

South Carolina Track and Field

Home of Champions

Under the guidance of head coach Curtis Frye, South Carolina's track and field program has solidified itself among the best in the nation.

In 2003, the Gamecock Track and Field program produced 41 All-Americans, 15 SEC Champions and 3 NCAA Champions. At the NCAA's, the women's team finished second indoors and third outdoors, becoming one of only three schools to have placed among the top-10 outdoors in each of the last eight seasons.

Over the past two seasons, USC has totaled 91 All-Americans, 33 SEC Champions, 21 NCAA Champions and won the Women's Outdoor National Championship.

Carolina looks to continue that trend in 2004 and make its mark on the SEC, NCAA and Internationally. The quest for excellence in Fayetteville, Austin and Athens, Greece, is underway.



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On the Covers

Pictured on the front cover are USC's 2004 team captains, clockwise from upper left (L to R): India Odum, Otis Harris, Tony Allmond, Shevon Stoddart, Erica Whipple, Chris Steddom, Fred Townsend, Jenny Lake, Adam Bishop, Rhashida Abdul-Malik.

Pictured on the back are USC's Olympians, clockwise from upper left (L to R): Marvin Watts, Charmaine Howell, Miki Barber, Aleen Bailey, Michelle Fournier, Brad Snyder, Terrence Trammell, Otukile Lekote, Melissa Morrison, Allen Johnson, Dawn Ellerbe, Lisa Misipeka, Tonique Williams.

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QUICK FACTS & MEDIA OUTLETS

UNIVERSITY FACTS

Location: Columbia, SC (state capital, metropolitan population, 430,000)
Mailing Address: Rex Enright Athletic Center, 1300 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29208
Founded: 1801 (oldest fully state-supported institution of higher learning in the U.S. A.)
Enrollment: 23,700
Nickname: Gamecocks
Conference: Southeastern (Eastern Division)
Mascot: Cocky
Colors: Garnet (PMS 201) and Black
Facility: Weems Baskin Track Facility (2,200)
President: Dr. Andrew Sorensen
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Affiliate: NCAA Division I
Conference: Southeastern
Head Coach: Curtis Frye (East Carolina, 1974)
Years at School: Seven Years
Assistant Coaches: Kevin Brown (North Carolina, 1996)
 Delethea Quarles (Liberty, 1989)
 Stan Rosenthal (Ind. Univ. of Penn., 1975)
 Mike Sergeant (Virginia Tech, 1992)
Volunteer Assistant Coaches: Dawn Ellerbe (South Carolina, 1997)
 Allen Johnson (North Carolina, 1993)
 Melissa Morrison (Appalachian St., 1993)

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2003 SEC Finishes:
Men's Indoors/Outdoors: 3/6
Women's Indoors/Outdoors: 2/4
2003 NCAA Finishes:
Men's Indoors/Outdoors: 3/10
Women's Indoors/Outdoors: 2/4

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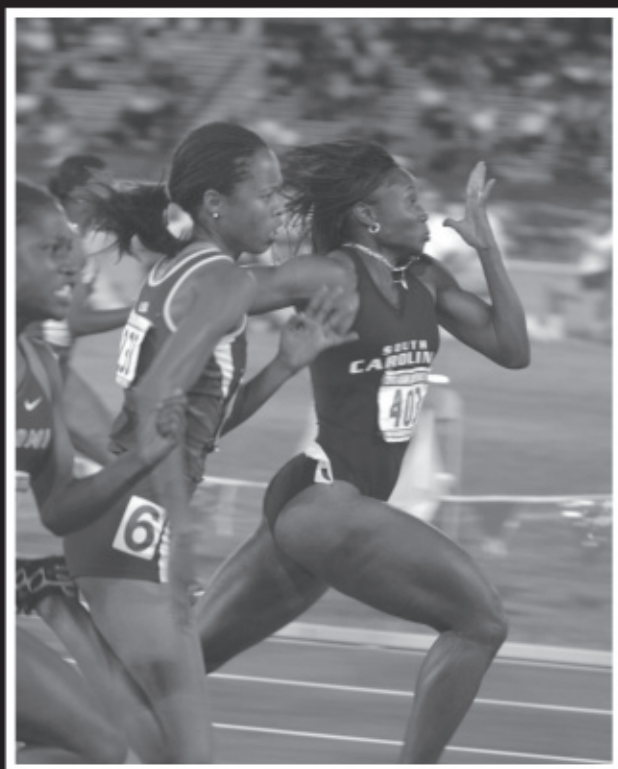
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A LOOK BACK AT 2003



Aleen Bailey (left & below) became the first woman since 1998 to win both the 100m & 200m titles at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. She was also named SEC Female Athlete of the Year for the outdoor season.



Kenneth Ferguson (left) swept the 110m & 400m hurdle crowns at the U.S. Junior Championships in Palo Alto, Calif.

A LOOK BACK AT 2003



Kenneth Ferguson earned SEC Freshman of the Year honors for his outdoor performances.



Chris Steddum vaulted his way to SEC Athlete of the Week honors on May 14 after setting a meet record at the Orange & Purple Classic at Clemson.



Aleen Bailey twice won SEC Athlete of the Week honors, once indoors on Jan. 15, and once outdoors on April 16.

A LOOK BACK AT 2003



Lashinda Demus won the NCAA Indoor 400m Championship with a season-best time in Fayetteville, Ark.



Tawana Watkins took home the 400m hurdles title at the U.S. Junior Championships in June.



Head coach Curtis Frye, pictured here with Bill Cosby in Philadelphia, wore the "yellow hat" as one of five honorary referees at the Penn Relays.

A LOOK BACK AT 2003

The United States Track Coaches Association named Jonathan Fortenberry (above left) and Otukile Lekote (below left) the co-Southeast Region Athletes of the Year during the indoor season



Kenneth Ferguson was named Mondo Southeast District Athlete of the Year for his sensational outdoor season.



With help from senior Miki Barber, USC's women's team ended the indoor season atop the U.S. Track Coaches Association "Team Power Rankings" for their first ever poll title.

A LOOK BACK AT 2003



Otis Harris (left) broke his own 400m school record on three occasions, including his SEC Championship run and a second-place finish at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

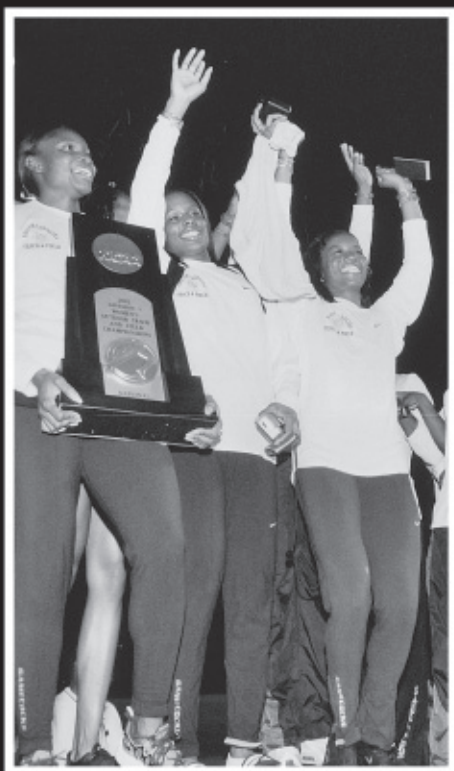


Erica Whipple won the 200m title at the SEC Championship and earned the Commissioner's Trophy as the meet's top scorer.



Tiffany Ross won her second consecutive SEC 400m hurdles Outdoor Championship with her best time of the season.

2002 NCAA CHAMPIONS



South Carolina's women's track & field team captured the 2002 NCAA Outdoor Championship, becoming the first Gamecock team in any sport to win an NCAA title.



2002 NCAA CHAMPIONS

The Gamecocks were invited to Washington, D.C. to meet President George W. Bush and enjoy a whirlwind tour of the Nation's Capital. The team also enjoyed a visit with former South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond.



2002 A YEAR TO REMEMBER

2002, A STORYBOOK SEASON!

The women were fourth indoors and won the NCAA title outdoors. The men's team was sixth indoors and outdoors. All told the two teams won/set or were honored as:

- 7 medals at the World Junior Championships
 - 1 World Junior Record
 - 3 USATF Junior Champions
- 3 NCAA individual champions
 - 4 NCAA relays champions
 - 52 All-Americans
 - 1 NCAA Record
- 4 SEC individual champions
 - 3 SEC relay champions
 - 5 SEC Records
 - South Carolina NCAA Woman of the Year
 - National Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year
 - USTCA Indoor Female Athlete of the Year
- Track and Field News Female Athlete of the Year
 - USATCA Outdoor Male Region Athlete of the Year
 - SEC Female Outdoor Athlete of the Year
- SEC Indoor and Outdoor Freshman of the Year
 - USTCA National Outdoor Coach of the Year
 - SEC Outdoor Women's Coach of the Year



Otukile Lekote added to his collection of NCAA titles in 2002, winning the 800m indoors and outdoors. He also ran the second leg of USC's SEC and NCAA title-winning 4x400m relay, helping set the SEC record. In addition, Lekote was named the USTCA Outdoor Region Athlete of the Year and the National Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.



This Gamecock threesome collected 21 points in the 400m at the NCAA Championships, with Lisa Barber finishing as the runner-up, Lashinda Demus finishing third and Demetria Washington, last year's runner-up, finishing fourth.

NATIONAL EXPOSURE

In recent years, Gamecock track and field has been featured in **USA Today, Sports Illustrated, Track & Field News, SI for Women, Sweet16.com, Link, Women & Sports Fitness Magazine** and on **ABC Sports, CBS Sports, NBC Sports, ESPN, ESPN2, the Oxygen Network, Trackwire.com** and numerous other media outlets.

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Two Titles For Walter Davis

LSU Wins NCAA Title

Frye Finally Puts Up A 1

After the longest 1-year hiatus in the history of the sport, the 100-meter dash was back on the track at the 2002 NCAA Championships. LSU's Walter Davis won the title in 10.8 seconds, setting a new world record.

Davis, a senior from Baton Rouge, La., won the title in 10.8 seconds, setting a new world record. He is the first person to win the 100-meter dash in the NCAA since 1988.



Walter Davis, LSU, won the 100-meter dash at the 2002 NCAA Championships.

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Four African American women were honored with Diamond Awards by the WPCA at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. From left: Tameika Isaac, Angela Huntley, and two other honorees.

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Eric Duncan, Florham Park, N.J., Baseball
Eric, a senior third baseman at Seton Hall Prep, drove in the winning run to give the Pirates the state Parochial A championship. He set school records in batting average (.556), homers (12), hits (52) and RBIs (60), and was the New York Yankees' first-round draft pick.

Michelle Acosta, Midland, Texas, Basketball
Acosta, a senior guard at Groesbeck University, became the Yellowjackets' first All-America in women's basketball and led the Heart of America Athletic Conference in scoring (692 points), assists (156) and steals (128).

Albert Childress, Grady, Va., Wrestling
Albert, a senior at Grady High, won the Group AA 275-pound state championship, thus becoming the second U.S. high school wrestler to win four state heavyweight titles. His 171 career wins are a Virginia High School League Group AA record.

Erica Whipple, West Palm Beach, Fla., Track and Field
Whipple, who just completed her sophomore year at South Carolina, won the 200-meter dash and placed second in the 100 meters at the SEC track and field championships. She accumulated the most points at the meet, earning the Commissioner's Trophy.

Joshua Raff, Haverford, Pa., Tennis
Joshua, a graduating senior at the Haverford School and captain of the team, won his fourth Inter-Academic League singles championship. A member of the varsity team since the sixth grade, he had 60 wins in league play and 50 wins overall.

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Kenneth Ferguson, Detroit, Track and Field
Ferguson, a sophomore sprinter and hurdler at South Carolina, ran a most-record 13.60 to win the 110-meter hurdles at the Junior Pan American Games in Bridgetown, Barbados. He also won gold in the 400-meter hurdles and the 4x400 relay.

Jennifer Marcus, Miami, Baton Twirling
Marcus helped her team, Encore, win a gold medal for the U.S. at the 2003 World Baton Twirling Championships on Sunday. A junior at Florida State, she also won titles in solo, two baton and three baton at the U.S. Twirling Association championships.

Clay Millican, Drummonds, Tenn., Drag Racing
Millican, 37, moved to his 26th career victory at the International Hot Rod Association Northern Nationals in Martin, Mich., last week, breaking the record for top-fuel wins held by Don (Big Daddy) Garlin.

Kim Richards, Johnson City, N.Y., Powerlifting
Richards, 21, won gold medals in the female deadlift, bench press and combination bench press/deadlift at the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games. She was named 2003 Special Olympics New York Female athlete of the year.

All Anisopour, Seattle, Karate
Anisopour, a senior at the University of Washington, won gold medals in the men's kumite +80kg and open kumite classes at the USA National Karate-do Federation's championships. He also won the gold in the kumite +80 at the 2003 USA Open.

Sharon Day, Costa Mesa, Calif.