

# **SOUTH CAROLINA COACHING STAFF**

Assistant Coach Mat Cosgriff, Head Coach Shelley Smith, Associate Coach Jamie Smith

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## SHELLEY SMITH

Head Coach Ninth Season at South Carolina 13th Season Overall Vermont, 1993

Shelley Smith enters her ninth season at the helm of the USC women's soccer program and looks to continue building upon the success that she has brought to the program after taking the team to the first back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in program history.

Smith has cemented Carolina's position as a conference title contender and player on the national stage after guiding the Gamecocks in 2008 to their second consecutive NCAA Tournament bid and third consecutive SEC Tournament bid, both program firsts. The Gamecocks went 11-7-4 overall and earned five SEC wins for the third year in a row with only one senior on the roster. Respected as a top defensive team, the Gamecocks finished the regular season second in the SEC with eight shutouts and ranked in the top two in every major defensive category including goals allowed, points allowed, shots allowed and shots on goal allowed.

Blakely Mattern and Kayla Grimsley both earned All-SEC honors with Mattern earning her second first team and Grimslev picking up spots on the second team and freshman team. The duo also picked up Soccer Buzz All-Southeast Region honors while Mattern also earned a nod by the NSCAA.

Carolina's success in the classroom continued last season as her squad earned two Academic All-District honors in Mattern and Mollie Patton. Mattern was also named to the Academic All-America first team, making South Carolina one of only four teams in the nation – and the only in the SEC – to have an Academic All-American selected each of the past four seasons. Her team was also honored with its seventh NSCAA Team Academic Award. The team had 11 players named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll in addition to nine selections to the SEC Freshman Honor Roll. Overall, Smith has coached 131 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipients since coming to USC in 2001.

Smith has coached several top student-athletes at Carolina including Ashley Kirk, USC's first four-time All-SEC honoree, Carolina's first All-American in three-time All-SEC selection Blakely Mattern and 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 earned 20 All-SEC honors in the last eight years.

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

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 successful 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 non-conference action. Ashley Kirk also became the first freshman soccer player in school history to be named SEC Freshman of the Year. In addition, Carolina set a school record for a home game-winning streak with six consecutive wins.



### THE SHELLEY SMITH FILE

Full Name: Shelley Addison Smith Hometown: Shaftsbury, Vt.

Education: B.S. Nutritional Science, Univ. of Vermont, 1993 Family: Husband, Jamie; Sons, Braden (5) and Evan (3)

Playing Experience: Univ. of Vermont, 1990-93 Sheffield United FC, 1994

Coaching Experience:

Boston Renegades, 1996-2000 Dartmouth (Asst.), 1995-97

Rhode Island, 1997-2000 South Carolina, 2001-present **Playing Honors:** 

**Coaching Honors:** 

Two-time All-New England

Three-time 1st Team All-North Atlantic Conference Two-time NSCAA Northeast Region All-American

Two-time NAC Academic Honor Roll Seventh on all-time career GWG list Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year, 1998

Nation's Most Improved W-L, 1998 (Rhode Island) NSCAA Northeast Region Coach of the Year, 2000 National Coach of the Year Finalist, 2000 Vermont Athletic Hall of Fame, 2004 USYSA Regional III ODP Staff

Following an injury filled 2005 season, the program took a big step forward in 2006 as USC went undefeated at home for the first time in school history with an 8-0-3 mark at Stone Stadium. The team's cumulative goals against average of 0.69 was the lowest ever tallied at Carolina. The season culminated with the Gamecocks advancing to the SEC Tournament semifinals for the first time in Carolina history, as Blakely Mattern became the team's first Freshman All-America selection since 1998.

Smith directed the 2007 Gamecocks to arguably the best season in school history, tying the school record with 14 victories and advancing to the NCAA Tournament for only the second time in program history. Carolina posted a 14-6-3 overall record including a 5-4-2 mark in the SEC after beginning the season by becoming the first team ever to knock off defending national champion and top-ranked North Carolina in a season opening game at Fetzer Field in Chapel Hill. The Gamecocks ran to a 7-0-0 start to the season — program bests for start to a season and winning streak — and peaked at No. 7 in the national polls. For the second consecutive season South Carolina advanced to the SEC Tournament semifinals after knocking off Tennessee for the first time in program history and earned the school's first bid to the NCAA Tournament since 1998. Blakely Mattern became the first sophomore to ever earn SEC Defensive Player of the Year honors in addition to becoming the first All-American in South Carolina history.

In 12 years as a head coach, Smith has compiled an overall record of 122-97-24. 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 2003 U-14 National Camp staff for U.S. Soccer.

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, marking the eighthmost improved won-lost record for a team in NCAA history. 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 a regional All-American in both 1992 and '93 in addition to being named First Team All-North Atlantic Conference each year from 1991-93. During her freshman year, the squad 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 Columbia, S.C.

Smith has her USSF B license and the NCAA Advanced National Diploma. She 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.

#### SMITH'S CAREER RECORD

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
2006	11-6-5	South Carolina
2007	14-6-3	South Carolina
2008	11-7-4	South Carolina
Totals	122-97-24	
	41-35-2 81-62-22	Rhode Island South Carolina

### **COACHING HONOR ROLL**

All-SEC Players	3	Team
2001	Jessica Julin	1st
	Melinda Carter	2nd
2002	Melinda Carter	2nd
	Alison Jarrow	2nd
2003	Sarah Lentz	2nd
2004	Sarah Lentz	1st
2005	Ashley Kirk	2nd
2006	Courtney Cobbs	2nd
	Ashley Kirk	2nd
	Blakely Mattern	2nd
2007	Ashley Kirk	1st
	Blakely Mattern	1st
	Darcel Mollon	2nd
2008	Blakely Mattern	1st
	Kayla Grimsley	2nd

#### All-SEC Freshman Team

2003	M.A. Foster
	Shelley Hoddeson
2004	Ashley Kirk*
2006	Blakely Mattern
2007	Brittiny Rhoades
2008	Kayla Grimsley
*SEC Co-Freshman	of the Year

*SEC Co-Freshman of the Year				
All-Southeast R	Team			
2001	Melinda Carter	NSCAA-3		
2002	Melinda Carter	NSCAA-3		
		S.B3		
2006	Courtney Cobbs	S.B3		
	Ashley Kirk	S.B3		
	Blakely Mattern	S.B3		
		S.BFr.		
2007	Blakely Mattern	S.B1		
		NSCAA-2		
	Darcel Mollon	NSCAA-2		
		S.B3		
	Ashley Kirk	S.B3		
	Brittiny Rhoades	S.BFr.		
2008	Blakely Mattern	S.B2		
		NSCAA-3		
	Kayla Grimsley	S.BFr.		
All-America Ho	Team			
2003	Kanika McAlpine	Acad.		
2005	Kimmy Criss	Acad.		
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2003	Kanika McAlpine	Acad.
2005	Kimmy Criss	Acad.
2006	Annie Galloway	Acad.
	Blakely Mattern	Frosh
2007	Blakely Mattern	S.B4
	Brittiny Rhoades	Frosh
	Erin Sullivan	Acad.
2008	Blakely Mattern	Acad.



# **JAMIE SMITH**

Associate Head Coach Ninth Season at South Carolina Providence, 1994

Jamie Smith enters his ninth season with the University of South Carolina women's soccer program and his seventh 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. Upon graduating, Smith held the Providence record for career saves and currently is second on the list at 263. 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. He also currently coordinates numerous camps in South Carolina.

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.



## THE JAMIE SMITH FILE

Full Name: Hometown: Education: Playing Experience: Jamie Smith South Burlington, Vt. B.S., Providence College, 1994 Providence College, 1990-93 New Hampshire Phantoms, 1995-96 Vermont Wanderers, 1997 Vermont Voltage, 1998

Coaching Experience:

**Playing Honors: Coaching Honors:**  Upper Valley Lightning SC, 1996-98 Vermont (Asst.), 1994-95 Vermont (Interim HC), 1996 Dartmouth (Men's Asst.), 1999-00 South Carolina (Asst.), 2001-03 South Carolina (Assoc.), 2003-present Graduated as PC's career saves leader AFLAC Assistant Coach of the Year, 2003 U.S. U20 Team Camp Assistant, 2008



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# **MAT COSGRIFF**

Assistant Coach Seventh Season at South Carolina Maine, 2002

Mat Cosgriff will begin his seventh season with the University of South Carolina women's soccer program in 2009. Cosgriff works with the goalkeepers and assists in all aspect of the program.

Under Cosgriff's tutelage, South Carolina has earned four SEC Defensive Player of the Week honors, an SEC All-Tournament selection and two Top Drawer Soccer Team of the Season selections at goalkeeper. In 2007, Laura Armstrong tied the South Carolina single-season and career records in a season for shutouts, posting seven on the season and 15 in her career to tie Elise Matthews' numbers set in Cosgriff's first season with the program.

Cosgriff's goalkeepers have posted three of the lowest five goals against averages in Carolina history, led by the school-record 0.69 set in 2006. Armstrong posted a 0.49 GAA in the 2007 season, setting the USC individual record with a mark that led the Southeastern Conference and was ninth nationally. She finished her career third on the All-Time SEC list with a 0.82 GAA from 2004-07 after coming to USC with only two years' experience at the position.

Goalkeeper Lindsay Thorstenson became the first USC player to earn NSCAA and Soccer America National Player of the Week honors after becoming the first keeper to ever shutout perennial power North Carolina in a home opener. Thorstenson's effort in 2007 ended a 27 game Tar Heel winning streak and a 54 game UNC streak without being shutout.

In 2009, Cosgriff guided redshirt sophomore Mollie Patton to the SEC's third-best goals against average (0.96) and a school record tying seven shutouts in Patton's first game action since high school, a three-year span.

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. He earned All-New England honors and 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.

A native of Lebanon, N.H., Cosgriff also played for the Vermont Voltage of the Premier Development League (PDL).



### THE MAT COSGRIFF FILE

**Full Name:** Hometown: Education:

Mat Cosgriff Lebanon, N.H.

Playing Experience:

B.S. Sociology, University of Maine, 2002 Univ. of Maine, 1998-01

Coaching Experience:

Vermont Voltage, 2000-01 Maine (Men's Asst.), 2002 Black Bear United YSC (Asst.), 2003

South Carolina (Asst.), 2003-present

Playing Honors:

Three-time UMaine Scholar Athlete Four-time America East Honor Roll Two-time Commissioner's Honor Roll All-New England honors

Four SEC Defensive POW's

**Coaching Honors:** 

Two Top Drawer Soccer Team of the Season One SEC All-Tournament Team

NSCAA National Player of the Week, 2007 Soccer America Player of the Week, 2007 Three-time Soccer Buzz Team of the Week





## ROBERT CAMPBELL

Academic Advisor Third Season at South Carolina Louisville, 2004

Robert Campbell joined South Carolina's athletics department in January 2007 and is in his first year working with the women's soccer program. Campbell serves as an assistant director in the office with Academic advisor responsibilities for women's soccer, softball and swimming & diving. A Kentucky native and graduate of the University of Louisville, Campbell previously worked at his alma mater's Olga Peers Academic Center for Student-Athletes where he worked with both football and men's basketball. Campbell also served as the academic advisor for men's basketball, men's and women's Tennis, and the spirit squads at Central Florida prior to USC.



### MARCY GIRTON

Deputy AD/Administration Second Season at South Carolina Taylor (Ind.), 1981

Marcy Girton is in her second year as Associate Athletics Director for Administration, serving as sport supervisor for women's soccer. Girton came to South Carolina after a nine-year stint at TCU where she served as Associate Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator. She was responsible for overseeing the athletics compliance program and departmental policies, as well as athletics financial aid, and the Student Athlete Advisory Council. She also supervised the sports of women's basketball, soccer and men's and women's tennis. Girton has a broad background in intercollegiate athletics as an athlete, coach and administrator. Since joining TCU in 1999, she was involved in all phases of sports programs, from marketing and promotions, to fund raising, personnel management and broadcasting. She was named the TCU Athletics Department "Teammate of the Year" following the 2000-01 school year. Girton began her administrative career at Western Carolina in 1996, supervising 11 sports and overseeing academic support services, the Life Skills program, and the Student-Athlete Council.



## **MIQUEL JACOBS**

Media Relations Third Season at South Carolina South Carolina, 2007

Miquel Jacobs is in his third year in the media relations department at South Carolina. He is the primary contact for women's soccer, cross country and track & field. Jacobs previously served as a student assistant for two years at USC, coordinating publicity efforts for cross country and women's golf in 2006. His responsibilities also included game day duties for football, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball and soccer. Prior to working in media relations, Jacobs worked as a sports staff writer at The Daily Gamecock newspaper, serving as beat writer for women's soccer, volleyball and women's basketball. A native of Columbia, S.C., and a member of CoSIDA, Jacobs graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations in May 2007 and completed coursework in May 2009 towards a master's degree in sport management.



### KELLY LEWIS

**Event Management** 16th Season at South Carolina USC-Aiken, 1982

Kelly Lewis is in her 16th year with Gamecock athletics. Lewis manages event operations for women's soccer, volleyball as well as several other sports at South Carolina, Lewis was the event coodinator for the 1999 NCAA Women's Golf East Regional and served as the Gamecocks' coordinator for the 1997-2001 SEC women's basketball tournaments. She also worked as an event coordinator for the 1997 NCAA Women's Basketball East Regional held at the Carolina Coliseum. Lewis earned her master's degree in sports administration at Eastern Kentucky in 1994. A native of Aiken, S.C., Lewis received a Bachelor of Science in physical education in 1982 from USC-Aiken, where she also coached volleyball and basketball.



## STEPHANIE ROSEHART

Athletic Trainina Sixth Season at South Carolina Southern Mississippi, 1995

Stephanie Rosehart is in her sixth year with the University of South Carolina athletic training staff and her fourth season overseeing athletic training for the women's soccer squad. Rosehart 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. Rosehart graduated with a bachelor of science degree in human performance from Southern Mississippi in 1995. While at Southern Miss, she worked with the Eagles' football and women's basketball teams in addition to working at Hattiesburg High School, Rosehart 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.



## **VAL SHELEY**

Associate AD/SWA Fifth Season at South Carolina Murray State

Val Sheley is in her fifth year as senior associate athletics director and senior woman administrator. Her athletics career started in 1988 when she served as head of men's and women's track and field, then added the responsibilities of assistant athletics director/senior woman administrator at UNC Asheville. From there, she went to the NCAA office working as a legislative assistant for the national organization. Sheley is in her second stint with South Carolina, having served as an associate athletics director for NCAA compliance at the school from 1995 to 2000. In 2000, she left the Gamecocks to become athletics director at Presbyterian College, where she oversaw the school's 13 athletics programs and facility improvements for three years. During 2003-04, Sheley served as the interim associate athletics director for academic support and career development at Maryland before returning to South Carolina.



### ANDREA TYNDALL

Strength & Conditioning Third Season at South Carolina Oregon, 1996

Andrea Tyndall is in her third season on the Gamecock Strength and Conditioning staff after stints at Queen Creek High School (Ariz.), Arizona State, Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Iowa. At Arizona State, Tyndall worked with four sports after spending three years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she worked with six sports. Tyndall also was a graduate assistant at the University of Iowa. Tyndall holds a bachelor's degree in exercise and movement science from the University of Oregon and a master's in physical education from Arizona State (2004). She has held certifications through the National Strength & Conditioning Association, Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association and USA Weightlifting.



### NEAL WEBB

Administrative Assistant First Season at South Carolina South Carolina, 2008

Neal Webb is entering her first season as the administrative assistant for the women's soccer team. She also holds duties for the men's soccer and track and field programs at South Carolina. Prior to her current role. Webb spent the 2007 season doing an internship with the South Carolina baseball office. The Greenville, S.C. native earned a Bacherlor of Science degree in sports management at South Carolina in 2008.