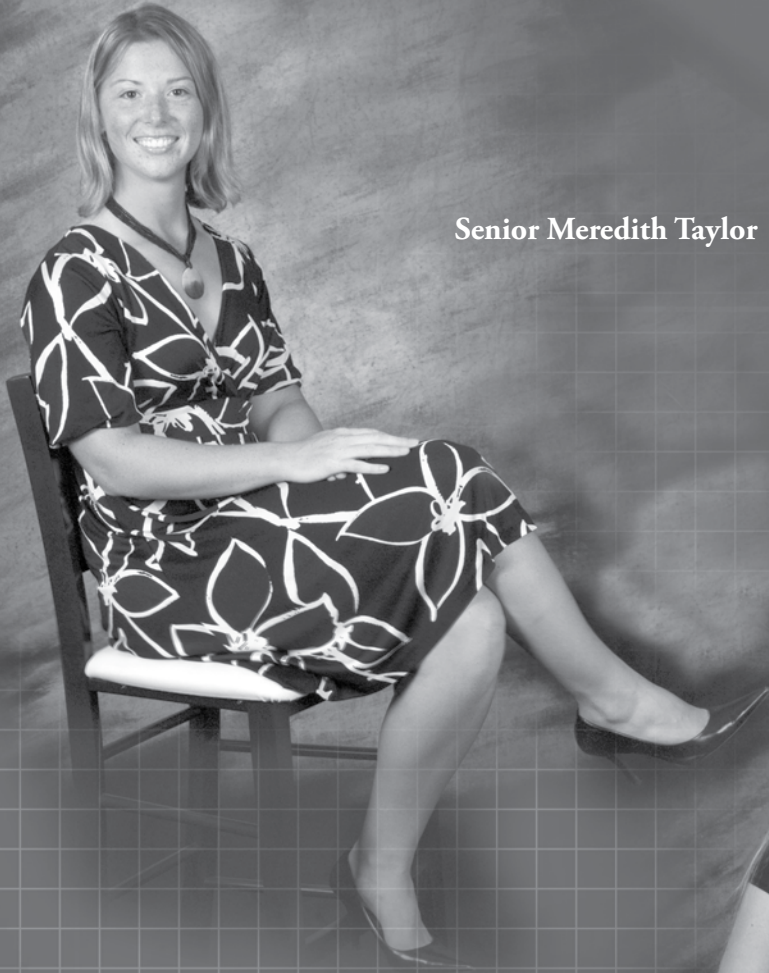




# Meet the Gamecocks



Senior Meredith Taylor



Juniors Bénédicte Toumpsin and Taylor Barrett

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# Kalen Anderson

Head Coach :: Duke, 2001 :: 2nd year at South Carolina

Kalen Anderson earned her first collegiate head coaching position when South Carolina tabbed her to mentor its program in January 2008. She joined the Gamecocks after two years as an assistant at Duke, where she had an All-American career as a player, and a four-year stint as a professional on the FUTURES Tour.

"We are ecstatic to have someone with Kalen's credentials become our golf coach," South Carolina athletics director Eric Hyman said. "She has been part of a championship program as both a player and coach, and we believe our women's golf program will really take off under her direction."

"I am thrilled to join South Carolina athletics," Anderson said. "I am thoroughly impressed with the leadership of Eric Hyman. He is committed to golf, as well as improving all Gamecock athletic programs and facilities. With South Carolina's golf facilities and athletic, academic, financial and community support, I truly believe that the sky is the limit for the women's golf program. I look forward to the process of building a championship program and the many great experiences along the way."

In her first season, Anderson guided the Gamecocks into the NCAA Championship for the first time since 2003. Team leader Bénédicte Toumpsin

*"I place a strong emphasis on building individual relationships with players and finding what motivates players on an individual level. I will focus on individual skill development within a competitive, supportive team environment. I will bring intensity to practice and workouts while also creating a structure that allows players to lead a balanced life as a student-athlete."*

— Kalen Anderson

earned third-team All-America status from *Golfweek* and an honorable mention All-America nod from the NGCA, becoming South Carolina's first All-American since Kristy McPherson earned the honor for the third time in her career in 2003.

Anderson joined the staff of Duke's Hall of Fame head coach Dan Brooks in Spring 2006 and helped the Blue Devils to their second-straight national title. Duke went on to add a third title in 2007. Duke also claimed back-to-back Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament championships in her time on staff. Anderson was the designated coach during several tournaments and saw four Blue Devils earn All-America status in 2006, including three first-team selections.

"In coaching, we work on skills and techniques during practice, so when we get to tournament play, my major role is to help players keep a positive attitude and

## The Anderson File

### Coaching Career

2008-present: Head Coach, University of South Carolina

2006-07: Assistant Coach, Duke University

### Instructional Background

2006-07: Instructor, Duke Academy of Golf, Durham, N.C.

2001-present: Instructor, Private clients and various clinics in Phoenix, Ariz., and Durham, N.C.

### Playing Career

2001-05: FUTURES Tour, LPGA Qualifying School

2000: Competed in U.S. Women's Open

1997-2001: Duke women's golf team

### Playing Accolades

NGCA Second-Team All-American (2000)

All-Atlantic Coast Conference (1999, 2000, 2001)

ACC Co-Rookie of the Year (1998)

Academic All-America (1999, 2000, 2001)

Liz Murphey Intercollegiate Individual Champion (2001)

NCAA Team National Champion (1999)

ACC Team Champion (2001, 2000, 1999, 1998)

### Education

Bachelor of arts in psychology, certificate in markets and management, Duke University, 2001

### Personal

**Given Name:** Kalen Marie Anderson

**Born:** August 8, 1978 in St. Paul, Minn.

**High School:** Edina High in Edina, Minn.







# South Carolina Women's Golf

Head Coach Kalen Anderson

stay in the right frame of mind to let their hard work and talent shine," Anderson said. "In addition to being a resource to help players make smart decisions during competition, I like to use humor to keep them loose while also pushing them toward productivity."

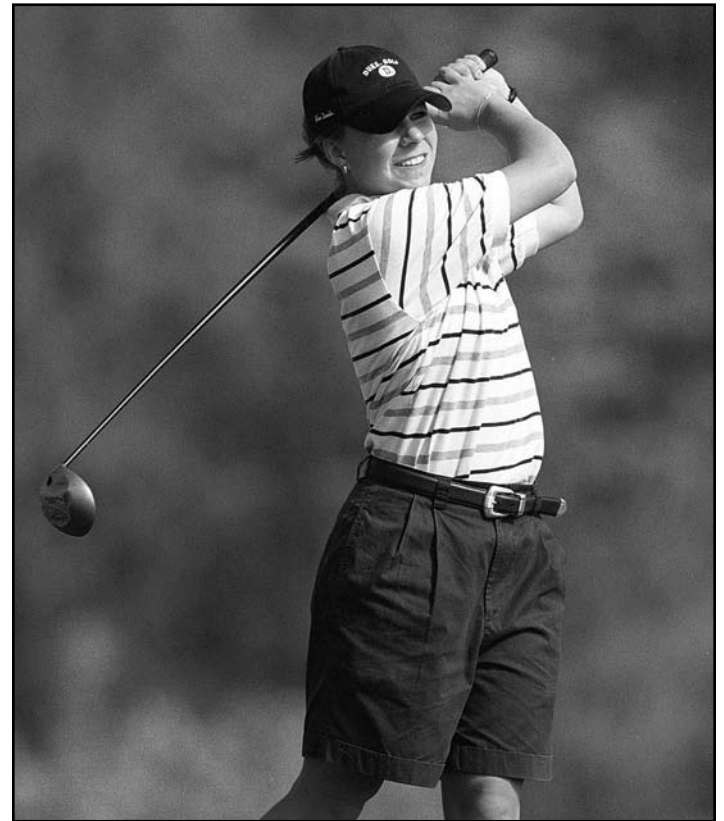
Outside of tournament play, Anderson focused on short game, course management and mental coaching with her players. She helped three-time All-ACC selection Jennifer Pandolfi raise her short game from 431st in the nation in December 2005 to 84th in April 2007, while her chipping stats improved from 341st to 15th over the same period. Additionally, Anderson helped personalize fitness plans for players and actively participated in team workouts.

Off the course, Anderson was just as involved with shaping college players. At Duke, she assisted in arranging community service opportunities and monitored academic progress. She designed practices and skill sets, arranged team travel, ordered and managed equipment and uniforms, and assisted in fundraising projects for the Blue Devils. Anderson also worked hard as a recruiter, evaluating top-ranked prospects on the state, national and international level. Organizing and leading recruiting visits, she helped the Blue Devils land the top golfer in the class of 2008.

"I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to be mentored by Coach Brooks and be part of an elite program both as a player and a coach," Anderson said. "My many experiences at Duke have taught me how to keep players motivated, excited about golf and focused on attaining their goals. I will draw on that experience to help build South Carolina women's golf into a championship program."

Prior to her start in coaching, Anderson played golf professionally from 2001 through 2005. She played a total of 56 events on the FUTURES Tour, recording her best finish at the 2002 Florida Hospital FUTURES Golf Classic in Sebring, Fla., where she tied for fourth. Anderson also participated in four LPGA Qualifying Schools and played in the 2000 U.S. Women's Open. While playing, she also worked to network and generate sponsorships to support her career, raising \$120,000 of capital.

Anderson kicked off her college career by earning Atlantic Coast Conference co-Rookie of the Year honors in 1998. Playing in the NCAA Championship all four years of her career, she helped the Blue Devils to their first national title in 1999, finishing 12th in the individual standings. She captured All-ACC and Academic All-America honors that year, a feat she would repeat over the remaining two years of her career. With the nation's top-rated total short game in 2000, Anderson picked up second-team All-America status. Finishing ninth in the NCAA Regional in 2000, she was the Blue Devils' top finisher at the NCAA Championship, claiming 21st



**As a player at Duke, Anderson was a three-time All-ACC selection. She earned second-team All-America status in 2000 and was part of Duke's first national championship team in 1999.**

place. In all, Anderson collected 16 top-10 finishes in her career, including the individual title in the 2001 Liz Murphey Intercollegiate.

A native of Edina, Minn., Anderson earned her bachelor's degree in psychology with a certificate in markets and management from Duke in 2001.



**In her first event with the team, head coach Kalen Anderson (far left) led the Gamecocks to seventh place at the 2008 Lady Puerto Rico Classic. The group closed the season with a spot in the NCAA Championship for the first time in five years.**



# Puggy Blackmon

Director of Golf :: Carson-Newman, 1973 :: 14th year at South Carolina

After 12 seasons at the helm of the South Carolina men's golf program, Puggy Blackmon was named director of golf in July 2007. Blackmon, who was inducted to the Golf Coaches' Association of America Hall of Fame in 2005, is now the unifying presence for Carolina golf, sharing his wealth of knowledge

with both the men's and women's teams. His experience building both successful teams and players will help both teams continue to improve and compete at a national level.

As a head coach, Blackmon steered his teams to 23 straight trips to NCAA postseason, including all 12 seasons he coached the Gamecocks. At South Carolina, eight of his 12 NCAA Regional berths resulted in NCAA Championship appearances. South Carolina golf won nine team tournament titles in Blackmon's tenure, including the 2007 NCAA West Regional. The Gamecocks have spent a considerable amount of time in the national polls, including a No. 3 national ranking in 1999 and fourth in 2000.

Under Blackmon's tutelage, Gamecocks captured 11 individual titles, including five from All-American Kyle Thompson. Six golfers earned 10 All-America honors, and 11 Gamecocks were named to 17 All-Southeastern Conference first or second teams. Blackmon also coached two SEC Freshmen of the Year (Mark Anderson, 2005 and Eric Ecker, 1998) and an SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year (West Streib, 2005).

In Blackmon's final season at the helm of the men's program, the team celebrated with a victory at the 2007 NCAA West Regional, during which the team's total of 820 shattered the school record for a 54-hole tournament by 25 strokes. In arguably the most important event of the season, Blackmon's golfers posted just two scores over par among the 15 rounds played. George Bryan IV led the way en route to PING All-Southeast Region and honorable mention All-America honors at season's end.

Blackmon's players excelled academically as well. The men's golf team posted the highest team grade point average of any of the school's men's programs for three consecutive semesters in the spring of 2005, fall of 2005 and spring of 2006. Former Gamecock Lars Cederqvist was named a 2000 Academic All-American as a senior after maintaining a 4.0 in mechanical engineering throughout his collegiate career. Eight different golfers have earned 10 GCAA All-America Scholar honors while 40 players have been named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

In addition to serving as director of golf at South Carolina, Blackmon serves as swing coach for PGA and LPGA Tour players David Duval, Kyle Thompson and Clarissa Childs.

Before coming to Carolina on June 5, 1995, Blackmon coached Georgia Tech to five Atlantic Coast Conference Championships, 11-consecutive NCAA Championship appearances and 34 team tournament titles.

During his 12-year tenure at Georgia Tech, Blackmon built the Yellow Jacket program into one of the most successful and dominant in college golf. At that time, only six other college golf programs had matched his program's 11 straight trips to the NCAA Tournament. Blackmon's Tech squad finished runner-up at the 1993 NCAA Championship, and he led the Rambling Wreck to five top-seven national finishes. His Georgia Tech teams either won or finished second in the ACC Championship nine times.

A four-time ACC Coach of the Year (1984, 1985, 1992, 1993), three of Blackmon's former golfers finished second at the NCAA Championships, and his players at South Carolina and Georgia Tech combined for 31 individual tournament crowns. Blackmon coached 31 All-Americans at Tech and Carolina and two national players of the year in the 1990s at Tech. Duval, a four-time All-American, was the 1993 National Player of the Year, while Stewart Cink, one of the

brightest young stars in the professional ranks, was named the 1995 National Player of the Year.

Blackmon has coached 30 All-SEC or All-ACC performers in his tenure, while five of those individuals -- Bob McDonnell (1985), David Duval (1991, 1993), Mikko Rantanen (1994) and Eric Ecker (1998) -- were conference medalists. The Yellow Jackets won the ACC team title in 1985, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994, while Carolina was runner up by one stroke at the 1998 SEC Championship -- USC's best finish ever. In addition, Blackmon coached his teams at 43 tournament titles and finished his coaching career with a streak of 23 straight postseason appearances at Carolina and Georgia Tech.

Blackmon has also proven to be an effective fundraiser, which is a role he has expanded as director of golf. At Carolina, Blackmon has orchestrated and raised funds for the Wardle Golf House, South Carolina's state of the art teaching facility, and a complete renovation of the on-campus short-game facility. His creation of Cock N' Fire and Head Ball Coach wines have raised over \$250,000 for the purchase of a conversion van and two mini-vans for the team's travel. Blackmon also spearheaded the efforts that raised \$1.2 million for endowment of his team's scholarships at Georgia Tech.

Born William Dempsey Blackmon III on Dec. 9, 1950 in Beaufort, S.C., he is a 1969 graduate of Ridgeland High School. Blackmon played collegiately at Carson-Newman College, where he received his bachelor of arts in business administration in 1973. He was chosen one of the Outstanding College Athletes of America in 1971 and 1973. After receiving his master of science in economics from Clemson in 1977, Blackmon worked for six years in the golf resort operations and development field in Florida.

Blackmon and his wife, Gail, also a Ridgeland native, have three children: a daughter, Ashley, and two sons, Jordan and Tate. Ashley, a South Carolina and Medical School at South Carolina graduate, is a physician in Columbia and is married to Jared Jones. Jordan is a recent USC graduate, and Tate, is a recent graduate of Blythewood High School.



Puggy Blackmon was inducted into the Golf Coaches' Association of America Hall of Fame in 2005.



# Michael Burcin

Assistant Coach :: 2nd year with women's team :: 5th year at South Carolina

Michael Burcin became an assistant coach for both the men's and women's golf teams for the 2007-08 season after serving on Puggy Blackmon's men's golf staff for the previous three seasons, including two as an assistant coach. In addition to assisting coaches with day-to-day coaching duties, Burcin's primary role is to implement and coordinate a recruiting program conducive to winning championships. He also monitors the strength and conditioning programs for both sports as well as overseeing the continued development of The Players Club, which is made up of former men's and women's golf letterwinners.

"It is a tremendous opportunity to work with both programs," Burcin said. "Our women's program is in a position to join the men as a national power. I had the pleasure of spending two years learning from Hall of Fame coach Puggy Blackmon, and I absorbed all I could about recruiting and how to work with players. With what I've already learned in recruiting for the men's team, I look forward to working with the women's program and helping to make both programs fixtures on the national scene."

A finalist for the Golf Coaches Association of America's 2007-08 Jan Strickland Assistant Coach of the Year award, given to the top men's golf assistant coach, Burcin helped the men's team to seven top-four finishes, including a second-place showing in the SEC Championship. The women's side advanced to the 2008 NCAA Championship, the first appearance by the Gamecocks since 2003.

"Michael plays such an important role in our program's success and improvement," women's head coach Kalen Anderson said. "He does a lot for us administratively, but more importantly, his knowledge of the game is invaluable. Michael is a strong

recruiter and brings a great attitude and sense of humor to our team atmosphere."

Burcin joined the Carolina men's golf staff as a volunteer assistant in Fall 2004 and was made a full-time assistant in Spring 2005. His responsibilities included recruiting, managing a club for former Gamecock Lettermen and the day-to-day activities of the program.

Upon the arrival of men's golf associate head coach Bill McDonald, Burcin assumed the position of director of golf operations for the 2006-07 season. In that role, he coordinated team travel, ordered and monitored the inventory of team equipment and served as the liaison to the strength and conditioning and compliance offices.

Burcin is the men's golf liaison for the academic staff, and the team has achieved at least a 3.3 grade point average in each semester and combined for a new record of 3.543 in the Fall 2006. In addition to coaching, Burin's other duties included arranging all travel, scheduling and serving as the liaison to the strength and conditioning and compliance offices.

Before coming to South Carolina, Burcin spent seven years as a golf professional in Lancaster, Pa. His last stop in Pennsylvania involved developing an indoor teaching program at a retail golf store in Lancaster. While in Lancaster, Burcin kept an active playing schedule of section and chapter PGA events.

Originally from Salina, Kan., Burcin graduated from Lampeter-Strasburg High School in Lampeter, Pa., where he was a 10-time letterman in three sports.

A member of the Golf Coaches Association of America, Burcin and his wife, Dr. Michelle Burcin, who was a standout swimmer at the University of Cincinnati, reside in Columbia.







# Meredith Taylor

Senior :: Lexington, S.C. :: Lexington HS

## 2007-08

Played in two tournaments with an 84.17 average ... made her collegiate debut at the Liz Murphey Collegiate, carding a season-best 76 in the second round to finish 67th as an individual.

## 2006-07

Did not compete in any tournaments due to injury ... member of the SEC Spring Sports Academic Honor Roll.

## 2005-06

Did not compete after undergoing multiple knee surgeries ... member of the SEC Spring Sports Academic Honor Roll.

## 2004-05

Redshirted as a true freshman.

## Prior to South Carolina

Was a four-year letterwinner in both golf and basketball at Lexington High School ... served as golf team captain as a senior in 2004 ... earned team MVP honors as a junior and a senior ... named all-region and all-area as a junior and senior ... placed



Taylor's Career Totals						
Season	Tourn.	Rds.	Strokes	Avg.	Low 18	Best Finish
2007-08	2	6	505	84.17	76	67th



## Taylor's Career Bests

18-hole Score:	76
54-hole Score:	241
Tournament Finish:	67th
Top 10 Finishes:	0
Top 20 Finishes:	0

15th in the state tournament as a junior and senior ... was the medalist for her high school team in every match her senior year ... also helped team to a second-place finish in the state tournament in 2001 and a second-place finish in the region in 2003 and 2004 ... listed among Who's Who in Academic and Who's Who in Sports four straight years ... won the junior city championship in 2004 and the South Carolina Big "I" Tournament ... received the "Best Attitude" Award in 2001 and the Coaches Award in 2002.

## Personal

Meredith McKellar Taylor was born Feb. 13, 1986 in Lexington, S.C. ... parents are Don and Mary Taylor ... majoring in sports and entertainment management ... aunt Jan Rikard Flynn played golf at South Carolina and then on the LPGA Tour.

## Getting to Know Meredith Taylor

### What is your nickname on the team and why?

Everyone just shortens my name to Mer.

### What is your first thought when you wake up in the morning?

6 a.m.'s ... gotta love 'em for one more year.

### If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go?

I'd love to go to Europe and visit a lot of different countries.

### What three things are always in your refrigerator?

Fruit, PB&J and Diet Coke

### If you didn't play golf, what sport would you want to play?

When I was growing up it was always basketball. Since I've gotten to college, I've fallen in love with playing tennis.

### What characteristic do you most respect in a coach?

Authenticity

### What do you value most in your friends?

Loyalty

### What is it that you most despise?

Lazy people

### What is your main fault or flaw?

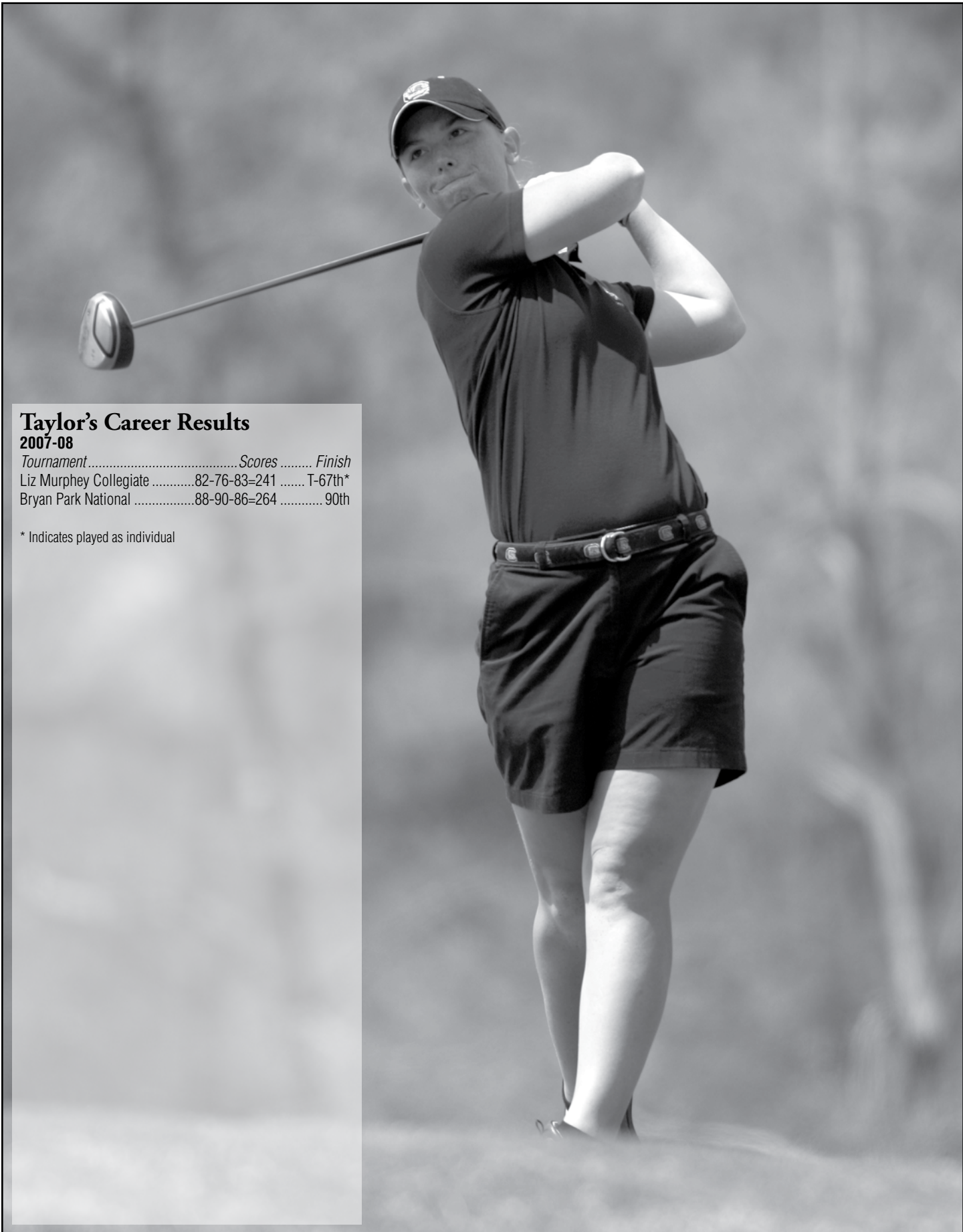
I'm slightly obsessive compulsive about certain things.

### What is your greatest extravagance?

Probably the occasional good restaurant because I do love food.

### Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

"Okay, perfect."



## Taylor's Career Results

2007-08

Tournament	Scores	Finish
Liz Murphey Collegiate	82-76-83=241	T-67th*
Bryan Park National	88-90-86=264	90th

\* Indicates played as individual





# Taylor Barrett

Junior :: York, S.C. :: York Comprehensive

## 2007-08

Played in nine events, including all three postseason tournaments, and posted a 78.60 average ... made her NCAA debut with a 74 in the first round of the East Regional, finishing 68th ... tied her career best with a 14th-place finish at the SEC Championship, carding a 71 in the final round ... shot 73 in the second round of the Lady Puerto Rico Classic, claiming 41st place ... finished 61st as an individual at the UA-Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate ... made her season debut at the Cougar Classic, opening with matching 77s in the first two rounds ... was a member of the SEC Spring Sports Academic Honor Roll and an NGCA All-American Scholar.

## 2006-07

Compiled a 78.71 average playing in six events ... posted her best showing at the thunderstorm-shortened Auburn Derby Invitational, finishing 14th with a 79-72=151 (+7) ... carded a second-round 70 at the LSU Cleveland Classic, her best round of the season ... earned a spot on the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll and was an NGCA All-American Scholar.

## Prior to South Carolina

Ranked No. 1 in the state of South Carolina ... won the 2005 South Carolina Junior Golf Association's Beth Daniel Award as the top player in the state ... finished first



### Barrett's Career Totals

Season	Tourn.	Rds.	Strokes	Avg.	Low 18	Best Finish
2006-07	6	17	1,338	78.71	70	14th
2007-08	8	25	1,965	78.60	71	14th
<b>Career</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3,303</b>	<b>78.64</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>14th</b>



### Barrett's Career Bests

18-hole Score:	70
54-hole Score:	226
Tournament Finish:	14th (2x)
Top 10 Finishes:	0
Top 20 Finishes:	2

in 14 junior tournaments, highlighted by titles at the 2004 and 2005 South Carolina Class 4A State Championships, the SCJGA All-Stars Championship, The Players Championship, the Twin States Junior Girls Golf Championship and the Palmetto Preview High School Girls Golf Tournament in 2004 and 2005 ... played for the York Comprehensive Boys' Golf Team as well ... recognized as the South Carolina Class 3A Player of the Year in 2003 and was the Class 4A State Player of the Year in 2004 and 2005 ... was the valedictorian of her class ... nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman.

## Personal

Taylor Jean Barrett was born Jan. 24, 1988 ... daughter of Richard and Denise Barrett ... member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

## Getting to Know Taylor Barrett

### What is your nickname on the team?

Bénédicte (Toumpsin) started calling me "Tay-Lor" freshman year. Patrick Rada (men's golf team member) calls me "Tizzie."

### What is your first thought when you wake up in the morning?

How much time I have before I have to be somewhere

### If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go?

Ever since I saw the movie *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* I've wanted to go to Greece ... corny, I know.

### What three things are always in your refrigerator?

Water, Lite Raspberry Walnut Vinaigrette Dressing and Grandma's homemade strawberry preserves

### If you didn't play golf, what sport would you want to play?

Tennis

### What characteristic do you most respect in a coach?

Desire to win and ability to encourage

### What do you value most in your friends?

Loyalty

### What is your main fault or flaw?

Gossiping

### What is your greatest extravagance?

Moo Moo Mr. Cow from Moe's

### Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

"You shell"

### What is your most treasured possession?

My Bible





## Barrett's Career Results

### 2007-08

<i>Tournament</i>	<i>Scores</i>	<i>Finish</i>
Cougar Classic.....	77-77-79=233	T-67th
UA-Ann Rhoads Inter. ....	78-79-78=235	T-61st*
NGCA Match Play .....	L, Marisa Milligan (UA) 2 & 1	
NGCA Match Play .....	L, Alexandra Phelps (NM) 1-up	
Lady Puerto Rico Classic .....	76-73-78=227	T-41st
LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic .....	85-75-78=238	T-73rd
Liz Murphey Collegiate .....	81-82-80=243	T-77th
SEC Championship.....	76-79-71=226	14th
NCAA East Regional.....	74-80-81=235	T-68th
NCAA Championship.....	84-81-82-81=328	122nd

### 2006-07

<i>Tournament</i>	<i>Scores</i>	<i>Finish</i>
Dick McGuire Invitational.....	79-80-75=234	T-64th
Lady Tar Heel Invitational .....	76-85-82=243	T-77th
The Derby Invitational .....	79-72=151	T-14th
NGCA Match Play .....	L, Anna Grzebian (DU) 6 & 4	
NGCA Match Play .....	L, Whitney Myers (UF) 4 & 2	
"Mo" Morial Invitational.....	83-78-82=243	T-51st
LSU Cleveland Classic.....	84-70-78=232	T-52nd
Liz Murphey Collegiate .....	78-79-78=235	T-56th

\* Indicates played as individual



# Bénédicte Toumpsin

Junior :: Sombrefe, Belgium

## 2007-08

Became the program's first NGCA All-Region and honorable mention All-America selection since 2003 ... earned third-team All-America honors from *Golfweek* and was a first-team All-SEC selection ... played in all 12 events with a 74.03 average, ranking her 29th in the nation, eighth in the SEC and fourth in school history ... collected five top-five finishes on the season and was the team's top finisher in nine tournaments ... became the first Gamecock to win an NCAA Regional since 1995, claiming her first collegiate victory by tying her career low of 68 in the first round and carding consecutive birdies to end the final round of the East Regional, tying her career low with a total of 214 ... was named *Golfweek* Female Golfer of the Week after the regional victory ... took third at the SEC Championship with matching rounds of 72 all three days ... took fifth at the LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic, shooting 73 in each round ... posted a career-low 214 to finish third at the Lady Puerto Rico Classic, posting a career-low 68 in the second round ... went 1-0-1 at the NGCA Match Play Championship, topping Mikaela Backstedt of New Mexico 3 & 2 in the second round ... carded 75s in all three rounds of the UA-Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate to finish 19th, the third top-20 finish of her career ... fired a 70 in the final round of the Mason Rudolph Women's Championship to claim 22nd place ... took fourth at the season-opening Cougar Classic after sandwiching a 73 between first- and second-round 71s.

## 2006-07

Ranked second on the team with a 75.61 average ... was the team's top performer in three tournaments and posted two top-20 finishes ... ranked seventh in the nation in sand-save percentage (.536) and was 13th in total short game percentage (.567) ... led the team with a 26th-place showing at the NCAA East Regional with a total of 217, the fourth-lowest postseason 54-hole score in school history ... claimed 25th place at the SEC Championship behind a final-round 73 ... took a spot in the top 20 at 19th place in the highly-competitive Liz Murphey Collegiate, sandwiching a second-round 71 between first and last rounds of 77 ... shot a 69 in the second round of the Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invitational, her first collegiate event, and went on to finish second ... combined with Jenna Pearson's 67 in the same

round of the event, it was the first South Carolina duo to shoot rounds in the 60s in the same tournament ... member of the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

## Prior to South Carolina

Originally from Sombrefe, Belgium, where she was ranked No. 1 in the Belgian women's rankings ... represented Europe in the 2005 Ping Junior Solheim Cup (Europe's top junior players vs. the USA's top junior players) ... won numerous major tournaments during her junior career, highlighted by victories in the 2005 Belgian Masters, the International Junior Ladies of Sweden, the Consolation Cup of the Spanish Lady Junior International Championship and the Federal Tour of Belgium ... member of the Belgian National Team since she was 13 ... named Belgian Player of the Year for her age group in 2002 and 2006 ... won six tournaments in 2005 and 2006 alone ... earned the opportunity to compete at the 2006 Sherry Cup, which is the European Team Stroke Play Championship, finishing eighth ... also competed at the 2005 Sherry Cup ... led the Belgian National Team to victory at the 2005 Nation's Cup.



## Toumpsin's Career Bests

18-hole Score:	68
54-hole Score:	214 (2x)
Tournament Finish:	1st
Top 10 Finishes:	6
Top 20 Finishes:	8

## Personal

Bénédicte Toumpsin was born July 7, 1988 ... parents are Christian and Maria-France Toumpsin ... majoring in international business.

## Getting to Know Bénédicte Toumpsin

### What is your nickname on the team?

The depends. On my national team in Belgium, it's "la blonde." Everybody at South Carolina calls me Benny.

### What is your first thought when you wake up in the morning?

What time is it ... and most of the time it's already too late!

### What three things are always in your refrigerator?

Soy milk, fruit and pizza from the day before

### If you didn't play golf, what sport would you want to play?

I would play tennis if I never started golf.

### What characteristic do you most respect in a coach?

First of all, the respect of ALL of his/her players. It's amazing to me how some good coaches have the capacity to find the right words at the right moment under pressure.

### What is your main fault or flaw?

I'm kind of messy, but my main flaw is that I'm too spontaneous or impulsive sometimes.

### What is your greatest extravagance?

I love to dance everywhere. I don't care if it's not the appropriate time or moment.

### What is your most treasured possession?

I have a painting that I won (at a tournament) in Sweden. It may not be an expensive one, but I value it a lot because my dad was there for my victory.



## Toumpsin's Career Totals

Season	Tourn.	Rds.	Strokes	Avg.	Low 18	Best Finish
2006-07	10	28	2,117	75.61	69	2nd
2007-08	11	34	2,517	74.03	68	1st
<b>Career</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4,634</b>	<b>74.74</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1st</b>





## Toumpsin's Career Results

### 2007-08

<i>Tournament</i>	<i>Scores</i>	<i>Finish</i>
Cougar Classic.....	71-73-71=215	T-4th
Mason Rudolph Champ. ....	74-76-70=220	T-22nd
Tar Heel Invitational.....	77-72-75=224	T-31st
UA-Ann Rhoads Inter. ....	75-75-75=225	T-19th
NGCA Match Play .....	H, Cyndey Clanton (UA)	
NGCA Match Play .....	W, Mikaela Backstedt (NM) 4 & 3	
Lady Puerto Rico Classic .....	74-68-72=214	3rd
LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic.....	73-73-73=219	T-5th
Liz Murphey Collegiate .....	82-78-74=234	T-37th
Bryan Park National .....	79-79-75=233	T-34th
SEC Championship.....	72-72-72=216	3rd
NCAA East Regional.....	68-70-76=214	1st
NCAA Championship.....	76-79-76-72=303	T-48th

### 2006-07

<i>Tournament</i>	<i>Scores</i>	<i>Finish</i>
Dick McGuire Invitational.....	71-69-75=215	T-2nd
Lady Tar Heel Invitational .....	77-79-74=230	T-33rd
The Derby Invitational .....	81-81=162	79th
NGCA Match Play .....	L, Alison Whitaker (DU) 5 & 4	
NGCA Match Play .....	W, Tiffany Chudy (UF) 4 & 3	
Lady Puerto Rico Classic .....	78-74-76=228	T-33rd
The "Mo" Morial Invitational.....	80-WD-78	WD
LSU Cleveland Classic.....	77-74-75=226	T-31st
Liz Murphey Collegiate .....	77-71-77=225	T-19th
Bryan National Collegiate.....	76-77-76=229	T-24th
SEC Championship.....	75-79-73=227	T-25th
NCAA Regional .....	72-73-72=217	T-26th







# Katie Burnett

Freshman :: Brunswick Ga. :: Brunswick

## Prior to South Carolina

Earned four golf letters for coach Bonia Tanner's Pirates, earning team MVP honors all four years ... holds school records for lowest nine-hole and 18-hole scores ... captured the 2008 Georgia 4A state tournament individual title ... won four events in 2008 – the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour Southeast Georgia Open, the David A. Wall Invitational, the Lady Bear Invitational and the University of Florida Junior Championship ... was a 2007 Wendy's Heisman Nominee ... named 2006 Georgia PGA Player of the Year, winning the organization's Stroke Average Award that year as well ... posted three tournament victories in 2007, winning the Georgia Peach, the Doublegate Junior Classic SJGT and the David A Wall, and was top three at two other AJGA events ... helped team to back-to-back third-place finishes in the region tournament (2006, 2007) ... also played

softball and basketball at Brunswick ... holds school records for lowest ERA and highest batting average and pitched in the team's regional championship game in 2005.

## Personal

Katelyn M. Burnett was born on Oct. 16, 1989, in Brunswick, Ga. ... parents are Rod and Lisa Burnett ... has an older brother, Ben ... plans to major in sport and entertainment management.



## Getting to Know Katie Burnett

### What is your first thought when you wake up in the morning?

I wish I still had another hour to sleep.

### If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go?

Hawaii for the beach and the golf

### What three things are always in your refrigerator?

Gatorade, water and fruit (apples)

### What characteristic do you most respect in a coach?

Positivity, eagerness to win and ability to show me how to win

### What is it that you most despise?

Slow play on the golf course

### What is your main fault or flaw?

Sometimes I am too hard on myself

### What is your greatest extravagance?

Golf stuff, like equipment and clothes

### What is your most treasured possession?

My golf clubs ... don't know what I would do without them even for a day.

# Corrine Carr

Junior :: Pinehurst, N.C. :: Furman :: The O'Neal School

## 2007-08 (At Furman)

Qualified for all 11 events and posted a 78.21 average over 34 rounds ... led the team with a 10th-place showing at the NCAA East Regional after carding a career-low 69 in the first round ... took 10th place at the Southern Conference Championship, her second top-10 finish at the event in as many seasons ... earned 23rd place at the Canes & Cardinal Classic, rebounding from a first-round 79 to shoot 72 and 73 over the final two days.

## 2006-07 (At Furman)

Played in eight of the team's 10 events, recording a 78.00 average ... capped her freshman season in good form, carding a 224 (75-74-75) at the NCAA East Regional ... finished a season-best seventh at the Southern Conference Championship, three shots behind the individual medalist ... tied for team-best honors in 45th place at the Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic ... shot 223 at the Cougar Classic, which would be her low tournament of the season.

## Prior to College

Helped The O'Neal School boys' golf team to two state championships and three conference titles ... named 2004 AJGA HP Scholastic Junior All-American ... earned Rolex Junior All-American Honorable Mention status in 2004 and 2005 ... picked up tournament titles at the North-South Junior Classic and N.C. Big I State Championship in 2004 and the AJGA Golf Pride Junior Classic and Carolina's Junior Girls Championship in 2005 ... also played tennis, winning three singles and three doubles conference titles along with two doubles and one singles state championships.

## Personal

Corrine Caroline Carr was born Aug. 15, 1988 ... daughter of Darcy and Debi Carr ... has a younger sister, Darlea ... majoring in business.



## Getting to Know Corrine Carr

### What three things are always in your refrigerator?

Ice cream, yogurt and fruit

### What characteristic do you most respect in a coach?

The ability to be patient with so many different personalities

### What is it that you most despise?

I absolutely cannot stand it when guys say I can't beat them because I'm a girl!

### What is your most treasured possession?

My childhood blanky



# Cayci Ruppe

Freshman :: Gaffney, S.C. :: Gaffney

### Prior to South Carolina

Played one season for coach Todd Coggins' boys' golf team as Gaffney does not field a girls' golf team ... earned all-state and all-region honors her junior and senior years after finishing second in the state tournament both seasons ... finished second in the 4A state championship in 2007 after a second-round 73 ... won the 2007 Region II-4A tournament with a 67 (-3) ... picked up wins at the 2007 Upstate Junior Classic and the 2007 Charles Tilghman ... took second at the South Carolina Junior Match Play Championship and the Players Championship ... represented South Carolina in S.C. vs. Georgia Match Play.

### Personal

Cayci Brooke Ruppe was born on May 11, 1990, in Spartanburg, S.C. ... parents are Tim and Tammy Ruppe ... plans to major in sports and entertainment management.



## Getting to Know Cayci Ruppe

**What is your first thought when you wake up in the morning?**

What time is it?

**If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go?**

Hawaii because I've heard it's beautiful

**What three things are always in your refrigerator?**

Sun Drop, pickles, mayonnaise

**If you didn't play golf, what sport would you want to play?**

Softball

**What characteristic do you most respect in a coach?**

Honesty

**What is it that you most despise?**

Dirty shoes

**What is your main fault or flaw?**

I can be selfish at times.

**Which words or phrases do you most overuse?**

Dad gum it

# Taylor Weaver

Freshman :: Spartanburg, S.C. :: Dorman

### Prior to South Carolina

Earned six varsity letters for coach Lewis Terry's Cavaliers ... won the individual title at the state tournament in 2007, shooting a state tournament record 145 (70-75) ... also set a state tournament single-round record with her first-round 70 (-2) ... earned all-region honors her junior and senior years and was a four-time all-state selection ... held a 72.3 average as a senior ... fired a 69 to win the region tournament her junior year and went on to finish second at the event her senior year ... helped the team to back-to-back regional titles (2006, 2007) ... twice won the Coca-Cola Spartanburg County Women's Championship (2006, 2007).

### Personal

Taylor Marie Weaver was born Aug. 3, 1990, in Spartanburg, S.C. ... parents are Kris Weaver and Michelle Troutman ... has a younger brother, Chandler, and a younger sister, Addison ... father played golf at USC-Upstate ... plans to major in history.



## Getting to Know Taylor Weaver

**What is your first thought when you wake up in the morning?**

My plans for the day

**If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go?**

Australia - I've always wanted to go there.

**What three things are always in your refrigerator?**

Pickles, olives and cheese

**If you didn't play golf, what sport would you want to play?**

Probably soccer - I used to play

**What characteristic do you most respect in a coach?**

The desire to win and the ability to motivate

**What is it that you most despise?**

Laziness and dishonesty

**What is your greatest extravagance?**

Sleeping and shopping

**Which words or phrases do you most overuse?**

"What?" because I usually miss what people say the first time.

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**Kalen Anderson**  
Head Coach :: 2nd Year

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**Michael Burcin**  
Assistant Coach :: 2nd Year

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**Puggy Blackmon**  
Director of Golf :: 2nd Year