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HEAD COACH

Arlo Elkins

Head Coach 25th Year 370-249 Overall
13 Consecutive NCAA Tournament Appearances

Head coach Arlo Elkins has made a dramatic impact during his past 24 seasons at South Carolina, posting a 370-249 (.598) record. The 370 wins rank first among all Gamecock women's tennis head coaches and all active NCAA Division I women's coaches in the state of South Carolina. He is a proven winner, and his winning attitude has made the Gamecocks one of the most consistent programs in the country.

In his first year with South Carolina in 1984, Elkins led the Garnet & Black to a 12-17 record. The following year, however, South Carolina finished 27-10 and won the first of five Metro Conference titles. Elkins and the Gamecocks won the Metro championship the following three years and then once more in 1990, two years before Carolina would compete in the Southeastern Conference.

Elkins made his NCAA Tournament debut in 1988 following South Carolina's fourth consecutive league crown. He has currently guided South Carolina to 13 straight NCAA team appearances, the 11th-longest active streak in the country. During that time, the Gamecocks have recorded a winning percentage of .500 or better in each season. Additionally, Elkins has taken the Gamecocks to at least the second round of NCAA play in 12 of their past 14 showings. South Carolina has made a total of 15 NCAA Tournament appearances under Elkins and advanced as far as the round of 16 three times (1990, 1995, 1999).

The Gamecocks are no strangers to the NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships as well. Thanks to Elkins, South Carolina has seen an individual compete in the NCAA Championships in 18 of his 24 seasons.

In 1994, Helen Crook and Victoria Davies became Elkins' first All-Americans when they reached the semifinal round of the NCAA Doubles Championship.

South Carolina has consistently been among the final rankings since Elkins first stepped foot on campus. In 18 of his 24 years, Carolina has appeared in the final team standings and been in the top 25 a total of 13 times. Elkins' 1995 Gamecocks posted a final national billing of 11th, the highest of his career and third best in school history.

The Gamecocks have seen at least one singles player or doubles team listed among the season-ending national rankings for 21 of Elkins' 24 seasons. In 1987, a school-best four players were ranked in the top 100 in singles and one doubles team made the top 50. Over Elkins' tenure, 19 players from South Carolina have earned a place on the final singles rankings 37 times and 10 doubles tandems have received rankings in 13 instances.

Elkins' players have not been bashful in piling up honors for both their athletic and academic achievements. A total of 12 Gamecocks have captured All-Southeastern Conference recognition during his reign, including 1999 first-team member Lynn-Yin Tan. In 2006, freshmen Gira Schofield and Natasa Vuckovic received second-team All-SEC praise, and Schofield became the school's second first-team honoree the following year. Schofield also was just the second Gamecock to earn ITA Southeast Region Rookie of the Year accolades in 2006. Six South Carolina players have been awarded ITA regional certificates, which in addition to Rookie of the Year, include recognition for Senior Player of the Year, Player to Watch and the Leadership and Sportsmanship Award.

Academically, 34 Gamecocks have earned SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition 83 times. Two Gamecocks, Crook and Carolina Culik, have earned academic All-America accolades. Year after year, the South Carolina women's tennis program boasts one of the athletics department's top team grade point averages, frequently at or above 3.4.

Elkins also has received many awards during his tenure in the Palmetto State. In 1988, he was tapped United States Professional Tennis Association Southern Division Coach of the Year while also earning the South Carolina Tennis Association College Coach of the Year award. Seven years later, he became the first head coach at South Carolina in any sport to win SEC Coach of the Year. Elkins was named the 1994 ITA Southeast Region Coach of the Year, and in December 2003, he was inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Association Hall of Fame. Elkins is a member of the Rockford High School (Rockford, Mich.) Hall of Fame as well.

In the season prior to Elkins' SCTA Hall of Fame induction, he won his 300th career match, coming against College of Charleston on Jan. 29, 2003. The victory placed him among an elite group of coaches, as Elkins became only the 22nd coach in Division I women's tennis history with 300 wins. Additionally, he was just the 20th to reach 300 at one school.





Elkins has proven that his Gamecocks are capable of playing against the top-ranked teams in the country. An Elkins-coached team has combined for four wins against the nation's first- and second-ranked teams. In 2002, the Gamecocks recorded three total wins against the Final Four teams in the 2002 NCAA Championship thanks to a pair of victories over Tennessee and one versus Georgia.

In arguably the nation's toughest tennis conference, South Carolina is 97-79 (.551) as a member of the SEC. The Southeastern Conference has won six NCAA team championships since South Carolina joined the league in 1992 and been runner-up five times. With Elkins as head coach, the Gamecocks have won at least five SEC regular-season matches in all but one year and finished above .500 in nine of their 15 years with the conference. In 2007, South Carolina posted an 8-3 record against the conference, second only to the 1996 squad's 9-2 mark. At the SEC Tournament, South Carolina has won its opening-round match 13 times and been to the semifinals twice. In 2002, the Garnet & Black reached the championship match of the event.

Before becoming a coach, Elkins played professionally and competed in the main draw at Wimbledon and the French Open. He also played in more than 50 different countries, and in 1978, Elkins was ranked among the top 200 in the world. Within the state of South Carolina, Elkins has been ranked No. 1 in singles, doubles and mixed doubles in men's open 25- and 35-year-old age groups.

Born April 5, 1949, Elkins graduated from Northwood Institute with a Bachelor of Arts in business in 1971. He was a four-year starter for the Midland, Mich., based school at No. 1 singles.

Elkins and his wife, Tara, have three children: Alyssa, Elliott and Kelsey.



ARLO ELKINS YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	Overall	Pct.	Conf.	Pct.	Ranking	Conf. Finish	NCAA Finish	Year-End Ranked Ind.
1983-84	12-17	.414	—	—	—	5th Metro	—	1 Singles
1984-85	27-10	.730	—	—	—	1st Metro	—	—
1985-86	13-16	.448	—	—	—	1st Metro	—	1 Singles
1986-87	24-8	.750	—	—	19th ITCA	1st Metro	—	4 Singles, 1 Doubles
1987-88	15-10	.600	—	—	19th ITCA	1st Metro	NCAA Round of 20	3 Singles, 1 Doubles
1988-89	7-16	.304	—	—	—	2nd Metro	—	—
1989-90	18-6	.750	—	—	14th ITCA	1st Metro	NCAA Round of 16	2 Singles, 1 Doubles
1990-91	9-13	.409	—	—	—	2nd Metro	—	2 Singles
1991-92	13-10	.565	6-5	.545	24th ITA	T-5th SEC	—	2 Singles
1992-93	10-12	.455	5-6	.455	—	7th SEC	—	1 Singles, 1 Doubles
1993-94	19-7	.731	6-5	.545	24th ITA	T-5th SEC	—	2 Singles, 1 Doubles
1994-95	22-7	.759	7-4	.636	11th ITA	4th SEC	NCAA Round of 16	2 Singles
1995-96	17-10	.630	9-2	.818	15th ITA	4th SEC	NCAA Regionals	2 Singles, 2 Doubles
1996-97	15-10	.600	5-6	.455	17th ITA	T-6th SEC	NCAA Regionals	1 Doubles
1997-98	12-12	.500	5-6	.455	33rd ITA	7th SEC	NCAA Regionals	2 Singles
1998-99	18-8	.692	6-5	.545	12th ITA	4th SEC	NCAA Round of 16	3 Singles
1999-00	16-12	.571	6-5	.545	20th ITA	6th SEC	NCAA Round of 32	1 Singles
2000-01	15-9	.625	7-4	.636	21st ITA	5th SEC	NCAA Round of 32	1 Singles, 2 Doubles
2001-02	17-8	.680	7-4	.636	16th ITA	T-4th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	3 Singles, 2 Doubles
2002-03	14-11	.560	5-6	.455	46th ITA	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	—
2003-04	14-10	.583	5-6	.455	33rd ITA	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	1 Singles
2004-05	15-9	.625	6-5	.545	23rd ITA	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 32	1 Singles
2005-06	12-11	.522	4-7	.364	41st ITA	6th SEC East	NCAA Round of 64	1 Singles
2006-07	16-7	.696	8-3	.727	32nd ITA	4th SEC East	NCAA Round of 64	2 Singles, 1 Doubles
Total	370-249	.598	97-79	.551	13 Top 25	5 Titles	15 NCAA Appearances	37 Singles, 13 Doubles



THE ARLO ELKINS TIMELINE

June 24, 1983: Elkins is officially named head coach of the Gamecock women's tennis program.

April 20, 1985: The Gamecocks defeat Tulane 6-0 in Memphis, Tenn., to win the first of five Metro Conference titles under the direction of Elkins.

May 12, 1988: South Carolina plays in its first NCAA Tournament under Elkins and falls by a 5-4 margin to BYU in the first round in Los Angeles.

Jan. 20, 1990: Elkins earns his 100th career victory with a 9-0 sweep at home against N.C. State.

May 10, 1990: USC downs William & Mary 6-0 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Gainesville, Fla., giving Elkins his first Sweet 16 appearance with the Gamecocks.

Feb. 14, 1992: Elkins' Gamecocks post a 6-2 triumph over Vanderbilt to earn their first league victory as members of the Southeastern Conference.

May 17, 1994: Helen Crook and Victoria Davies defeat the doubles team of Alley/Nelson from California to reach the semifinals of the NCAA Doubles Championship in Athens, Ga. Crook and Davies became Elkins' first All-Americans following the event.

April 26, 1995: Elkins is named SEC Coach of the Year, becoming the first head coach in any sport at Carolina to win the award.

March 24, 1996: A 5-4 victory at home against Vanderbilt hands Elkins his 200th career victory.

April 20, 2002: South Carolina defeats Georgia in Columbia, S.C., to reach its first SEC Tournament championship match.

Jan. 29, 2003: Elkins defeats College of Charleston to pick up his 300th career victory and become the 22nd coach in NCAA Division I women's tennis history to accumulate 300 wins.

Dec. 6, 2003: Elkins is inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame on Hilton Head Island.

April 6, 2007: The Gamecocks defeat Kentucky 4-3 in Columbia to complete a perfect 11-0 record at home.

ARLO ELKINS VERSUS OPPONENTS

Alabama.....	9-7	Notre Dame.....	1-3
Appalachian State.....	2-0	Ohio State.....	1-0
Arizona.....	0-1	Oklahoma.....	2-0
Arizona State.....	0-2	Oklahoma State.....	0-4
Arkansas.....	16-4	Ole Miss.....	10-12
Auburn.....	22-2	Pacific.....	1-0
Boston College.....	9-0	Pennsylvania.....	1-0
Brown.....	1-0	Pepperdine.....	1-1
BYU.....	8-7	Presbyterian.....	1-0
California.....	0-2	Princeton.....	1-0
Charleston Southern.....	1-0	Purdue.....	1-0
Charlotte.....	2-0	Rice.....	1-0
Chattanooga.....	1-0	Richmond.....	2-0
Cincinnati.....	2-0	Rollins.....	2-0
Clemson.....	13-13	San Diego.....	1-0
Coastal Carolina.....	1-0	San Diego State.....	1-3
College of Charleston.....	14-0	SIU-Edwardsville.....	1-0
Colorado.....	2-0	SMU.....	0-2
Davidson.....	7-0	South Alabama.....	1-0
Duke.....	2-11	South Carolina State.....	1-0
East Tennessee State.....	1-0	South Florida.....	5-1
Florida.....	0-26	Southern Illinois.....	1-0
Florida State.....	11-1	Stanford.....	0-1
Francis Marion.....	1-0	TCU.....	11-3
Furman.....	17-0	Tennessee.....	8-18
Georgia.....	4-30	Texas.....	0-2
Georgia Southern.....	2-0	Texas A&M.....	7-1
Georgia Tech.....	4-2	Toledo.....	1-0
Hampton.....	1-0	Trinity.....	2-1
Harvard.....	2-1	Troy.....	1-0
Houston.....	1-1	Tulane.....	1-0
Indiana.....	2-8	Tulsa.....	1-0
Iowa.....	1-0	UC Irvine.....	1-0
Kansas State.....	1-0	UC Santa Barbara.....	1-0
Kentucky.....	10-13	UCLA.....	0-2
Long Beach State.....	1-0	UNLV.....	1-0
Louisiana-Monroe.....	1-1	USC-Aiken.....	1-0
Louisville.....	1-0	Utah.....	8-3
LSU.....	16-2	Utah State.....	1-0
Marquette.....	1-0	Vanderbilt.....	9-14
Marshall.....	2-0	VCU.....	0-2
Maryland.....	2-1	Virginia.....	1-0
Miami (Fla.).....	0-2	Virginia Tech.....	6-0
Miami (Ohio).....	1-0	Wake Forest.....	8-9
Michigan.....	2-1	Western Michigan.....	1-0
Middle Tennessee State.....	3-0	Wichita State.....	0-1
Minnesota.....	1-0	William & Mary.....	3-3
Mississippi State.....	18-1	Winthrop.....	4-0
N.C. State.....	11-1	Wisconsin.....	2-5
Nebraska.....	2-0		
New Mexico.....	1-0		
North Carolina.....	6-5		
North Florida.....	6-0		
Northwestern.....	0-3		



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Katarina Petrovic

Assistant Coach  4th Year
 Four-Year Gamecock Letterwinner

ASSISTANT COACH

Katarina M. Petrovic is in her fourth season as assistant coach for the South Carolina women's tennis team. She is a longtime member of the Gamecock tennis family, as Petrovic was a four-year letterwinner for the Gamecocks from 1999 to 2002.

Petrovic, 29, joined the staff in September 2004 after serving as the sports manager at the Michael-Ann Russell Community Center in North Miami Beach, Fla.

A native of Valjevo, Serbia, Petrovic came to South Carolina in the fall of 1998 and made an immediate impact on the Gamecock tennis program. She was voted ITA Southeast Region Rookie of the Year and earned second-team All-SEC honors the same year. Petrovic began her career by winning nine of her first 10 matches en route to a final national ranking of 33rd.

As a sophomore, Petrovic earned team MVP honors, was selected to the NCAA Singles Championship draw and reached an individual ITA national ranking of 13th, the highest-recorded individual ranking in school history. Petrovic's season-ending singles billing of No. 29 made her just the fifth Gamecock to finish among the top 30 in the nation and the first to do so since 1987.

Petrovic continued to lead the Gamecocks during her junior and senior seasons. She currently resides in seventh place on the school's all-time list for doubles victories with a 69-34 (.670) record and is 23rd in singles wins with a 65-58 (.528) slate. Her combined record of 134-92 (.593) is tied for 11th all-time.

While Petrovic enjoyed a great deal of success on the tennis court, she received academic accolades as a two-time selection to the SEC Academic Honor Roll. Petrovic earned her degree in marketing and management from South Carolina in 2002.

"It's exciting having Katarina as a member of the Gamecock tennis program," head coach Arlo Elkins said. "She made a significant impact on the program as a team leader on and off the courts, and she is having the same impact as an assistant coach."

The former Katarina Markovski is married to Stevan Petrovic and resides in Columbia, S.C.





GAMECOCK WOMEN'S TENNIS

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DANIELLE CONSTANTIN
Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer

Danielle Constantin is in her first year as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at the University of South Carolina, studying for a master's in physical education with a concentration in athletic training. In addition to women's tennis, Constantin also works directly with the men's golf team. Prior to USC, Constantin earned her Bachelor of Science in athletic training in May 2007 from Hope College in Holland, Mich. She worked with Hope's football, men's basketball, women's soccer and swimming and diving teams during her undergraduate career while also logging hours at a local sports medicine clinic, physical therapy center and high school. As a freshman and sophomore, the Midland, Mich., native also was a member of the softball team. Constantin is a Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC), CPR certified and may pursue a CSCS (Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist) certification as well. Constantin is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA).



COLLIN CRICK
Dir. of Student-Athlete Development

Collin Crick enters his sixth year as the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills director and academic advisor for the athletics department and his 11th year at the University of South Carolina. He serves as the academic advisor for the men's and women's soccer and men's and women's tennis teams. In 2003, South Carolina was recognized by the NCAA Division 1-A Athletics Directors' Association as a CHAMPS/Life Skills "Program of Excellence." Prior to working for the athletics department, Crick worked as an academic advisor for two years in the USC 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), a University 101 course instructor and a member of the Harvest Hope Food Bank Board of Directors. He received a master's degree in higher education administration from USC in 2004 and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from South Carolina in 1997. Crick's wife, Betsy, is also a native of South Carolina and a graduate of the University. The couple has a daughter, Hailey, 1.



MATT FREED
Assistant Media Relations Director

Matt Freed began his duties as assistant media relations director at the University of South Carolina on Feb. 13, 2006, and currently handles publicity efforts for Gamecock women's tennis while overseeing all Web content on GamecocksOnline.com. He also has worked with the volleyball and track and field teams and oversees all technology development for the media relations office. Freed came to South Carolina after spending two and a half years in the same position at TCU, serving as the primary media contact for women's basketball and tennis. Freed also assisted with several other sports at TCU and was responsible for all computer technology within the media relations department. After graduating from TCU in May 2002 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance and a minor in mathematics, Freed became a graduate assistant in the University of Tennessee Lady Vol media relations office. In his one-year stint with UT, Freed was the primary contact for volleyball and tennis. He earned his Master of Science in

sport management from Tennessee in August 2003. A longtime resident of Oxford, Ohio, Freed launched his career in college athletics working as a student assistant in the TCU football and marketing offices in fall 1998. He then began working with the media relations staff in fall 2000 as the SID for men's and women's soccer and men's tennis. Freed has received several citations for excellence in publications from College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). During the 2002-03 academic year, his women's tennis media guide won second-best in the nation, while his volleyball guide earned sixth place. In 2006-07, Freed's women's tennis guide won first place and his track and field guide was third. Freed is a member of CoSIDA and resides in Columbia, S.C., with his wife, Jessica, who works for the University's undergraduate admissions office as the coordinator for special events and scholarships. They were married June 9, 2007, in Kansas City, Mo.



VAL SHELEY
Senior Associate AD/SWA

Val Sheley, who has experience as a former student-athlete, coach, athletics director and several other administrative areas, including compliance, academics and student-athlete development, is in her fourth year as senior associate athletics director and senior woman administrator. Her many responsibilities include administration of eight sports and the NCAA compliance office. 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 during her college athletics career, 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. Sheley has a bachelor's degree from Murray State, where she excelled as a track and field athlete. She earned a master's from Houston and is a graduate of the Sports Management Institute. Sheley was a 1984 Olympic qualifier in track and field for Great Britain. Her husband, Mike, was a track and field All-American and NCAA national champion (4x800-meter relay, 1974 indoors) at South Carolina.



JON VADEN
Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach

Jon Vaden became an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Gamecocks in July 2007 after spending the previous two years as a graduate assistant. He is responsible for the design and implementation of strength and conditioning programs for volleyball, men's and women's tennis, and track and field. A native of New Kent, Va., Vaden worked with baseball and men's golf as a graduate assistant at South Carolina. He earned his Bachelor of Science in exercise and health promotion from Virginia Tech in 2005 and received a master's in public health from South Carolina in 2007. While at Virginia Tech, he performed an internship with the Hokie football and baseball teams and was also an intern for the Liberty football program. Vaden is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) through the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and holds the title of Conditioning Coach Certified (SCCC) through the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA).