Meet the Gamecocks



Head Coach Kalen Anderson



Kalen Anderson

Head Coach :: Duke, 2001 :: 1st year at South Carolina :: 1st year as Head Coach

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."

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 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,

"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

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 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

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

NGCÁ 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.



As a player and an assistant coach, Anderson enjoyed the opportunity to learn from Duke's Hall of Fame head coach Dan Brooks. At South Carolina, she will continue under the tutelage of another Hall of Famer in Puggy Blackmon.

Head Coach Kalen Anderson

same period. Additionally, Anderson helped personalize fitness plans for players and actively participated in team workouts.

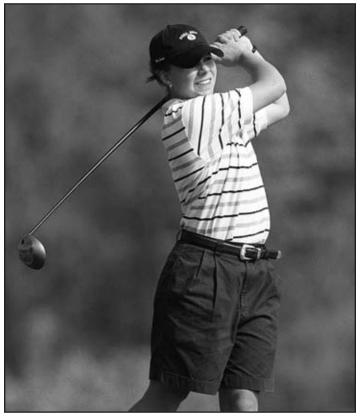
Off the course, Anderson was just as involved with shaping college players. At Duke, she assisted in arranging community service opportunities and monitored academic progress. She designed practices and skill sets, arranged team travel, ordered and managed equipment and uniforms, and assisted in fundraising 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 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.



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.



In her final full season at Duke, Anderson (second from right) helped the Blue Devils to their third-straight NCAA National Team Championship

Director of Golf Puggy Blackmon



Puggy Blackmon

Director of Golf:: Carson-Newman, 1973

After 12 seasons at the helm of the South Carolina men's golf program, Puggy Blackmon begins his first season as director of golf. 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 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 will expand 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 recent USC graduate, and Tate, is recent graduate of Blythewood High School.



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

Assistant Coaches



Michael Burcin

Assistant Coach :: 1st year with women's team :: 4th year at South Carolina

Michael Burcin is in his first season as an assistant coach for both the men's and women's golf teams after serving on Puggy Blackmon's men's golf staff for the past three seasons, including two as an assistant coach.

"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."

In addition to assisting coaches with day-to-day coaching duties, Burcin's primary role will be to implement and coordinate a recruiting program conducive to winning championships. He will also monitor the strength and conditioning programs for both sports as well as oversee the continued development of The Players Club, which is made up of former men's and women's golf letterwinners.

"During the past three years, Michael has stepped in and handled a lot of different roles and responsibilities efficiently," director of golf Puggy Blackmon said. "He is anxious to learn and has been an integral part of our success. Michael is quickly evolving as one of the top assistants in the country."

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 serving 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.



Clarissa Childs

Volunteer Assistant :: South Carolina 1996 :: 11th year at South Carolina

One of South Carolina's most decorated women's golfers ever, Clarissa Childs is in her 11th season on the Gamecock women's golf staff. Childs, who finished her Lady Gamecock career in 1996, was an assistant coach for five years before becoming a volunteer assistant while she competes on the LPGA Tour.

Childs began her professional career on the Futures Tour in 1997, competing at that level until earning non-exempt status for the 2002 LPGA season with a 31st-place finish at the 2001 LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament. On the Futures Tour, Childs posted 10 top-10 finishes and recorded a hole-in-one at the 1998 U.S. Women's Open.

In her inaugural LPGA season, Childs competed in eight events and recorded a then-career low round of 69 at the Sybase Big Apple Classic Presented by *Golf Magazine* to tie for 31st place, her career-best finish. In addition to seven LPGA events in 2003, she turned in to top-10 finishes on the Futures Tour and tied for fifth in the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn exempt status for the 2004 LPGA season. Playing a career-high 21 events in 2004, Childs made the cut in four

tournaments, highlighted by a career-low 67 in the final round of the Longs Drugs Challenge. Making the cut in four events in 2006, Childs tied her career-low 67 in the second round of the LPGA Corning Classic and a fifth-place finish at the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament granted her exempt status for 2007. Her most recent season included seven events and a career-best finish of 26th at the State Farm Classic.

A four-year All-Southeastern Conference honoree who competed at South Carolina from 1992 through 1996, Childs was a key member of Gamecock teams that advanced to the NCAA Championships in 1993, 1995 and 1996. She earned first-team All-SEC honors in 1994 and 1995. Childs finished third at the 1995 SEC Championships and finished 14th at the 1995 NCAA Championships with a score of 71-75-74-76=296 to help Carolina to a ninth-place finish, marking the school's best showing at the NCAA Championships. Childs was South Carolina's top finisher at the 1996 NCAA East Regional, finishing 12th with a score of 77-71-78-226. She had seven top-five finishes during her career as a Gamecock, a mark that ranks third in school history, and she earned medalist honors at the 1993 Carolyn Cudone Intercollegiate.

Childs graduated from Carolina in 1996 with a degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Taylor Barrett

Sophomore :: York, S.C. :: York Comprehensive

Fall 2007

Played in three events with a 78 average ... 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.

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 ... Member of the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll and an NGCA All-American Scholar.



Barrett's Career Totals								
Season	Tourn.	Rds.	Strokes	Avg.	Low 18	Best Finish		
2006-07	6	17	1,338	78.71	70	14th		
Fall 2007	2	6	468	78.00	77	61st		
Career	8	23	1,806	78.52	70	14th		

Prior to South Carolina

No. 1 player in the state of South Carolina ... 2005 winner of the South Carolina Junior Golf Association's Beth Daniel Award as the top player in the state ... Won 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



Barrett's Career Bests

18-hole Score:7054-hole Score:232Tournament Finish:14thTop 10 Finishes:0Top 20 Finishes:1

Carolina Class 3A Player of the Year in 2003 and was the Class 4A State Player of the Year in 2004 and 2005 \dots Valedictorian of her class \dots 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

I started playing golf when I was...

Very young ... I don't remember the exact age.

My best golf superstition is...

I mark my ball on the green with old quarters, preferably before 1970, tail side up.

The best golf advice I ever received was...

Always take it one shot at a time - a lot of people have given this advice.

The best tournament gift I ever received was...

Golf shoes.

Three words that describe me are...

Happy, determined and funny.

My favorite thing to do outside of golf is...

Shop.

My best non-athletic talent is...

Making people laugh.

The greatest lesson I've learned as an athlete is...

Never give up because anything can happen.

I wish I was better at...

Singing and public speaking.

If I could spend the day with anyone, it would be...

Chris Brown. I love his music.

In five years I'll be...

I wish I knew.

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Elizabeth Freeman

Freshman :: Anderson, S.C. :: Westside HS



Fall 2007

Did not compete in any tournaments.

Prior to South Carolina

Attended Westside HS in Anderson, S.C., where she was coached by Paul Brown ... Helped team to back-to-back regional championships ... Ranked as the No.



Personal

Elizabeth Freeman was born Oct. 17, 1989 ... Daughter of Brad and Tammy Freeman ... Has an identical twin, Chandler, who attends Clemson ... Competed in gymnastics for seven years as a youngster.

Getting to Know Elizabeth Freeman

I started playing golf when I was...

Nine.

My best golf superstition is...

That I play better when I mark my ball with quarters.

The best golf advice I ever received was...

"When you get in trouble, make sure your next shot gets you out!"

The best tournament gift I ever received was...

Actually a trophy. When I was 11, I won a tournament and the trophy was a golden golf cart with club and all. It was so cute!

Three words that describe me are...

Determined, spontaneous and outgoing.

My favorite thing to do outside of golf is...

Eat.

The greatest lesson I've learned as an athlete is...

That you are always rewarded for working through the hard times, just maybe not as quickly as you would have liked!

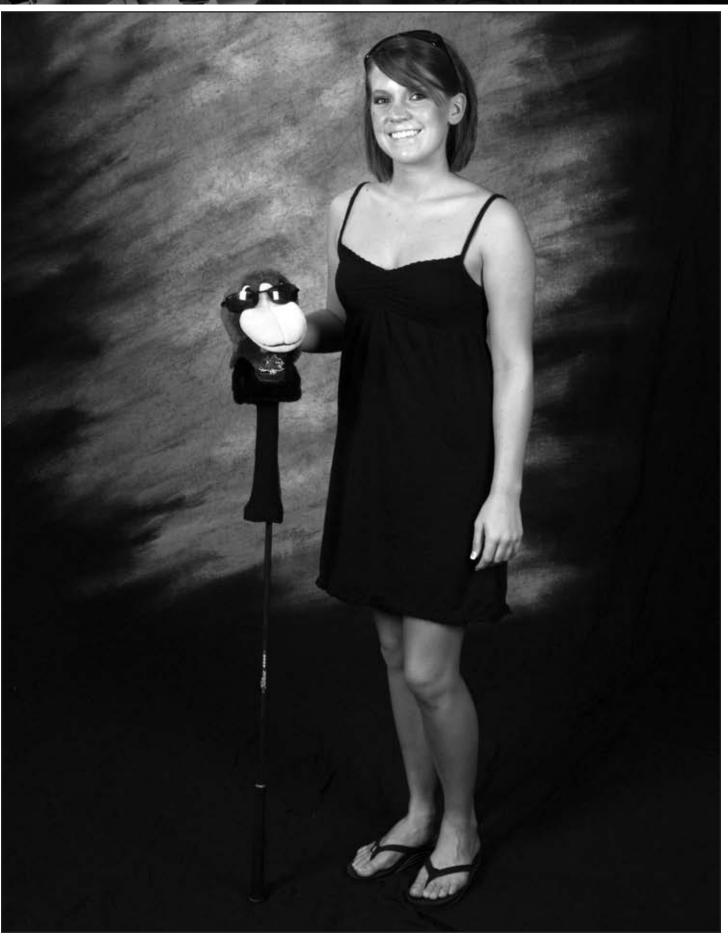
I wish I was better at...

Singing!

If I could spend the day with anyone, it would be...

My twin sister. Since I've been at school, I've realized how much she means to me. She understands me better than anyone ever will, and I miss her more than I ever thought possible.

South Carolina Women's Golf Meet The Gamecocks



Erika Holmen

Freshman :: Gothenburg, Sweden

Fall 2007

Was one of three players to participate in all four events ... Posted a 76.67 average over 12 rounds ... Narrowly dropped her first-round match-up with Auburn's Sarah Thread 2 & 1 at the NGCA Match Play Championship ... Opened the Mason Rudolph Women's Championship with a season-best 70 and went on to finish 48th ... Started the season well with 73 and 74 in the first two rounds of the Cougar Classic.



Holmen's Career Totals

 Season
 Tourn.
 Rds.
 Strokes
 Avg.
 Low 18
 Best Finish

 Fall 2007
 4
 12
 920
 76.67
 70
 48th

Prior to South Carolina

Originally from Gothenburg, Sweden, where she is ranked 18th in the Swedish Golf Federation rankings ... Flew overseas to compete in the 2006 Napa River Grill Cardinal Cup hosted by the University of Louisville and finished 12th with a 72-75-80=227 (+11) ... Led the event after the first two rounds ... Won the 2007 Kungsbacka Open with a 75-72=147 (+5) and finished as the runner-up at the Sotenas Junior Open with a 74-76=150 (+6) ... Played in 18 events in 2006, winning the Riksbyggen Open and posting 12 top-10 finishes ... Member of the Junior Elite Team of Gothenburg.



Holmen's Career Bests

18-hole Score:7054-hole Score:225Tournament Finish:48thTop 10 Finishes:0Top 20 Finishes:0

Personal

Erika Holmen was born Nov. 14, 1988 ... Daughter of Christer and Yvonne Holmen.

Getting to Know Erika Holmen

I started playing golf when I was...

Nine years old after I broke my leg and was forbidden to go downhill skiing.

The best golf advice I ever received was...

from my dad before a tournament when he said, "You are here because people want you to be and because you are good."

The best tournament gift I ever received was...

A photo taken out on the course right in the middle of my swing. It was the first time I saw myself playing, and the gift was a total surprise.

Three words that describe me are...

Will, shall and dedicated.

My favorite thing to do outside of golf is...

Be with my family and friends.

My best non-athletic talent is...

That I can handle many different situations in life. I am "street smart."

The greatest lesson I've learned as an athlete is...

That talent is a prerequisite but not enough. You have to work hard as well.

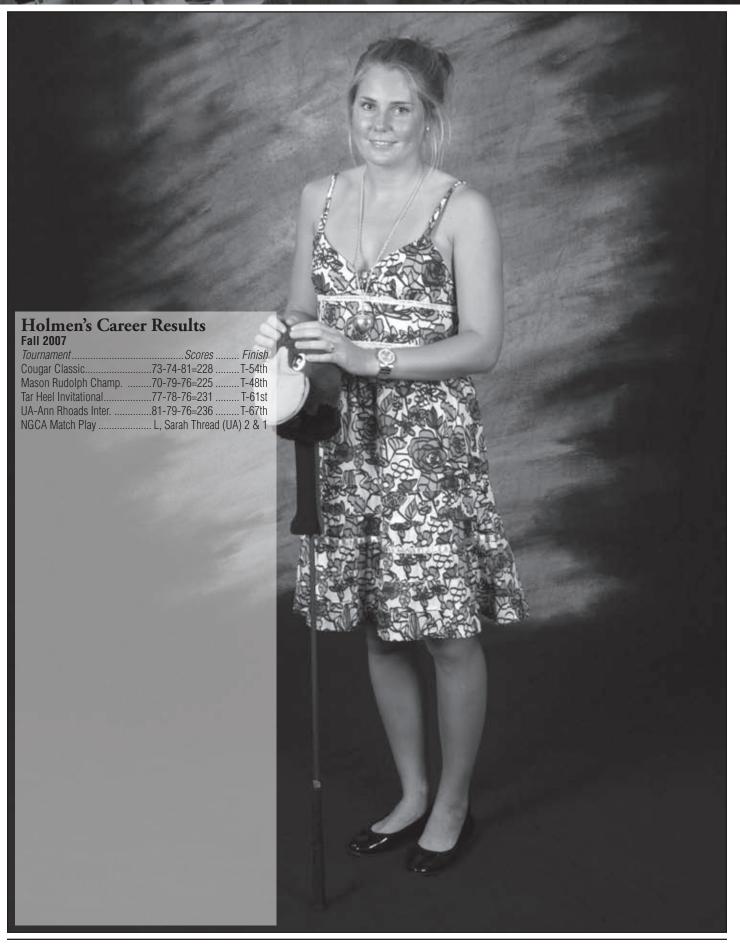
I wish I was better at...

A lot of small things. One can always get better, but I don't like to lose energy on those kind of issues. You've got to use what you have.

If I could spend the day with anyone, it would be...

Annika Sörensam or World Champion downhill skier Anja Pärsson, because I think they can teach me a lot about what it takes to be on top and at the same time live my life.

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Senior :: Santiago, Chile :: Campbell University

Fall 2007

Was third on the team with a 76 average over three events ... Finished a season-best 25th at the UA-Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate after carding a season-best 72 in the final round ... Finished third on the team at the Lady Tar Heel Invitational in 39th place.

2006-07

Ranked third on the team with a 76.67 average ... Ranked 42nd in the nation in fairways hit, connecting 82.0 percent of the time, and 40th in sand-save percentage at .404 ... Carded a career-low 218 at the NCAA East Regional ... Shot a career-best 70 in the second round of the SEC Championship and finished tied for 18th ... Tied for 12th at the Lady Puerto Rico Classic, her best finish of the season ... Member of the SEC Spring Sports Academic Honor Roll.

2005-06

Compiled a 77.72 average in six tournaments ... Finished a season-best 28th at the Auburn Derby Invitational ... Opened her Carolina career with a 227 at the Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Intercollegiate, which proved to be her best tournament score of the season ... Tied for 38th at the event after a final-round 71, which matched her career low.

2004-05 (At Campbell University)

Named 2004-05 Atlantic Sun Conference Freshman of the Year after posting a 75.57 average with five top-five finishes ... Shot 229 to finish fifth at the 2005 Atlantic Sun



Mori's	Career	Totals				
Season	Tourn.	Rds.	Strokes	Avg.	Low 18	Best Finish
2004-05*	9	22	1,738	79.00	71	2nd
2005-06	6	18	1,399	77.72	71	28th
2006-07	9	27	2,070	76.67	70	12th
Fall 2007	3	9	684	76.00	72	25th
Career	27	76	5,891	77.51	70	2nd
* 2004-05	season pla	yed at Car	npbell Univ	ersity		

Championship en route to earning her school's nomination for Atlantic Sun Female Athlete of the Year ... Finished a career-best second at the Samford Intercollegiate ... Carded a season-low 71 on the final day of the Edwin Watts Palmetto Intercollegiate, then matched that figure with a 71 in the first round of the Samford Intercollegiate.

Prior to College

Was the No. 1 ranked junior in her native Chile and was the 2003 National Amateur Champion ... Played for Chile on both the adult and junior levels, including

the 2001 South American Junior, where she helped her team to the championship ... Has participated in the World Amateur Championship and the Junior World Championships four times and finished among the top 20 in each of the last two



Mori's Career Bests 18-hole Score:

54-hole Score: 218 Tournament Finish: 2nd Top 10 Finishes: 5 Top 20 Finishes:

Personal

World Juniors.

Born July 25, 1984 in Santiago, Chile ... Parents are Domingo and Paula Mori.

Getting to Know Camila Mori

I started playing golf when I was...

Eight years old.

My best golf superstition is...

Dress for success.

The best golf advice I ever received was...

"Trust your talent," from David Orr.

The best tournament gift I ever received was...

A Caribbean cruise.

Three words that describe me are...

Determined, picky and caring.

My favorite thing to do outside of golf is...

Shop.

My best non-athletic talent is...

"Driving."

The greatest lesson I've learned as an athlete is...

That the way you handle the game is the way you will handle life.

I wish I was better at...

Drawing yardage books.

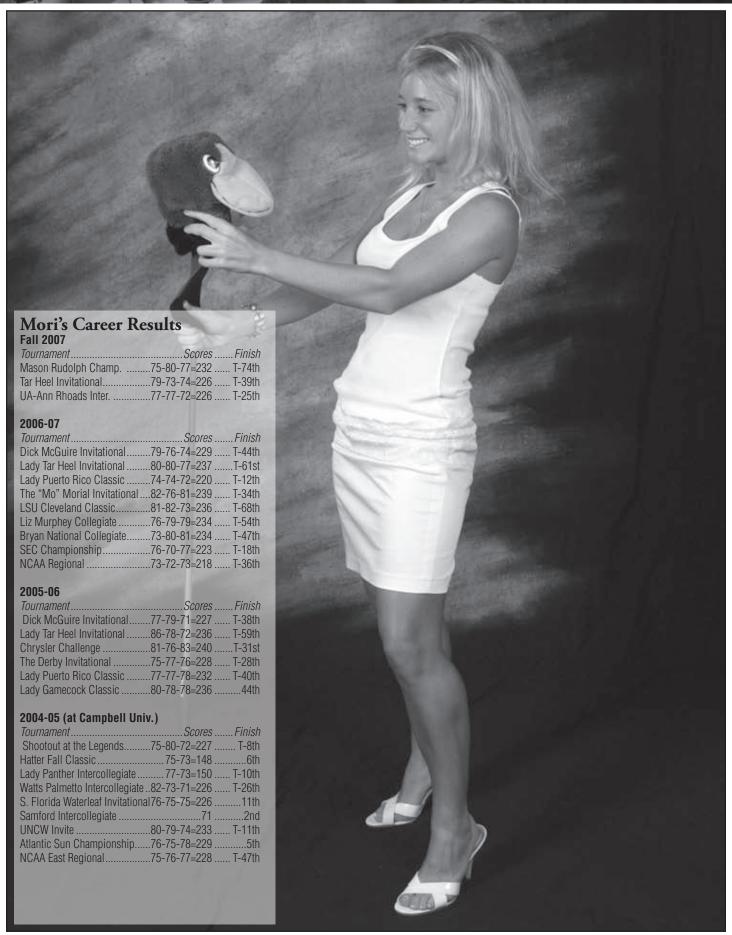
If I could spend the day with anyone, it would be...

My grandpa, because he is the coolest guy in the world.

In five years I'll be...

On the last pairing of the U.S. Open.

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Laura Raffo

Senior:: Rio Cuarto, Argentina

Fall 2007

Took over the No. 5 position in the second round of the NGCA Match Play Championship, falling to New Mexico's Jodi Ewart 3 & 2 ... Opened the Lady Tar Heel Invitational with a season-best 78.

2006-07

Compiled an 80.45 average in four tournaments ... Finished a season-best 39th at the thunderstorm-shortened Auburn Derby Invitational ... Shot a career-best 72 in the final round of the Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invitational ... Member of the SEC Spring Sports Academic Honor Roll and an NGCA All-American Scholar.

2005-06

Posted a 78.04 average over 24 rounds ... Recorded a career-best 226, including a first-round 73 to tie her career low, at the NCAA East Regional to finish tied for 54th ... Tied for 38th at the Lady Puerto Rico Classic with a total of 231, the second-lowest 54-hole score of her career, which she went on to match at the Bryan National Collegiate, finishing in a tie for 44th at the event ... Member of the SEC Spring Sports Academic Honor Roll and an NGCA All-American Scholar.

2004-05

Played in two tournaments with an 80.17 average ... Made her college debut at the NCAA Fall Preview ... Earned a spot on the President's List (4.0 grade-point average)



Raffo's Career Totals							
Season	Tourn.	Rds.	Strokes	Avg.	Low 18	Best Finish	
2004-05	2	6	481	80.17	77	43rd	
2005-06	8	24	1,873	78.04	73	28th	
2006-07	4	11	885	80.45	72	39th	
Fall 2007	2	5	406	81.20	78	89th	
Career	16	46	3,645	79.24	72	28th	

in the spring semester and a spot on the Dean's List in the fall semester ... Member of the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

Prior to South Carolina

Won four national tournaments as an 18-and-under player in her home country of Argentina after only three years of competing nationally ... Also captured two titles belonging to the National Amateur Ranking ... Placed first in national tournaments held in San Juan, Lobos, Mar Del Plata, Vernado Puerto, and Buenos Aires ... Shot nine-under



Raffo's Career Bests
18-hole Score: 73 (2x)
54-hole Score: 226
Tournament Finish: 28th
Top 10 Finishes: 0
Top 20 Finishes: 0

par in the second round of the Gold Cup to win her second-straight national amateur ranking championship in 2004 ... Finished second at the South American Amateur Championship in 2004 when representing the Argentine Golf Association.

Personal

Maria Laura Raffo was born Oct. 13, 1985 in Rio Cuarto, Argentina ... Parents are Eduward Raffo and Cristina Debon ... Has twin brothers German and Dino ... Double majoring in international business and finance with a minor in French ... Speaks English, Spanish and French.

Getting to Know Laura Raffo

I started playing golf when I was...

14 after having played tennis since I was seven.

The best golf advice I ever received was...

"If you're going to miss, it better be because were aggressive and not because you feared missing."

The best tournament gift I ever received was...

A golden cup. It was the best gift for the best tournament I ever played. I finished 9-under for the 72 holes, including a course and championship record of 9-under on the second round.

Three words that describe me are...

Driven, intelligent and enthusiastic.

My favorite thing to do outside of golf is...

Learning about the capital markets.

The greatest lesson I've learned as an athlete is...

That you need a strong a sustained commitment in the pursuit of greatness.

I wish I was better at...

Driving the ball a long way.

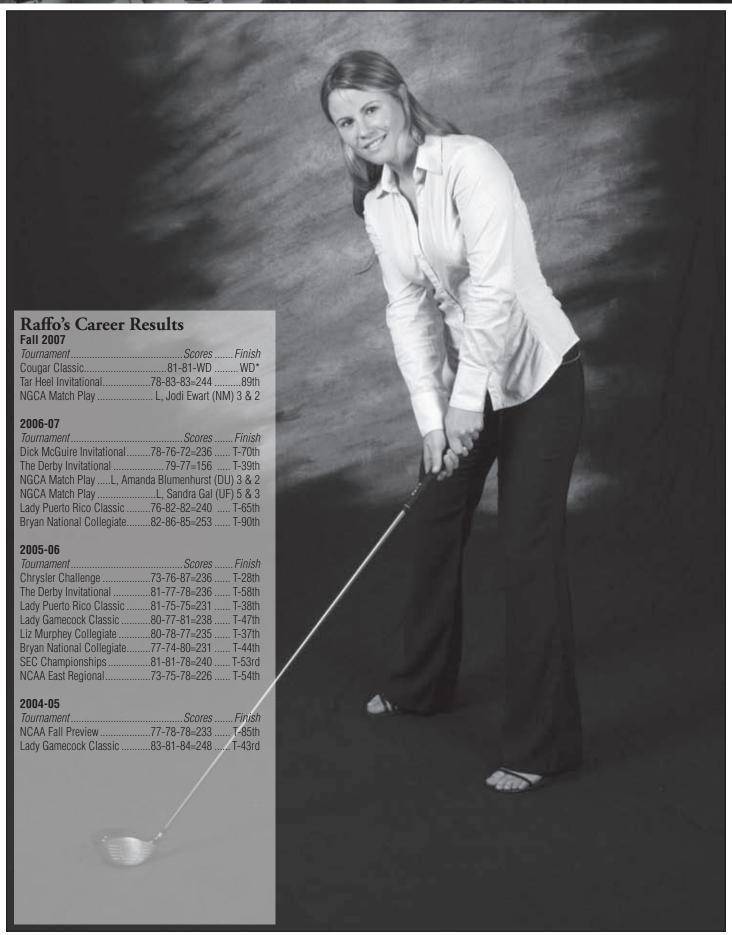
If I could spend the day with anyone, it would be...

Greg Norman. I admire his success on the golf course and the way he transferred his skills to the business world to be successful in both.

In five years I'll be...

Striving to be the best I can be at whatever it is that I'm doing.

Meet The Gamecocks



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Whitney Simons

Senior :: Aiken, S.C. :: Aiken HS

Fall 2007

Recorded a 76.56 average, her best since the 2005-06 season ... Played in the No. 4 spot at the NGCA Match Play Championship ... Finished 34th at the UA-Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate behind a first-round 71 ... Opened the season with a career-best 70 in the first round of the Cougar Classic and went on to claim 35th place.

2006-07

Posted a 77.80 average in seven tournaments ... Ranked eighth in the nation with a .520 sand-save percentage and 44th nationally with a .525 total short game percentage ... Carded a season-best 222 at the NCAA East Regional, the second-lowest 54-hole score of her career ... Finished a season-high 39th at the Bryan National Collegiate ... Opened the Lady Puerto Rico Classic with a season-low 73 en route to a 40th-place finish ... Member of the SEC Spring Sports Academic Honor Roll and an NGCA All-American Scholar.

2005-06

Named SEC Women's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year ... Was second on the team with a 75.90 average ... Turned in five top-20 finishes, including two top-10 outings ... Tied for 16th at the SEC Championship ... Took 10th at the Liz Murphey Collegiate with steady rounds of 76, 75 and 74 ... Finished in the top 20 at the Lady Gamecock Classic, highlighted by a second-round 72 ... Claimed a career-best sixth place at the Chrysler Challenge to lead the Gamecocks to the team title ... Matched her career



Simons' Career Totals							
Season	Tourn.	Rds.	Strokes	Avg.	Low 18	Best Finish	
2004-05	7	21	1,634	77.81	73	12th	
2005-06	10	30	2,277	75.90	71	6th	
2006-07	7	20	1,556	77.80	73	40th	
Fall 2007	3	9	689	76.56	70	34th	
Career	27	80	6,156	76.95	70	6th	

low with a 71 in the second round of the event ... Set a career low at 71 in the final round of the Dick McGuire Invitational and finished 12th ... Member of the SEC Spring Sports Academic Honor Roll and an NGCA All-American Scholar.

2004-05

Finished with a 77.81 average over seven tournaments ... Shot a season-best 224 to finish 28th at the NCAA East Regional, highlighted by a first-round hole-in-one on the 15th hole of the University of Florida Golf Course ... Was the Gamecocks' top finisher in 12th at the SEC Championship



Simons' Career Bests 18-hole Score: 70 54-hole Score: 219 Tournament Finish: 6th Top 10 Finishes: 2

Top 20 Finishes:

... Collected her first career top-20 finish by claiming 14th in the Lady Gamecock Classic ... Earned a spot on the President's List (4.0 grade point average) in both the fall and spring semesters ... Member of the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll and an NGCA All-American Scholar.

Prior to South Carolina

Was the 4A South Carolina State Champion and South Carolina Women's Coaches Association 4A Player of the Year in 2002 and 2003 ... Won the Regional Championship and was named All-Region and All-State in 2002 and 2003 ... Named AJGA Scholastic All-America in 2002 ... Helped team to state runner-up finishes and region titles in 2001 and 2002, adding a region title in 2003 ... Was a U.S. Girls' Junior qualifier in 2002 and a U.S. Women's Amateur qualifier in 2003.

Personal

Born June 7, 1986, in Augusta, Ga. . . . Full name is Whitney DeVore Simons . . . Parents are Charles and Elizabeth Simons . . . Double-majoring in international business and finance with a minor in Spanish . . . Father played golf at South Carolina 1962-64.

Getting to Know Whitney Simons

My best golf superstition is...

I won't use a specific colored tee if I've hit a bad shot with it in the past.

The best golf advice I ever received was...

Play hard, share Jesus harder — Web Brown

Three words that describe me are...

Determined, interested and organized.

My favorite thing to do outside of golf is...

Eat.

My best non-athletic talent is...

Multi-tasking.

The greatest lesson I've learned as an athlete is...

Never give up.

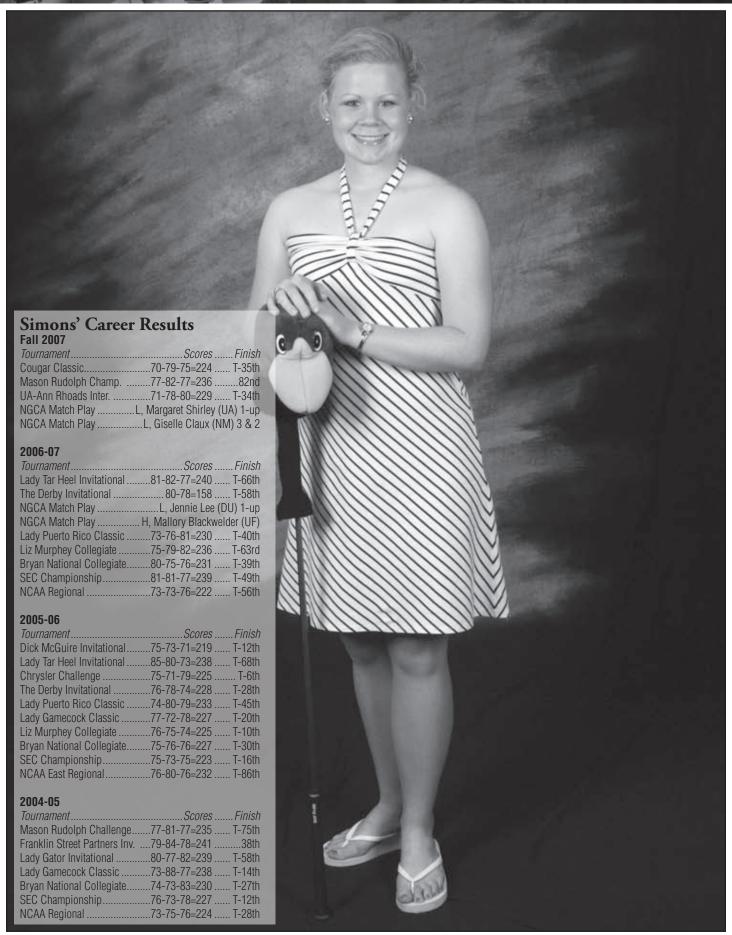
I wish I was better at...

Singing.

If I could spend the day with anyone, it would be...

Jesus, to see what perfection looks like.

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South Carolina Women's Golf Meet The Gamecocks

Meet The Gamecocks Meredith Taylor

Junior :: Lexington, S.C. :: Lexington HS

Fall 2007

Did not compete in any tournaments.

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.

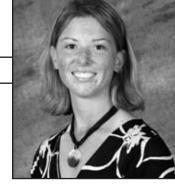
2004-05

Redshirted as a true freshman.

Prior to South Carolina

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 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

Born Feb. 13, 1986 in Lexington, S.C. ... Full name is Meredith McKellar Taylor ... 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

I started playing golf when I was...
15.

My best golf superstition is...

More of a routine than a superstition. I usually wear the same color hat and shoes, mark my ball with a "22" on either side of the logo with a blue sharpie, and I always listen to music before I play. (22 was my high school basketball number)

The best golf advice I ever received was...

From Puggy Blackmon. The game of golf will give you some of the best memories and some of the must frustrating, so you have to be patient with yourself.

The best tournament gift I ever received was...

A crystal trophy

Three words that describe me are...

Competitive, driven and optimistic.

My favorite thing to do outside of golf is...

Work out

The greatest lesson I've learned as an athlete is...

To not let anyone tell you that you can't do something. If you work hard every day and give it 110%, then you can do anything you put your mind to.

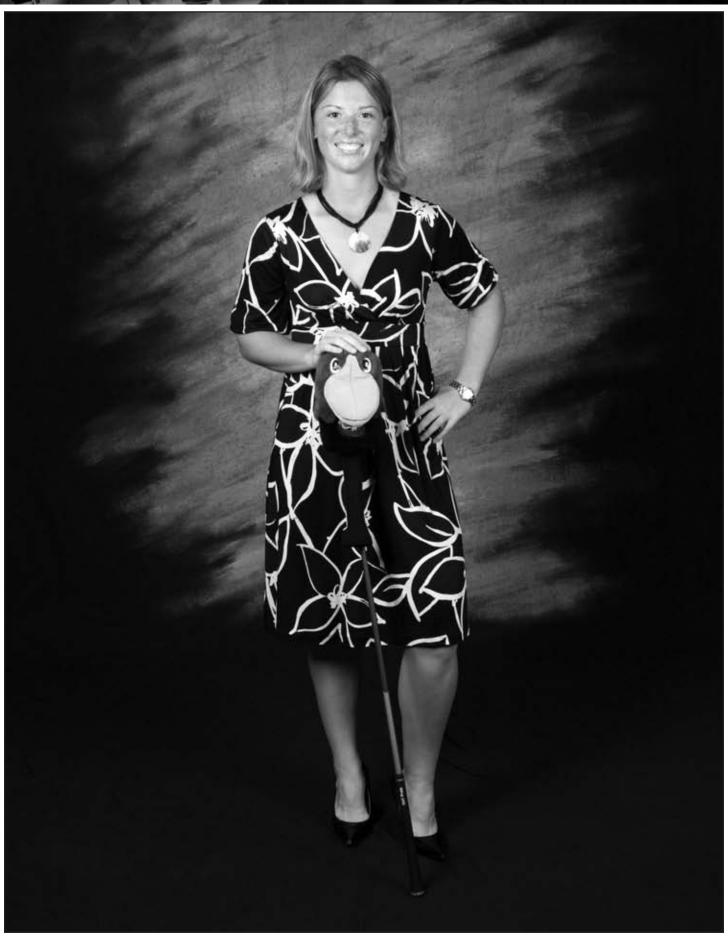
If I could spend the day with anyone, it would be...

Matthew McConaughey. I'm sure I've seen all of his movies. I'm a pretty big fan.

In five years I'll be...

Hopefully married and have given myself a chance to be on the LPGA Tour, then coaching and teaching golf.

South Carolina Women's Golf Meet The Gamecocks



Meet The Gamecocks

Bénédicte Toumpsin

Sophomore :: Sombreffe, Belgium

Fall 2007

Led the team with a 73.67 average, two strokes lower than her freshman average ... Was one of three players to participate in all five events and was the team's top finisher in all four team-scored tournaments ... 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 season-best 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

Toumpsin's Career Totals								
Season	Tourn.	Rds.	Strokes	Avg.	Low 18	Best Finish		
2006-07	10	28	2,117	75.61	69	2nd		
Fall 2007	4	12	884	73.67	70	4th		
Career	14	40	3,001	75.03	69	2nd		

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 Sombreffe, 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) ... Winner of numerous major tournaments during her junior career, highlighted by victories in the 2005 Belgian Masters, the International Junior Ladies of



Toumpsin's Career Bests
18-hole Score: 69
54-hole Score: 215 (2x)
Tournament Finish: 2nd
Top 10 Finishes: 2
Top 20 Finishes: 3

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 ... 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.

Personal

Bénédicte Toumpsin was born July 7, 1988 \dots International business major \dots Came to South Carolina with a +2.3 handicap.

Getting to Know Bénédicte Toumpsin

I started playing golf when I was...

11 years old.

My best golf superstition is...

I have found a new one at each tournament, but I have a special lucky charm necklace from my mother that I wear all the time.

The best golf advice I ever received was...

That what matters in golf is how much and not how I did it.

The best tournament gift I ever received was...

A painting from a tournament in sweden that I love and reminds me of an amazing moment. It's not the most expensive, but it is my favorite.

My favorite thing to do outside of golf is...

Listen to music and watch other sports (golf is boring when you do not play).

My best non-athletic talent is...

Giving back massages (most of my friends can confirm this).

The greatest lesson I've learned as an athlete is...

To stay humble with myself.

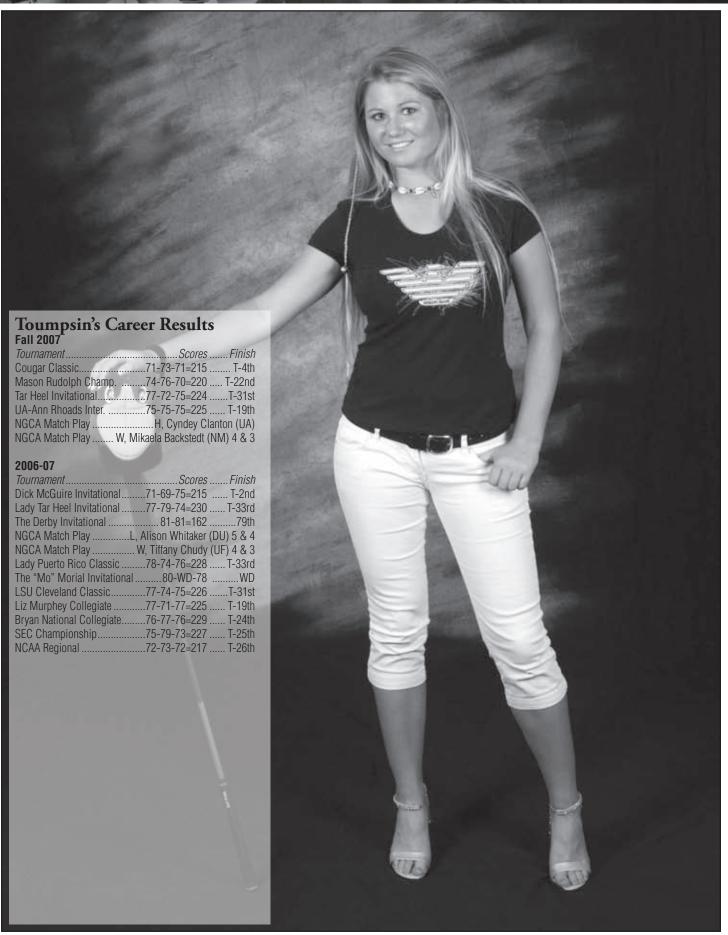
I wish I was better at...

My room organization.

In five years I'll be...

An LPGA player, hopefully.

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Blythe Worley

Senior :: Greenville, N.C. :: J.L. Mann HS

Fall 2007

Was second on the team with a career-best 75.75 average as one of three players to participate in all five events ... Won her second-round match against New Mexico's Morgan Grantham at the NGCA Match Play Championship 5 & 4 ... Turned in a final-round 74 to take 34th place at the UA-Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate ... Tied Bénédicte Toumpsin for team-best honors at the Lady Tar Heel Invitational, claiming 31st place after matching her career best with a final-round 70.

2006-07

Compiled a 76.85 average over nine tournaments ... Ranked 51st in the nation by hitting 81.3 percent of her fairways ... Shot a career-best 218 at the NCAA East Regional ... Finished 10th at the SEC Championship with a then-career low 220, including a career-best 70 in the first round ... Collected the first top-10 finish of her career with a seventh-place showing at the thunderstorm-shortened Auburn Derby Invitational ... Member of the SEC Spring Sports Academic Honor Roll and an NGCA All-America Scholar.

2005-06

Recorded a 76.78 average in six tournaments ... Played her best golf at the end of the year, posting a 74.00 stroke average in her final five rounds, including the SEC Championship and the NCAA East Regional ... Was South Carolina's top finisher in 34th place at the NCAA East Regional, posting a then career-best 222, which included a final-round 73 to tie her then career low ... Matched her career low of 73 in the second round of the SEC Championship en route to a 41st-place finish ... Member of the SEC Spring Sports Academic Honor Roll and an NGCA All-America Scholar.

2004-05

Posted a 78.83 average playing in six tournaments, including the NCAA East Regional ... Made her first top-30 appearance at the Franklin Street Partners Invitational,



Worley's Career Totals								
Season	Tourn.	Rds.	Strokes	Avg.	Low 18	Best Finish		
2004-05	6	18	1,419	78.83	73	26th		
2005-06	6	18	1,382	76.78	73	34th		
2006-07	9	26	1,998	76.85	70	7th		
Fall 2007	4	12	909	75.75	70	31st		
Career	25	74	5,708	77.14	70	7th		

finishing 26th behind a second-round 74 ... Carded back-to-back 73s in the last two rounds of the Mason Rudolph Challenge to finish 38th in her collegiate debut ... Was on the USC President's List (4.0 grade point average) in the fall semester and on the Dean's List in the spring ... Member of the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll and an NGCA All-America Scholar.

Prior to South Carolina

The 2003 Big East Player of the Year in North Carolina ... Shot a 69 to earn the individual title at the 2003 North Carolina

Eastern Regional ... Also made her first hole-in-one during that tournament ... Tied for second place in the 4A girls' golf tournament at Pinehurst, N.C. with a two-day total of 156, only one stroke off the leaders ... Reached the semifinals of the Trans National Championship ... A two-time qualifier for US Girls Jr. ... Won the Charles Tilghman Championship and the George Holliday Championship ... North Carolina Junior Champion ... Captured the 2001 Carolinas Girls Jr. Championship ... 2000 NCHSSA State Champions ... Was a three-time MVP of her high school team ... Earned all-state honors all four years.



Top 20 Finishes:

Personal

Full name is Julia Blythe Worley ... Born on Feb. 10, 1986, in Greenville, N.C. ... Parents are Mack and Judy Worley ... Majoring in business administration.

Getting to Know Blythe Worley

I started playing golf when I was...

12.

The best golf advice I ever received was...

When I was younger and I got angry, my dad said, "You're not good enough to get mad." That helped me learn to say calm at a young age.

The best tournament gift I ever received was...

An XM radio.

Three words that describe me are...

Easy-going, competitive and sarcastic.

My favorite thing to do outside of golf is...

Travel.

My best non-athletic talent is...

Napping and choreographing dance routines with former Gamecock great Jenna Pearson.

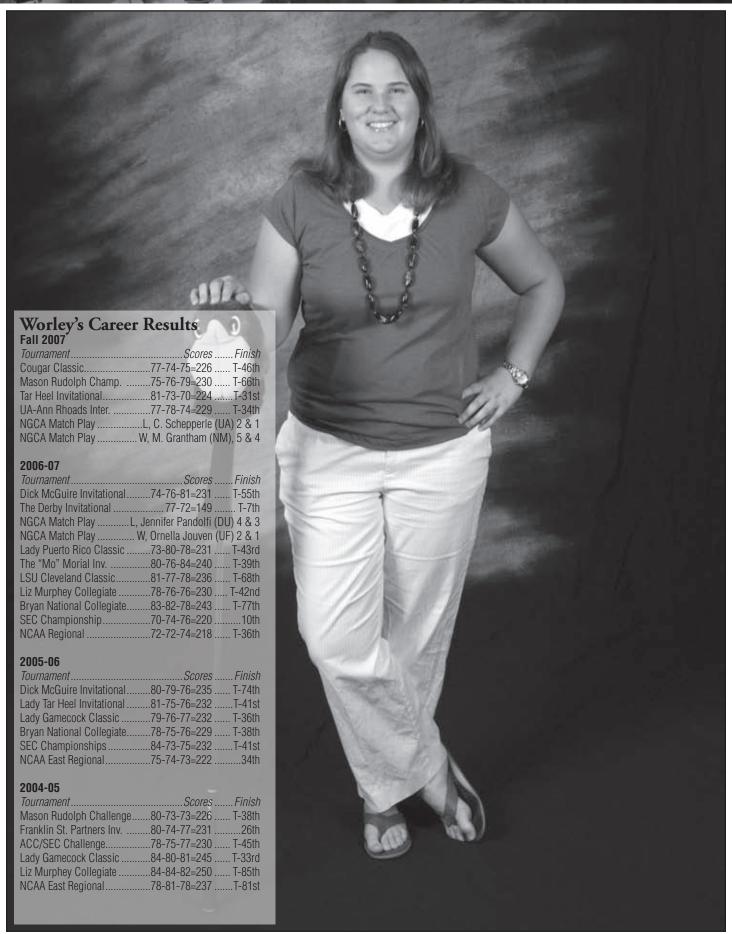
The greatest lesson I've learned as an athlete is...

Perseverance.

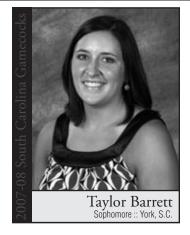
In five years I'll be...

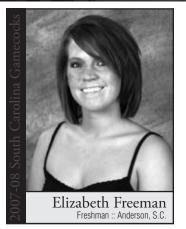
Living at the beach trying to decide how to spend my millions.

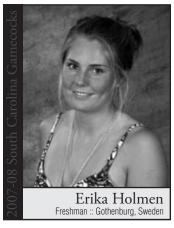
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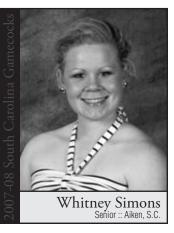






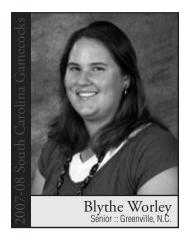




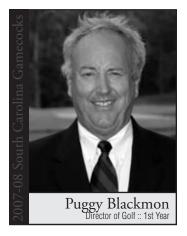


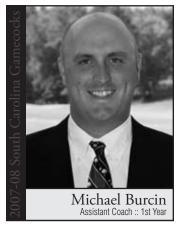














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