked hard over the year, continued playing this summer at a high level and has been scoring goals,” said Coach Smith. “She has made the transition this past year and elevated her game, now she is finishing her chances. We hope

that she will continue to show this during the college season.”

The return of Mollon as well as sophomore Mary Worthen should give the Gamecocks a pair of experienced goal scorers who look to improve on last year’s scoring.

“Worthen and Mollon have both showed tremendous growth in their game over the past year and will threaten opponents with their speed and ability to finish,” said Smith.

Carolina also expects several newcomers to be key additions and bolster the goal scoring for the 2006 season. Samantha Diaz-Matosas enters the Carolina program as one of the top recruits out of the state of Georgia. Diaz-Matosas earned several player of the year awards in the Peach State and is expected to contribute immediately in the offensive third.

“Samantha has proven herself in high school as a state player of the year,” said Smith. “She has the ability to score goals. She is quick, athletic and powerful. Another versatile player, we will expect her to be on the field either scoring goals up top or creating an attack on the flanks.”

MIDFIELD

The Gamecocks are loaded in the midfield with a bevy of players. Junior midfielders Ashley Kirk and Erin Sullivan join sophomore Monica Hogan as one of the better tandems of center mids in the conference.

“We look to be deepest in the midfield with several players who can possess the ball and win the middle of the field,” said Smith. Kirk, Hogan and Sullivan are all skilled, good in possession and will do well in getting the ball to players that can score



Ashley Kirk - All-SEC midfielder



if not themselves.”

Kirk and Sullivan spent extensive time in the midfield and were large contributors to the control of play for the Gamecock offensive attack. Limited by a midseason injury that kept her out of the final half of the season, Hogan provided sparks early into her freshman year and will be projected to score and assist for the USC offense. Junior Annie Galloway also fills in at center midfield role.

The flanks return senior M.A. Foster and sophomore Kim Boulos with Mollon and Worthen also with the ability to drop back from the spot up top at forward to play down the side.

The midfield should also receive an immediate impact from the freshman class including Shannon Bigbie, Leah Loguidice, Kim Miller, Aly Shattls and Caitlin Stojkovic.

DEFENSE

Carolina's back four receives a new look this year with two former midfielders moving to fit into the Gamecock defensive scheme. Juniors Courtney Cobbs and Kimmy Gillespie finished last year with playing time in the back and practiced in the spring in the same spots. Along with senior defender Erin Geldhof, the Gamecocks look to have three experienced players directing the line.

“Cobbs and Gillespie have worked hard to solidify themselves as consistent players among the backline,” said Smith. “Geldhof has always led by example, hard work on and off the field, but now she is expected to be more vocal.”

Junior defender Kali Neumann made a majority of starts for Carolina last year and hopes to return from a nagging injury that kept her out of spring practice and summer workouts. Neumann has 34 starts in two years of experience for the Carolina defense.

The defense also receives a boost in freshman Blakely Matern, who enters the Carolina program as the top prep player from the state of South Carolina.

“Blakely will be a top defender for us,” said Smith. “She deserved her accolades last year as player of the year and should make her home state proud. We are excited to showcase her talent.”

Along with the midfield, freshman Kim Miller may also see time at defender in a revamped Carolina backfield.

“Kim is a very solid player who is also versatile,” said Smith. “We will find a place on for her on the field. She played with and against top club players across the country and should contribute right away.”

GOALKEEPERS

South Carolina is deep as well in the goalkeeper position with juniors Lindsay Thorstenson and Laura Armstrong competing for time with freshman Mollie Patton.

Thorstenson and Armstrong have each shined in moments for Carolina. Thorstenson posted two shutouts and four wins last year and expects to improve on her 1.53 goals against average. Armstrong had one shutout and two wins in four starts last year and has big-game experience with a shutout victory two years ago against nationally-ranked Clemson.

Patton brings impressive credentials to Columbia as the

goalkeeper for the Region II team (Midwest) as well as the Ohio South ODP program. She has also attended the National camp three times in her career in her age group.

“Mollie will challenge for the goalkeeper position right away,” said Smith. “Depending on how she has prepared for her freshman year compared to how Lindsay and Laura return, will determine how much playing time she will receive. Because of her strong talent, she is capable of challenging our returning keepers.”

SCHEDULE

The 20-game schedule is as tough as ever for Carolina with top teams in and out of the Southeast region challenging the Gamecocks. It all kicks off on Aug. 25 with the Gamecocks playing in the Tiger Invitational on the campus of the University of Missouri (Columbia, Mo.) against Big Ten foes, Illinois and Iowa.

“Our non-conference schedule will be a great preparation for our conference play,” said Smith. “That first weekend will be a tournament in Missouri and the challenge to face two top opponents, unfamiliar with each other.”

Carolina's home opener is set for Aug. 31 against in-state school Francis Marion, followed up by a pair of home matches against James Madison and The Citadel.

For the second consecutive season, USC will be featured in the Carolina Cup. This year's Carolina Cup is at Furman with the Gamecocks facing Charlotte on Sept. 9 before a Sept. 11 match against the Lady Paladins.

Mark the calendars down, Friday, Sept. 15, as Carolina and Clemson renew their rivalry on the soccer field. The showdown is set for 7 pm at Stone Stadium. USC closes out the non-conference portion of the schedule on Sept. 17 vs. another set of Gamecocks, this group from Jacksonville State.

The SEC season begins on the road this year with tests at Alabama and Auburn to jumpstart the conference slate. Carolina returns to Columbia with a pair of SEC Eastern Division opponents in defending SEC champion Tennessee and Georgia making an appearance at the Graveyard. The match vs. the Lady Vols is Sept. 29 with the weekend closer against the Bulldogs.

“The SEC is always a battle, but we will be tested early to sort out any adjustments that need to be made before our home SEC opener against Tennessee.”

Following the early series of conference match-ups, Carolina will again retreat to the road for matches at Kentucky and Vanderbilt. Oct. 13 and Oct. 15 are home matches for Carolina against Mississippi State and Ole Miss. USC will then host LSU and travel to Arkansas before closing out the regular season at home on Friday, Oct. 27 against the Florida Gators. Senior Day ceremonies will be held before the match.

The SEC Tournament will be held for the third time in Orange Beach, Ala. beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 1 – Sunday, Nov. 5 with the championship game televised on SEC-TV/Fox Sports Net South. The NCAA postseason then begins culminating in the Women's College Cup held the first weekend of December in Cary, N.C.



Head Coach Shelley Smith

Sixth Season at South Carolina (Vermont, 1993)

With over a decade of experience in college women's soccer, South Carolina head coach Shelley Smith begins her sixth season at the helm of the Gamecock program. Under the direction of Smith,

USC has posted a 45-43-10 record that includes two appearances in the SEC Tournament. With her first five years complete, USC is looking to make that next step, a berth into the NCAA Tournament.

The Gamecocks look to begin taking that step forward with this year's squad that features a majority of letterwinners returning including All-SEC midfielder Ashley Kirk as well as a multitude of talented newcomers that was ranked the fifth best recruiting class in the SEC and 10th best in the Southeast.

Smith has coached several top student-athletes at Carolina including two-time All-SEC performers Melinda Carter, Jessica Julin, and Sarah Lentz. Julin is currently the captain of the Finland National Team and Carter played in the WUSA. The Gamecocks have had 13 players earn All-SEC selections in the last five years.

Along with success on the field, Carolina's women's team has boasted strong marks in the classroom earning NSCAA College Team Academic Awards every season with her as head coach. The cumulative GPA for Carolina's women's team has been above 3.0 every year since 2001. In addition, USC defender Kimmy Criss received CoSIDA Academic All-America honors last year (2005) and was a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-District selection along with teammate Amanda Thurber.

In her first season as head coach at Carolina (2001), the Gamecocks were the third most improved team in the nation with an 8-7-3 overall record. Carolina also had one of the school's best home records, going 5-3 at Stone Stadium, allowing opponents to score only four goals in eight matches.

The success continued for USC in 2002 with 13 wins in Smith's second season. The year was highlighted with USC's first ever victories against Florida and Kentucky. Smith also led her team to ties against 2002 SEC champion Auburn and Eastern Division champion Tennessee.

Smith led the Gamecocks to another strong season in 2003 with 10 wins including a USC record eight-game unbeaten streak as well as a 6-2-1 record at home in Stone Stadium.

The 2004 season featured a win over No. 7 Clemson, the Gamecocks' first win over a ranked opponent since 1998, as well as a 6-3 mark in the non-conference season. Ashley Kirk also became the

first freshman soccer player in school history to be named SEC Freshman of the Year. In addition, South Carolina set a school record for a home game-winning streak with six consecutive wins.

In eight years as a head coach, Smith has compiled an overall record of 86-78-12. Besides her collegiate coaching, Smith was a member of the Region III ODP staff for the past five years, as well as an assistant for the '90 Regional Team. Smith also was a member of the U-14 National Camp staff for U.S. Soccer in 2003.

With a background in both semi-professional and collegiate soccer, Smith previously served as head coach at Rhode Island from 1997-2000. The 2000 NSCAA Northeast Region Coach of the Year, Smith rebuilt the URI women's soccer program, compiling a 41-35-2 overall record. Smith took a program that was 2-16 her first year to 12-7-1 in her second season. In 2000, Smith coached URI to its best record ever of 15-4-1, while reaching the Atlantic 10 Semifinals, a first in URI history.

Smith was nominated for the 2000 National Coach of the Year. The New England Women's Soccer Intercollegiate Soccer Association (NEWISA) also named her its Division I Coach of the Year in 2000. She was the 1998 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year as well.

In addition to her experience as a coach, Smith brings experience from the semi-professional level. From 1996-2000, Smith played for the Boston Renegades in the W-1 League. Smith was captain in 2000 as she led Boston to the semifinals in the W-1 Championship. The Renegades reached the finals in 1998. Smith also had the opportunity to play overseas in 1994 as a member of the Sheffield United Women's Football Club in England.

Smith, a 1993 graduate of the University of Vermont with a degree in Nutritional Science, received her teacher's certificate from the same institution in 1995. Smith started all four years for the Catamounts. Her primary positions were center midfielder and central defender. She was all-conference and regional All-American in both 1992 and '93. Her freshman year they won the ECAC Tournament. Vermont was one of the first programs to offer women's soccer as a varsity sport and it competed on a national level. Smith was named to Vermont's Athletic Hall of Fame in the summer of 2004.

Smith worked as an assistant coach at Dartmouth College from 1995-97. The Big Green made the NCAA Tournament in her second season with the program.

Smith is married to USC associate head coach Jamie Smith, a 1994 graduate of Providence College. They are the proud parents of two sons, Braden James, born on Nov. 25, 2003 and Evan Addison born on Jan. 6, 2006. The family resides in Cayce, S.C. The Smiths also have a cat, Shadow.

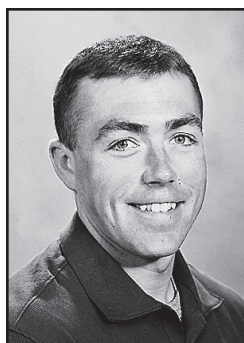
Smith has her USSF B license and the NCCAA Advanced National Diploma. Smith is currently a member of the USYSA Regional Olympic Development Staff.

A native of Shaftsbury, Vt., Smith graduated from Mount Anthony Union High School in 1989.



Head Coach Shelley Smith Year-by-Year Results

Year	Record	School
1997	2-16	Rhode Island
1998	12-7-1	Rhode Island
1999	12-8	Rhode Island
2000	15-4-1	Rhode Island
2001	8-7-3	South Carolina
2002	13-6-2	South Carolina
2003	10-8-3	South Carolina
2004	8-10-2	South Carolina
2005	6-12	South Carolina
TOTALS	86-78-12	
	41-35-2	record at Rhode Island
	45-43-10	record at Carolina



Associate Head Coach Jamie Smith

Sixth Season at South Carolina (Providence, 1994)

Jamie Smith is in his sixth season with the University of South Carolina women's soccer program and his fourth year as associate head coach. In his first two years

at USC, Smith was an assistant coach for the Gamecocks before being promoted to associate head coach in April 2003.

"Jamie and I have a unique and exciting relationship being a husband-wife team," said USC head coach Shelley Smith. "We work together extremely well and devote a lot of our time to our players. The dynamics create a tremendous environment for our players as they have responded very well to the style of our coaching staff. I am lucky to have such a talented, dedicated and hard working person to share the coaching duties with. I couldn't find a more loyal assistant."

A top recruiter and evaluator of talent, Smith earned his first collegiate coaching award in the Fall of 2003 when he was selected as one of the AFLAC Assistant Coaches of the Year.

Smith graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Providence College in 1994. While at PC, Smith was a three-year starter for the Friars' varsity team. Since graduating, he has served as assistant coach for three universities, including Brown where he held the position from 1999 to 2001.

At Brown, Smith's responsibilities included evaluating and recruiting players, scouting of opponents, and developing playing strategies. In addition, Smith was responsible for all aspects of fund-raising efforts including the Brown Youth Futbol School of Excellence, Spring Break Camp, and Youth Indoor Tournament.

Smith further cultivated his coaching talents assisting for three years at Dartmouth College and as assistant and Interim Head Coach at Vermont.

In addition to his collegiate coaching experience, Smith has held various positions with the Upper Valley Lightning Soccer Club in Hanover, N.H. from 1996 to 1998. The club is one of the largest in New Hampshire with over 2500 youth participants. Smith is also the Co-owner/Director of the World Class Soccer School in Shaftsbury, Vt. a youth summer day camp he established, developed and has operated from 1995 to the present.

THE JAMIE SMITH FILE

Born: March 24, 1972

High School Education: South Burlington, H.S. Vermont, 1989.

College Education: Bachelor of Science Degree, Providence College, 1994

College Soccer: Providence College, 1990-1994

Professional Soccer: United States Interregional Soccer League: New Hampshire Phantoms, 1995-96; Vermont Wanderers, 1997; Vermont Voltage, 1998.

College Coaching Career: Associate Head Coach, University of South Carolina, 2003-present; Assistant Women's Soccer Coach, University of South Carolina, 2001-2003; Assistant Men's Soccer Coach, Brown University, 1999-2000; Assistant Men's Soccer Coach, Dartmouth College, 1996-99; Interim Head Coach, Vermont, 1996; Assistant Soccer Coach, Vermont, 1994-95; Upper Valley Lightning

Upon graduating from Providence, Smith played professionally in the United States Interregional Soccer League with the New Hampshire Phantoms in 1995 and 1996, the Vermont Wanderers in 1997, and the Vermont Voltage in 1998. Smith also trained and played with the Montreal Impact in 1997 and 1998. Smith has a National, Advanced National and Goalkeeping License from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Smith graduated as a double-major in marketing and management from Providence and holds a United States Soccer Federation B License.



Assistant Coach Mat Cosgriff

Fourth Season at South Carolina (Maine, 2002)

Mat Cosgriff is in his fourth season with the University of South Carolina women's soccer program. Cosgriff works with the goalkeepers, assists in recruiting and organizes the team road trips and clinics held throughout the year.

Cosgriff came to USC after serving one year as the men's soccer assistant coach at the University of Maine. His duties at Maine included goalkeepers coach, recruiting coordinator, analyzing game film, scheduling, organizing road trips, organizing high school and alumni tournaments and providing nutrition and exercise assistance to players.

Upon serving as assistant coach for the University of Maine, Cosgriff was a four-year letterwinner for the Black Bears. Cosgriff served as the primary goalkeeper his junior and senior seasons. While a member of the team, Cosgriff assumed numerous academic awards, including being a three-time UMaine scholar-athlete. Cosgriff was a four-year member of the America East Academic Honor Roll, receiving the Commissioner's Honor Roll recognition (3.5 GPA or higher) his junior and senior years. In 2002, Cosgriff graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and is currently working towards a master's degree in exercise science.

A native of Lebanon, N.H., Cosgriff prepped at Hanover High School and was coached by George Merrill. He earned All-New England honors and also played for the Vermont Voltage of the Premier Development League (PDL).

THE MAT COSGRIFF FILE

Born: December 19, 1979

High School Education: Hanover High School, New Hampshire

College Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree, University of Maine, 2002

College Soccer: University of Maine, 1998-2001

Professional Soccer: Vermont Voltage, 2000-2001

Coaching Career: Assistant Coach, University of South Carolina, 2003-present; Goalkeeper Coach, Black Bear United Youth Soccer Club, 2003; Assistant Men's Soccer Coach, University of Maine, 2002



Denise Peters Volunteer Assistant Coach

Denise Peters is in her fifth season as a volunteer assistant coach with the Gamecocks. Peters is a third-year DPT student (doctor in physical therapy) at USC.

A native of Jacksonville, Ala., Peters received her bachelor of science degree in psychology in December, 2001 from UAB. Peters graduated Magna Cum Laude and was also a member of the UAB soccer program.

While at UAB, Peters led the Blazers in goals scored her sophomore, junior and senior years. Some of her many accolades include 2001 Verizon Academic All-American, 2001 NSCAA Scholar Athlete All-American, 2001 Conference-USA Women's Soccer Scholar Athlete of the Year, 2001 Conference-USA First-Team All-Conference and 2001-02 UAB Top Female Athlete GPA.

A 1998 graduate of Jacksonville High School, Peters Received All-State selections in four sports, soccer (1997, 1998), volleyball (1997, 1998), basketball (1997, 1998), and track and field (1996, 1998).



Stephanie Roseheart Athletic Trainer

Stephanie Roseheart is in her third year with the University of South Carolina athletic training staff and her first season overseeing athletic training for the women's soccer team. She also works with the men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

Roseheart came to USC from the University of Southern Mississippi where she served as associate athletic trainer and provided athletic training for women's basketball and volleyball.

Prior to Southern Miss, Roseheart was an athletic trainer for SportsFirst-Athletic Health Care for Talladega County in the state of Alabama.

Roseheart graduated with a bachelor of science degree in human performance from Southern Mississippi in 1995. While at Southern Miss, she worked with the football and women's basketball teams at Hattiesburg High School.

Roseheart received an MAED in school health from Eastern Kentucky University in 1996. While at EKU, she worked football, women's basketball, and softball as well as coverage for Madison Southern High School.



Jackie Welch Student Assistant Coach

Jackie Welch begins her first year as student assistant coach for the women's soccer team. Welch previously was a four-year letter-winner with Carolina soccer team.

Welch was one of three captains on the 2005 squad. She played at Carolina from 2002-05 and played in 67 matches with 62 starts. An athletic and versatile defender, Welch was an important part of the Gamecock back four defense that limited opponents to 0.78 goals per game in both the 2002 and 2003 seasons. She finished her career with three goals and four assists.

A native of Cape Coral, Fla., Welch is currently pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in graphic design at South Carolina.



Collin Crick Academic Advisor

Collin Crick enters his fifth year as the NCAA Champs/Life Skills coordinator and academic advisor for the Athletics Department and his 10th year at the University of South Carolina.

Prior to working for the Athletics Department, Crick worked as an academic advisor for two years at USC's Moore School of Business and three years as an admissions counselor for USC Undergraduate Admissions.

The native of South Carolina is the coordinator for "Team Gamecocks" the community outreach program for the Athletics Department. Crick is also the advisor to SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee). He received a master's from USC in 2004 and a bachelor of arts degree in psychology in 1997.



Alissa Goldman Strength & Conditioning Coach

Alissa Goldman is in her third year as strength & conditioning coach for the women's soccer team. Goldman came to South Carolina in 2004 and is also the strength & conditioning coach for women's basketball.

Prior to working at USC, Goldman worked three years as a strength and conditioning coach at the University of Tennessee. Goldman's duties included the football team and women's swimming and diving, women's tennis, women's softball, women's soccer and women's rowing.

Goldman was a graduate assistant at Ball State from 1998-2000 and worked with football, men's & women's basketball, men's & women's swimming and diving, men's volleyball and tennis.

Before pursuing her master's degree, Goldman worked four years as a personal trainer in California.

Goldman received a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Fresno State in 1995 and a master's in sports biomechanics from Ball State in 2000.

Goldman is a Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) and also earned a SCCC (Strength & Conditioning Coach Certified) certificate.



Andrew Kitick Media Relations

Andrew Kitick is in his fourth year as assistant media relations director and his sixth season working in the South Carolina Media Relations Department. Kitick is the primary contact for baseball and women's soccer.

Kitick has overseen the media relations efforts at numerous national caliber championships including the 2002, 2003 and 2004 College World Series, the 2002 SEC Men's & Women's Swimming and Diving Championships and the 2002 and 2003 SEC Women's Soccer Tournament.

Kitick, who served his first two years as an intern at USC, worked on staff at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. Kitick was a member of the Communications Team at the baseball venue under the direction of the International Baseball Federation. Kitick also gained experience as publicist in the summer of 2003 for the USA National Baseball Team coached by South Carolina head coach Ray Tanner. He coordinated media relations efforts that culminated with the 2003 Pan American Games.

Prior to joining the staff at USC, Kitick worked as a student assistant for three years at the University of Illinois. While at Illinois, Kitick's responsibilities included game day duties for the Illini football, men's and women's basketball and soccer teams. In 2000 and 2001, Kitick was the assistant contact for women's softball.

A native of St. Charles, Ill., Kitick graduated with a bachelor of science degree in journalism in 2001.



Dr. Andrew Sorensen
University President



Eric Hyman
Athletics Director



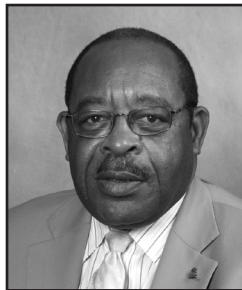
Dr. Bill Bearden
Faculty Representative



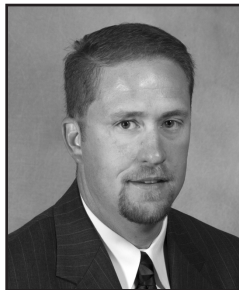
Kevin O'Connell
Executive Associate A.D.



Val Sheley
Senior Associate A.D./SWA



Harold White
Senior Associate A.D.



Jeff Tallant
Chief Financial Officer



Jeff Davis
Associate A.D.



Charles Waddell
Associate A.D.



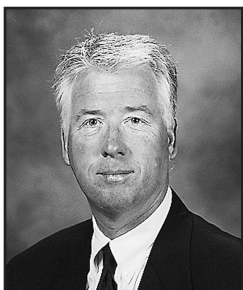
Chris Wyrick
Associate A.D.



Shawn Burke
Assistant A.D.



Michelle Schmitt
Assistant A.D.



Dr. Rod Walters
Assistant A.D.



Jeff Crane
Marketing Director



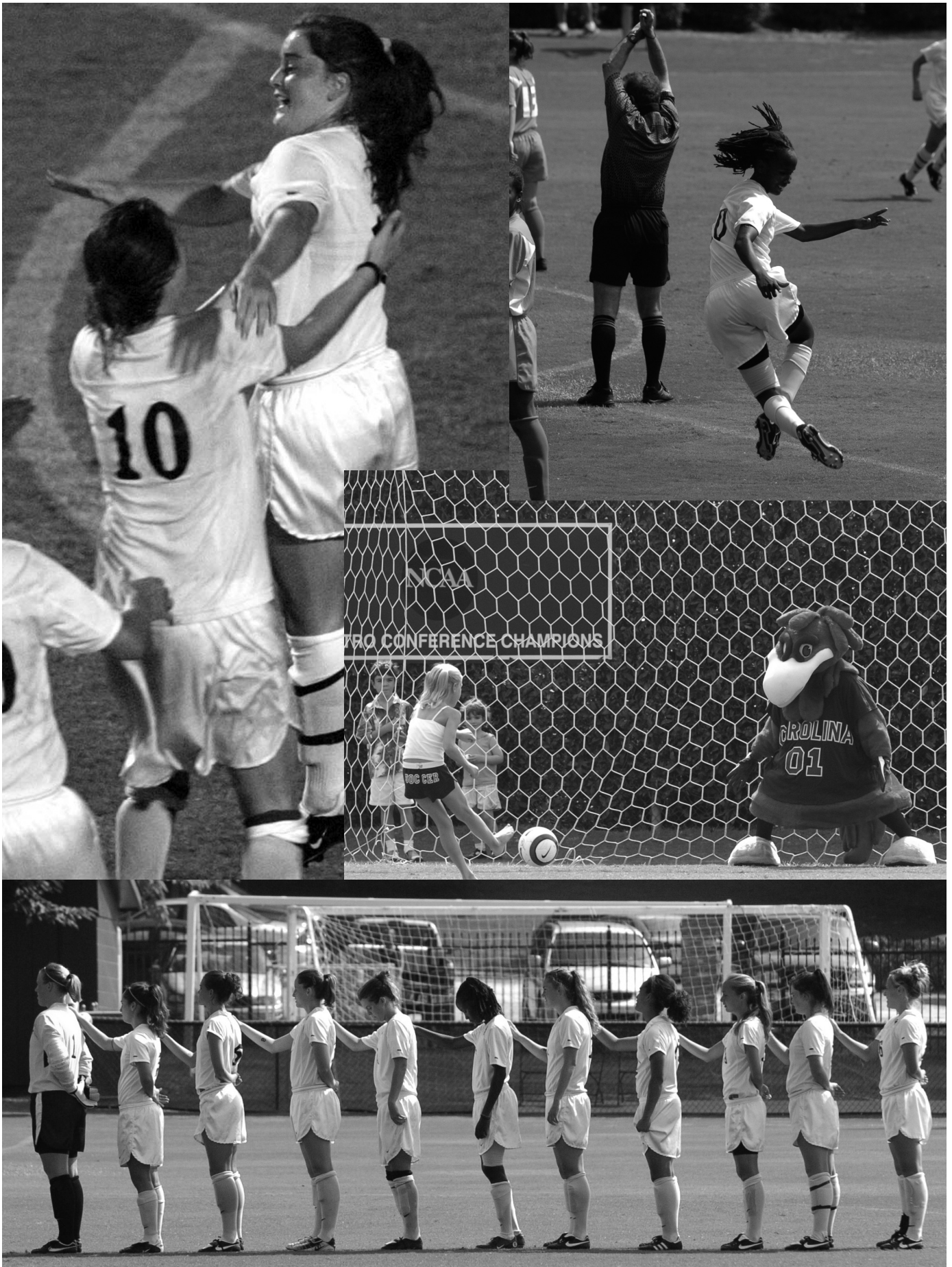
Steve Fink
Media Relations Director



Kent Hegenauer
Ticket Operations Manager



This is South Carolina Soccer





SOUTH CAROLINA HONOR ROLL



Jessica Julin
2001 & 2002 All-SEC Selection
Captain - Finland National Team



Melinda Carter
2001 & 2002 All-SEC Selection
2003 WUSA Atlanta Beat



Sarah Lentz
2003 & 2004 All-SEC Selection



Ashley Kirk
2004 SEC Freshman of the Year
2005 All-SEC Selection