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The women’s soccer team wore black armbands on Nov. 2, 2007 in a match against Florida in remembrance of the seven University students that died in a house fire days before in North Carolina.



General Information

Location..... Columbia, S.C.
 Enrollment27,390
 Founded.....1801
 Nickname Gamecocks
 Colors Garnet (PMS 202) and Black
 Conference..... Southeastern (Eastern)
 President Dr. Harris Pastides
 Ticket Office Phone..... (803) 777-4274

Soccer Information

Stadium Eugene E. Stone III Stadium (5,700)
 Turf..... Natural Grass
 Year Opened/Record..... 1995/75-39-9 (.646)
 All-Time Record..... 125-112-23 (.525), 13 seasons
 All-Time SEC Reocrd..... 38-68-15 (.376)
 SEC Tournament Appearances .. Six (1-6-1); Last in 2007
 NCAA Appearances Two (0-1-1); Last in 2007
 Soccer Office..... (803) 777-1354
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Coaching Information

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 Record at USC 70-55-18 (8th season)
 Record Overall..... 111-90-20 (12th season)
 Assistant Coaches..... Jamie Smith (Providence, 1994)
 Mat Cosgriff (Maine, 2002)
 Volunteer Assistant..... Laura Armstrong
 Athletic Trainer..... Stephanie Rosehart
 Strength/Conditioning Andrea Tyndall

Team Information

2007 Record..... 14-6-3 (5-4-2 SEC; 4th East)
 Home Record 7-1
 Away Record 3-4-2
 Neutral Record 4-1-1
 Postseason..... NCAA First Round
 Duke adv. on PKs (1-1 Tie)
 Letterwinners Ret/Lost 12/12
 Starters Ret/Lost 6/5
 Newcomers 15

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A Note To The Media

The South Carolina athletics media relations office is ready to assist members of the media in their coverage of Gamecock athletics. Any questions concerning South Carolina women's soccer should be directed to Miquel Jacobs at (803) 777-1516. Interviews, statistics or general information concerning student-athletes or coach Shelley Smith and/or her staff should be handled through the media relations office. All accommodations will be made for members of the media planning to attend a home match with at least 24 hours advanced notice. Thank you for your interest in South Carolina women's soccer.

On The Internet

Members of the media can find updated statistics, box scores, game recaps and other news releases at www.GamecocksOnline.com, the online home of the University of South Carolina athletics department and its 20 varsity sports. Weekly game notes will be available prior to each soccer match. Live audio and video broadcasts are available for home matches as well as live scoring.

Interviews

Post-game interviews with Coach Smith or student-athletes will be conducted on the field after a 10-minute cooling off period. All interview requests must be received and coordinated by Miquel Jacobs or another member of the South Carolina Media Relations department. Interviews are also available throughout the week at a time that does not conflict with the athletic or class schedule of student-athletes. The best time to contact Coach Smith is Monday-Thursday from 9am-noon. Coaches and student-athletes are also available immediately before or after practice (appx. 5 p.m.)

Photographers

Photographers may shoot from the sidelines at Stone Stadium, excluding the team bench areas. On the endlines, photographers are permitted only in the area between the sidelines and the edges of the penalty box.

Visiting Radio

Visiting radio should notify South Carolina media relations at least 24 hours prior to the match so that accommodations can be made.



Jenn Hildreth and Bernie Gunther broadcast the SEC Game of the Week from Stone Stadium on Oct. 28, 2007. Carolina will host Florida on Oct. 30, 2008 on the Fox Soccer Channel.

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GAMECOCKS ONLINE.COM

GamecocksOnline.com is the official home of South Carolina Athletics, providing updated statistics, rosters, schedules, feature stories, press releases and game recaps for the women's soccer program and South Carolina's 20 other varsity sports.

ARCHIVES

Archived press releases, game recaps and statistics are available from the 2001 soccer season to the present. Photo galleries can also be viewed at GamecocksOnline.com in addition to feature stories on student-athletes and specialty videos.

LIVE VIDEO BROADCASTS

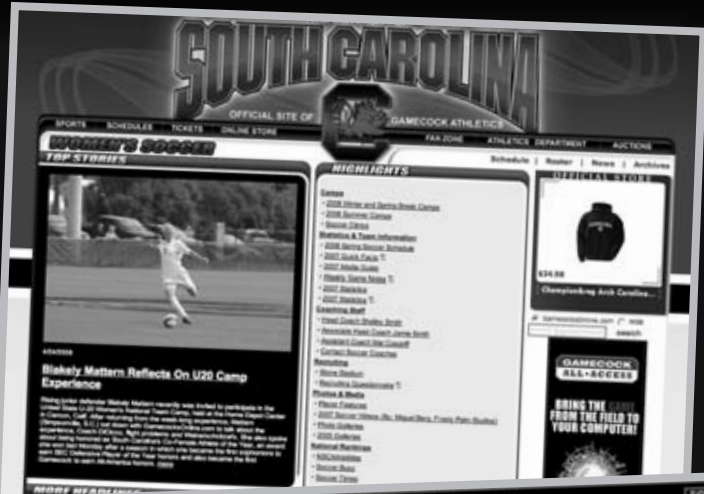
For the first time at Stone Stadium, a live video broadcast will be available for all South Carolina home contests in 2008. Feature interviews with student-athletes and past games are also archived and can be viewed 24/7 with Gamecock All-Access. An audio broadcast will also be available live for select matches and archived for all home matches.

LIVE STATS

Fans can follow the action live with Gametracker, CSTV's online stat tracker that provides up-to-the-minute statistics, game details, and full play-by-play. Gametracker will be available for all home matches.

ONLINE STORE

Purchase your Gamcock apparel and accessories or participate in auctions at the official South Carolina store.



Updated game notes and stats will be posted prior to every match and can be viewed in their entirety using Adobe Acrobat Reader.

INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS



Former Gamecocks have enjoyed success in international competition after their careers at South Carolina, including the five that have played for their respective national teams during their careers.

LINDA GREENE

Forward Linda Greene was instrumental in building the South Carolina women's soccer program as a member of the first graduating class. A Dublin, Ireland native, Greene was a member of the Ireland Under-20 and Senior B national squads for four years. After USC, Greene won four national championships with the Shamrock Rovers, Ireland's most prestigious premier league team.

MIIA-MARIA HEINONEN

Forward Miia-Maria Heinonen was one of two Finnish players to join the Gamecocks for the 2000 season, coming to Carolina along with Jessica Julin. Heinonen brought national team experience as a member of the Finland Under-16 national team.

JESSICA JULIN

Midfielder Jessica Julin (#3), a 2001 and 2002 All-SEC selection, has competed on the senior national team of her native Finland for the past nine years. She currently serves as team captain, a role that she has held the past three years.

DARCEL MOLLON

2007 graduate Darcel Mollon has been a member of the Trinidad and Tobago Under-17 and Under-20 national teams the past four years. A regular starter, Mollon has competed with the national teams during CONCACAF and Olympic Trial competitions.

In March 2008, Mollon signed a professional contract with the Kvarnsvedens IK football club in the Sweden professional league. The regular season began in April and will end in October as the football club fights for a league promotion. Halfway through her first season, Mollon led her team in goals and points and was tabbed as the "Signing of the Season" for her club.

MANDY PAVLOVITS

Defender Mandy Pavlovits was one of the most sought after defenders in the United States when she came to Carolina in 1996. A Parade All-American, Pavlovits was the first Gamecock to have US national team experience as a member of the Under-16 national team.



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STONE STADIUM

Located in the heart of the South Carolina campus is the home field of the Gamecocks, Eugene E. Stone III Stadium, also known as "The Graveyard". South Carolina has won 18 of its last 19 matches at Stone Stadium, highlighted by a 15-match unbeaten streak that spanned from the 2006 to the 2007 season.

The stadium, which debuted in 1996, was made possible by the \$1 million gift given by the late Eugene E. Stone III. Stone, who passed away in 1997, was a Carolina graduate and Chairman of Stone Manufacturing Co. Inc., the parent company of UMBRO International.

Stone Stadium's west side houses permanent stands that hold 4,000 fans. Total capacity reaches 5,700 with east side seating. It is equipped with a 70' by 8' press box with a camera deck on top. The press box houses both the scoreboard operating system and the public address system as well as room to comfortably seat members of the media. The 2008 season will see the addition of a state-of-the-art scorebaord system.

The facility includes two team rooms, an officials' dressing room, a concession stand for the fans and restrooms for both men and women on each side of the stadium. Also nicknamed "The Graveyard" because of its close proximity to the House of Peace cemetery, the area has proven to be a "graveyard" for opponents over the years. The Gamecocks have posted a 75-39-9 overall record in their 12 seasons at home, including a 5-1 mark against opponents when playing in front of crowds of 1,000 fans or more.



TOP 20 CROWDS AT STONE STADIUM

No.	Opponent	Attn.	Date	Score	WLT
1	Clemson	2,823	9/15/06	1-0	W
2	#18 Clemson	1,863	9/11/02	0-1	L
3	Florida	1,218	9/29/02	1-0	W
4	# 17 Georgia	1,208	9/11/98	2-0	W
5	App. State	1,123	9/13/95	4-0	W
6	Memphis	1,010	9/4/95	5-0	W
7	Iowa State	964	9/17/00	2-1	W
8	VCU	938	9/19/99	6-0	W
9	Furman	881	9/2/95	1-0	W
10	#3 Florida	879	10/25/98	2-4	L
11	#13 Clemson	850	10/7/98	1-3	L
12	#7 Clemson	815	9/15/04	2-0	W
13	Vanderbilt	805	9/13/96	5-8	L
14	#16 Kentucky	780	10/5/01	0-1	L
15	Florida	752	10/11/95	0-5	L
16	Kentucky	676	10/5/07	2-0	W
17	#14 Auburn	658	10/3/03	0-0	T
18	#25 Auburn	646	10/21/07	1-0	W
19	NC State	630	9/3/00	0-1	L
20	Chas. South.	618	9/1/99	4-1	W



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STONE STADIUM

STADIUM FACTS & RECORDS

STONE STADIUM QUICK FACTS

Location: Corner of Whaley and Heyward
 Capacity: 5,700
 Turf: Natural Grass
 Field Dimensions: 75 x 120
 First Match/Win: vs. Furman (9/2/95), 1-0
 All-Time Record: 75-39-9 (.646)

MATCH RECORDS

Most Goals: 12 vs. South Carolina State (9/19/01)
 Fewest Goals: 0, 24 times
 Most Opponent Goals: 8 by Vanderbilt (9/13/96)
 Fewest Opponent Goals: 0, 40 times

SEASON RECORDS

Most Matches: 11 (1995, 1998, 1999, 2004)
 Most Wins: 9 (1999)
 Most Losses: 7 (2000)
 Most Ties 3 (2006)
 Most Consecutive Wins: 7 (1999)
 Most Consecutive Losses: 3 (1997, 2000, 2004, 2005)
 Longest Unbeaten Streak: 15 (2006-2007)
 Highest Win-Loss Percentage: .875 (7-1-0, 2007)
 Lowest Win-Loss Percentage: .286 (2-7-0, 2000)
 Most Goals: 37 (1999)
 Fewest Goals: 8 (2000)
 Most Opponent Goals: 22 (1997)
 Fewest Opponent Goals: 3 (2007)
 Most Shutouts: 6 (2006, 2007)
 Most Opponent Shutouts: 5 (2000)

ATTENDANCE

Year	Record	Atten.	Avg.	Top Crowd
1995	6-3-2	7,017	638	1,123 vs. App. St. (9/13)
1996	5-3-0	3,479	435	805 vs. Vanderbilt (9/13)
1997	5-5-0	3,237	324	570 vs. Charleston (10/29)
1998	7-3-1	5,232	476	1,208 vs. Georgia (9/11)
1999	9-1	5,620	511	938 vs. VCU (9/19)
2000	2-7	4,512	501	964 vs. Iowa State (9/17)
2001	5-3	3,230	404	780 vs. Kentucky (10/5)
2002	5-3-1	5,537	615	1,863 vs. Clemson (9/11)
2003	6-2-1	3,381	376	658 vs. Auburn (10/3)
2004	6-4-1	4,210	383	815 vs. Clemson (9/15)
2005	4-4	2,777	347	526 vs. Mercer (8/26)
2006	8-0-3	5,297	509	2,823 vs. Clemson (1/5)
2007	7-1-0	3,903	488	676 vs. Kentucky (10/5)

STADIUM INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

MOST GOALS

- Perry Moniuszko..... 3..... Memphis 9/4/95
 - Debbie Smith..... 3..... Charleston Southern 9/20/95
 - Jennie Ondo 3..... Furman..... 9/30/99
 - Erin Sullivan 3..... The Citadel..... 9/5/06
 - Darcel Mollon* 2..... Mississippi..... 10/14/07
- *41 total occurrences; last time occurred*

MOST ASSISTS

- Happy Payne..... 3..... Vanderbilt 9/13/96
 - Mindy Sanders 3..... VCU 9/19/99
 - Mindy Sanders 3..... LSU 9/26/99
 - Brooke Jacobs* 2..... Marshall 9/23/07
- *23 total occurrences; last time occurred*

MOST POINTS

- Debbie Smith..... 7 (3g/1a)..... Charleston Southern 9/20/96
- Mindy Sanders 7 (2g/3a)..... LSU 9/26/99
- Jennie Ondo 7 (3g/1a)..... Furman..... 9/30/99
- Perry Moniuszko..... 6 (3g/0a)..... Memphis 9/4/95
- Erin Sullivan 6 (3g/0a)..... The Citadel..... 9/5/06

MOST SHOTS

- Debbie Smith..... 12..... Wofford 10/24/95
 - Lexi Tourtellotte 10..... VCU 9/20/96
 - Angela Austin 9..... Alabama 10/24/97
 - Debbie Smith..... 9..... Furman..... 9/2/95
 - Jennie Ondo* 8..... Wofford 10/12/99
- *3 total occurrences; last time occurred*

MOST SAVES

- Amy Toms..... 18..... Evansville..... 10/16/95
- Amy Toms 17..... Georgia 10/13/95
- Jessica Freas 14..... Tennessee 10/1/00
- Amanda Sandling 11..... Florida 10/11/96
- Amy Toms..... 12..... Auburn 10/22/95



GAMECOCK LOCKEROOM



FIRST CLASS
FACILITIES...





ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

The Academic All-America® Teams program honors male and female student-athletes annually who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom. Individuals are selected through voting by CoSIDA, the College Sports Information Directors of America; a 2,000-member organization consisted of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director.

South Carolina has placed a student-athlete on the Academic All-America team for three consecutive seasons, the longest active streak in the Southeastern Conference. The Gamecocks overall have earned five Academic All-America honors since 1999. Jennie Ondo was named second team in 1999 followed by Kanika McAlpine also earning second team in 2002. Carolina's current streak began with Kimmy Criss who earned third team honors in 2005. Annie Galloway became the first non-senior Gamecock to earn the distinction when she made second team in 2006. Erin Sullivan capped a strong season in 2007 to pick up third team honors.

1999



Jennie Ondo
Senior

2002



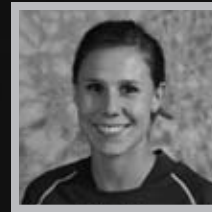
Kanika McAlpine
Senior

2005



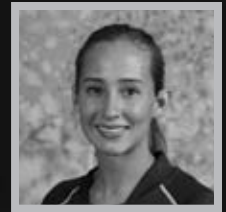
Kimmy Criss
Senior

2006



Annie Galloway
Junior

2007



Erin Sullivan
Senior



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

The 2007 South Carolina women's soccer team continued its high level of performance in the classroom along with its great deal of success on the field. Last year's squad put a school-record 17 players on the SEC Academic Honor Roll in addition to four newcomers named to the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll. Coach Shelley Smith led the team to six consecutive NSCAA Team Academic Awards, given to teams for maintaining a Team GPA above 3.0. For the first time, three Gamecocks were named CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District selections, awarded for excellence in the classroom and on the pitch. Erin Sullivan and Blakely Mattern were first team selections while Annie Galloway earned her second straight nomination. Sullivan also earned a third team CoSIDA Academic All-America honor, giving Carolina an Academic All-American for the third consecutive season which is the longest streak in the Southeastern Conference.

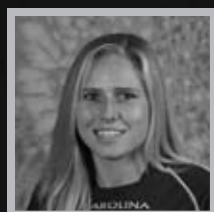
2007 SEC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS



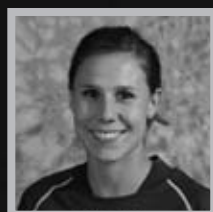
Laura Armstrong



Shannon Bigbie



Kacie Brewer



Annie Galloway



Kimmy Gillespie



Monica Hogan



Leah Loguidice



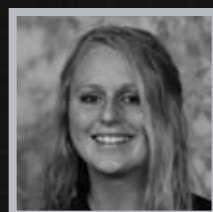
Blakely Mattern



Kim Miller



Darcel Mollon



Kali Neumann



Mollie Patton



Aly Shattls



Lindsay Small



Erin Sullivan



Lindsay Thorstenson

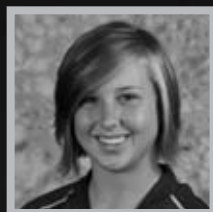


Mary Worthen

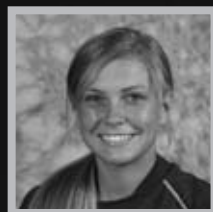
2007 SEC FRESHMAN ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS



Alison Bagley



Maggie Blackwell



Brooke Jacobs



Brittney Rhoades



SOCCER CAMPS

The goal of the South Carolina Soccer School is to provide a positive learning environment for all participants. A competitive but enjoyable atmosphere will be encouraged. A "games" approach to teaching individual technique will incorporate small group tactics to further develop each player. Coach Smith and her staff have taught these fundamentals in New England and the Southeast over the past 16 years.

The staff conducts camps during the winter, spring break and the summer, providing athletes an opportunity to refine their skills in a setting that matches their ability, comfort level and future athletic goals.

CAMP DIRECTORS

SHELLEY SMITH, South Carolina Head Coach

Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year, 1998
Nation's Most Improved W-L, 1998
NEWISA D1 Coach of the Year, 2000
NSCAA Northeast Region Coach of the Year, 2000
National Coach of the Year finalist, 2000
U-14 National Camp Staff, 2003
Vermont Athletic Hall of Fame, 2004
USYSA Regional III ODP Staff

JAMIE SMITH, South Carolina Associate Coach

AFLAC Asst. Coach of the Year, 2003
US U-20 National Team Camp Assistant, 2008

MAT COSGRIFF, South Carolina GK Coach

Coached Four SEC Defensive POWs
Coached Two Top Drawer Team of the Season
Coached an SEC All-Tournament Team selection
Coached an NSCAA National Player of the Week
Coached a Soccer America Player of the Week
Coached Three Soccer Buzz Team of Weeks

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about January camps, spring break camps and the South Carolina Soccer School, please visit www.GamecocksOnline.com. Early registration for summer camps begins in late December/early January. Teams are welcome to all residential camps.

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Online Registration: www.GamecocksOnline.com



"I've been to the camp here and the U18 National Camp. The coaches here are more focused on working with you on the field with a team and getting you in a game mentality to play on a collegiate team. Here they're more focused on getting you better all around as a player and on a team environment." - Freshman Midfielder Kayla Grimsley

"The camps got me exposure to South Carolina. If it wasn't for the camp, I doubt I would be here now. It's great to get a chance to show the coaches what you can do. Going into the camp, that was my mindset to have a way for them to see me play." - Freshman Goalkeeper Roya Mojarab

JANUARY ADVANCED SKILLS CAMP

Mid-January (Ages 13-HS Senior)

This program will help you prepare for your High School and club season. In addition to getting a jump start on the spring season, the program will help in guiding you for the steps ahead as you look to take your game to the next level.

HALF AND FULL DAY CAMP

Mid-June (Ages 5-12)

Players are grouped by both age and skill level so that each child is challenged, but not overwhelmed. Our goal is to provide a positive learning environment through technical work and more game/match play for all participants, from beginners to advanced. Full Day campers will have a swim break after lunch and will benefit from competitive match play in the afternoon

JR. ELITE CAMP

Mid-June (Grades 5-8)

The Jr. Elite camp is set up to provide the high level youth player the opportunity to train in a competitive environment. There will be more tactics discussed throughout and the emphasis will be on developing the "Total" soccer player. This camp will be geared to the youth player aspiring to be selected for club and state teams. The curriculum will include technical and tactical training as well as match-play. Teams are welcome.

ELITE CAMP

Mid-June (Grades 9-12)

The Elite Training camp will focus on refining campers' technical and tactical abilities. There will be a daily positional training session that will allow players to focus on the technical and tactical aspects of their position. Campers will compete in daily matches between the camp teams including 11 v 11 and 6 v 6 small sided tournaments where larger group tactics will be the focus. There will be an All - Star match that will feature the top 30 campers. College recruiting will be done on site by visiting Division I, II and III schools throughout the duration of camp.

PREMIER CAMP

Mid-July (Grades 9-12)

This Premier Level camp will feature the top high school aged players from around the country. Our goal is to simulate a top collegiate level training environment. Campers will be challenged both mentally and physically over the 4 days of camp. There will be a focus on "match playing" between the camp teams including 11 v

11 and 6 v 6 small sided tournaments. The emphasis will be placed on group and team tactics. Campers will be put in problem solving situations where their individual tactical ability and technical skills will be challenged. There will be an All - Star match that will feature the top 30 campers. USC strength and conditioning staff will provide instructional sessions for the campers. An instructional guide will be provided. College recruiting will be done on site by visiting Division I, II and III schools throughout the duration of camp. Campers will be able to sit in on a question and answer coaching panel and a college player panel. In addition, they will receive information packets that will help guide them through the collegiate athletics recruiting process. This camp is for the serious soccer player who is looking to play at the college level.

JR. & ELITE GOALKEEPER ACADEMY

Mid-June (Grades 5-12)

The Jr. and Elite Goalkeeper Academies offer a highly competitive training atmosphere for goalkeepers to refine their technical skills and be challenged in tactical game related situations. Goalkeepers will be introduced to instructional practice sessions that will include the following topics: footwork, shot stopping, dealing with crosses and service, 1v1 situations, and distribution. A unique advantage to this camp is that it is run in conjunction with the Jr. Elite and Elite Training field player camps. This gives the goalkeepers the opportunity to apply and practice their refinements in daily 6 v 6 and 11 v 11 competitions. Elite GK campers will be exposed to college coaches from Division I, II and III schools.

PREMIER GOALKEEPER ACADEMY

Mid-July (Grades 9-12)

The Premier Level Goalkeeper Academy is designed for the GK that is looking to be pushed to their limit. Each session will be both physically and mentally demanding and will help GKs evaluate their strengths and weaknesses. Goalkeepers will be introduced to instructional practice sessions that will include the following topics: footwork, shot stopping, dealing with crosses and service, 1v1 situations. This camp is also run in conjunction with the Premier Level field player camp, giving the goalkeepers the opportunity to apply and practice their refinements in daily 6 v 6 and 11 v 11 competitions. USC strength and conditioning staff will provide instructional sessions for the campers. College recruiting will be done on site by visiting Division I, II and III schools throughout the duration of camp and a written collegiate evaluation will be provided for all goalkeepers at the conclusion of camp. Campers will be able to sit in on a question and answer coaching panel and a college player panel. In addition, they will receive information packets that will help guide them through the collegiate athletics recruiting process. This camp is for the serious soccer player who is looking to play at the college level.



OVERALL

Coach Shelley Smith led South Carolina to arguably the best season in program history in 2007, setting 22 program firsts including school records with 14 wins and 12 shutouts to advance to the NCAA Tournament for the second time. Despite the loss of 12 letterwinners and five starters, that momentum carried over into recruiting with a Top-25 class that looks to cement the Gamecocks' place as a permanent fixture in the SEC race and as a regular NCAA Tournament contender.

Even with the wealth of newcomers, Carolina returns a solid nucleus that looks to continue the improvement the program has seen the past two seasons. Only one senior returns in Brazilian Danila Monteiro, but the Gamecocks will be anchored with a talented junior class that includes co-captains Blakely Mattern and Kim Miller along with regular fixtures Shannon Bigbie and Samantha Diaz-Matosas.

Smith will welcome 14 newcomers in a recruiting class that was rated No. 24 in the nation and sixth in the Southeast region by *Soccer Buzz* magazine. Three of those fresh faces were rated as Top 200 recruits while a fourth has experience competing for the Canadian U16 national team.

FORWARDS

South Carolina loses one of the fastest players to wear a Gamecock jersey in graduated senior Darcel Mollon. Mollon, a second team All-SEC selection, became the first Gamecock to record 10 goals in a season since 1999 and is currently playing professional soccer in Sweden while also competing for the Trinidad & Tobago national team.



Brooke Jacobs

Expect sophomore Brooke Jacobs to become a key player up top after coming on strong in the second half of the season. Jacobs missed the first half of the season rehabbing a high school injury and finished with one goal and three assists, earning SEC Freshman of the Week honors in the final week of the regular season. She has a knack for finding the goal and putting her shots on target, evidenced by her .727 shot on goal percentage last year that ranks as the second-best single season shot on goal percentage and the best ever by a freshman. She continued to progress during the summer, advancing to the U.S. Youth Soccer Championship Series with her club team.

Juniors Shannon Bigbie and Kacie Brewer will also pace Carolina at the forward position. Bigbie has the strongest legs on the team and has seen regular playing time having started 13 games the past two seasons. After scoring her first career goal against UNLV early last season, Bigbie provided a spark to the team in the SEC schedule. Following a 1-3-1 start to conference play, she was inserted into the starting lineup and helped push South Carolina to a 4-1-1 record to close the regular season. Brewer has an excellent ability in the air and will be valuable on set pieces.

"Brooke Jacobs returns at full strength and should be more of an impact in her second year," Smith said. "Brewer will battle for time up top as well. Bigbie has the pace to give us great chances in the attack and possesses strong endurance. She will be a valuable flank player with her '1v1' ability and services in the box."

Two newcomers will also vie for playing time up top in Sydney Hill and Maria Petroni. In addition, two midfielders in senior Danila Monteiro and freshman Lolly Holland have the ability to press up on the attack and score regularly. Hill will bring renewed speed to the position while Petroni, who is Carolina's tallest player at 5'10", was two-time Georgia player of the year.

"Hill will be another flank player with tremendous speed, '1v1' and crossing ability," Smith said. "She will be a threat to score or assist if near the '18'. Petroni adds her ability to find the back of the net and brings some physical size to the front line. Holland is one of the most skilled players in the class and will help build the attack from up top or use her great passing ability as she joins the forwards from runs out of the midfield."

Forwards							
Returning							
#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	GP/GS	G	A	P
12	Shannon Bigbie	Jr.	5-6	23-12	1	1	3
23	Kacie Brewer	Jr.	5-5	13/0	1	1	3
27	Brooke Jacobs	So.	5-3	15/4	1	3	5
Newcomers							
#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown			
2	Sydney Hill	Fr.	5-2	Alpharetta, Ga.			
9	Maria Petroni	Fr.	5-10	Buford, Ga.			



2008 Forwards



Midfielders

Returning

#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	GP/GS	G	A	P
5	Kim Miller	Jr.	5-2	23-23	1	1	3
6	Alison Bagley	So.	5-7	4-0	0	0	0
8	Dani Monteiro	Sr.	5-3	19-18	7	3	17
16	Lindsay Small	Jr.	5-7	23-0	0	0	0
26	Aly Shattls	R-So.	5-1	-/-	-	-	-

Newcomers

#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
4	Kayla Grimsley	Fr.	5-4	Lakland, Fla.
14	Lolly Holland	Fr.	5-4	Suwanee, Ga.
18	Ali Glemser	Fr.	5-3	Collierville, Tenn.
19	Kira Campbell	Fr.	5-8	Lexington, S.C.
25	Courtney Bowen	So.	5-2	Winston-Salem, N.C.



Lindsay Small

that twice earned Florida Player of the Year honors. Holland and newcomer Kira Campbell, a two-time South Carolina Player of the Year, have also played in the midfield at a top club level and will look to contribute their attacking skills to the field as well. Grimsley and Campbell were both named Top 200 recruits by *Soccer Buzz* magazine with Grimsley earning the distinction of being one of only 10 SEC players labeled a Top 75 recruit. Campbell was a NSCAA High School All-America selection.

“Grimsley is a fantastic player,” Smith said. “She adds great creativity and should be ready to add a spark the moment she steps foot on the field for South Carolina.”

Sophomore Alison Bagley will compete at center-mid after learning from the talented senior class while Aly Shattls will look to return for time on the field as a playmaker in the midfield after injuries held her out in 2007. Newcomer Ali Glemser also has experience playing in wide areas and will be looked at as an option in the flank.

DEFENSE

For the second consecutive year Carolina returns three starters in the starting back four, a sign that bodes well given that the team recorded a school record 12 shutouts last season. The trio has started 107 games over the past two seasons. Even better for the Gamecocks is that none of the returning starters are seniors, meaning that the position will be a strength this season and in the future.

One of the most heralded players in the back four is junior Blakely Mattern who last season became the first sophomore in conference history to earn SEC Defensive Player of the Year honors. Patrolling the center of the defense, Mattern also became the first All-American in program history and has started every game of her career. She was invited to participate in the U.S. U20 national team camp in Carson, Calif., in April and will look to lead Carolina on the field as a co-captain and as a 2008 Preseason All-SEC pick.

Patrolling the right will be junior Samantha Diaz-Matosas, a technically sound player that has spent time at forward and defender during her career. She has started 40 games the past two seasons and will fill in where most needed, whether it is up top or in the back.



2008 Midfielders

MIDFIELDERS

Coach Smith loses two of its most valuable players from last season with the graduations of Erin Sullivan and Ashley Kirk, South Carolina’s first four-time All-SEC performer. The two combined for 28 points last season, but the experienced returnees in Kim Miller, Monteiro and Lindsay Small will continue proving themselves as a top midfield in the conference.

Monteiro, the lone senior in 2008, will look to bounce back from a season-ending knee injury after tearing her ACL before the regular season finale. She contributed seven goals and three assists as a junior college transfer last season. Monteiro led the team with three game-winning goals, the most memorable coming in her two-goal effort against Winthrop on her 21st birthday. A former junior college All-American, she proved to be a strong player with the game on the line, scoring three goals after 80 minutes of action had been played.

Miller, a co-Captain and SEC All-Tournament team selection, has been a workhorse in the midfield. She has started all but two games of her career will lead the Gamecocks from the center.

“Monteiro started to show her goal scoring ability when it counted in the SEC season before falling to her ACL injury, so look for good things from her up top,” Smith said.

Expected to help fill the loss of seniors Kirk and scoring threat Sullivan will be freshman Kayla Grimsley, a talented newcomer



Defenders

Returning

#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	GP/GS	G	A	P
3	Samantha Diaz-Matosas	Jr.	5-7	23-18	1	2	4
7	Blakely Mattern	Jr.	5-9	23-23	2	2	6
17	Maggie Blackwell	R-Fr.	5-6	-/-	-	-	-
21	Brittinity Rhoades	So.	5-3	23-22	0	4	4

Newcomers

#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
10	Natalie Aaron	Fr.	5-5	Brentwood, Tenn.
20	Ellen Fahey	Fr.	5-7	Fort Wright, Ky.
13	Jocelyn Spurrier	Fr.	5-8	Lawrenceville, Ga.
15	Morgan Jones	Fr.	5-7	Oak Ridge, N.C.
11	Idana DeCecco	Fr.	5-6	Sherwood Park, Alberta
22	Dani Henry	Fr.	5-4	Avondale, Pa.
24	Bonny Lepley	Fr.	5-5	Birmingham, Ala.



2008 Defenders

Sophomore Brittinity Rhoades again takes over at left back after a freshman campaign that saw her establish herself as one of Carolina's best lockdown defenders, a reputation that earned her Freshman All-America honors in addition to SEC and *Top Drawer Soccer* postseason honors. She was a member of the same club team with Jacobs that advanced to the U.S. Youth Soccer Championships Series in July. A fast player that is Carolina's set piece specialist, Rhoades tallied four assists last year with three coming on game-winning or game-tying goals.



Samantha Diaz-Matosas

Filling in the other center spot with the loss of departed senior Kimmy Gillespie will be a goal in the preseason with a wealth of options available. Small could switch time between midfield and defender while the Gamecocks brought in seven newcomers including Canadian National Team member Idana DeCecco. DeCecco earned experience in the back as a starter for the U15 and U16 national teams.

"There are several top players that will compete for the spot and more time in the back, including Lindsay Small who showed very well at center back this past spring," Smith said. "DeCecco has played central defender at a national level for Canada and is a top prospect for filling the role."

Natalie Aaron, Morgan Jones, Bonnie Lepley and Ellen Fahey have all played key roles for their club teams and will also challenge to fill defensive needs and compete for time in the back. Three Gamecocks may miss time due to injuries, however. Redshirt freshman Maggie Blackwell missed the 2007 season with a leg injury and will work to return to full strength. Newcomer Jocelyn Spurrier will also fight to return from surgery while heralded recruit Dani Henry will likely miss the season after suffering a knee injury in the Delaware state high school championships.

Goalkeepers

Returning

#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	GP/GS	Min.	GAA	Sho.
29	Mollie Patton	R-So.	5-7	-/-	-	-	-

Newcomers

#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
1	Roya Mojarab	Fr.	5-4	Tacoma, Wash.



2008 Goalkeepers

GOALKEEPERS

For the first time since the start of the 2004 season someone other than the tandem of Laura Armstrong and Lindsay Thorstenson will start in goal for the Gamecocks. The departed seniors combined to play every minute in goal for Carolina since stepping onto campus and left their marks on the program as No. 1 and No. 3 in the Carolina records books for shutouts.

The early favorite to play between the posts is redshirt sophomore Mollie Patton, a player with regional team experience that has had



the benefit of training with goalkeepers coach Mat Cosgriff the past two seasons. Patton had a solid spring and has worked to a strong recovery since an injury slowed her down in the 2007 spring season.

Freshman Roya Mojarab will battle Patton for playing time. Mojarab impressed the coaches with a strong showing at camp to earn a scholarship offer.

"Patton returns after two seasons as a member of the team but without an opportunity to play," Smith said. "After developing through her freshman season and unfortunately sitting out her sophomore year due to injury, Mollie is ready to be on the field. Roya is very strong technically and will look to develop quickly as a college keeper and an opportunity to play alongside Patton."

SCHEDULE

After testing her team in 2007 with a difficult schedule filled with road trips and a home opener at preseason No. 1 North Carolina, Coach Smith decided to push her team further in 2008 with another challenging schedule. The Gamecocks will take on at least nine teams that advanced to the NCAA Tournament last season, including national runner-up Florida State.

"The 2008 fall schedule is once again quite competitive and should be a great challenge for our young team," Smith said. "We have a better balance of home and away games this fall compared to last season which will be a welcome change. All of our non-conference opponents should ultimately prepare us well for the battles we will face in conference play."

South Carolina opens its season in the state of North Carolina for the second consecutive year as they travel to UNC Wilmington on Saturday, Aug. 23 with kickoff slated for 2 p.m. The home opener is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 28 at 5 p.m. against East Carolina at Stone Stadium before the Gamecocks take on the first of three consecutive non-conference opponents that reached the NCAA Tournament, beginning with Boston University (August 31).

The Gamecocks host the Carolina Cup the first weekend of September and will compete against two in-state opponents that reached the postseason in Clemson and Furman. The Gamecocks defeated Clemson at Stone Stadium in 2006 before a South Carolina record 2,823 fans.

They then travel to Auburn, Ala., to face Marquette and Florida State in the Auburn Soccer Classic from Sept. 12-14. A home date against East Tennessee State (Sept. 19) and road trip to Western Carolina (Sept. 21) concludes the non-conference portion of the schedule.

"Our most challenging non-conference game will come on the road when we face Florida State at the Auburn tournament," Smith said. "FSU is coming off a very successful season in 2007 after a strong showing once again in the regular season and an NCAA run that took them to the National Championship game. Our young team will need to mature quickly to meet this challenge as well as the rest of the top competition we will face in the non-conference season."

The SEC slate includes five teams that reached the NCAA Tournament and begins Sept. 26 with a home date against Tennessee followed by a match against Georgia (Sept. 28). The Gamecocks then travel to Kentucky (Oct. 3) and Vanderbilt (Oct. 5) before hosting Mississippi State and Ole Miss the weekend of Oct. 10.

The final two-game road swing begins with a trip to Alabama (Oct. 17) and a return to the city of Auburn to take on the Tigers (Oct. 19). LSU travels to Columbia for a Thursday night match (Oct. 23) with the final away game taking place in Fayetteville on Sunday, Oct. 26 at Arkansas.

For the second consecutive season South Carolina will be featured on the Fox Soccer Channel as a part of the Game of the Week when Carolina hosts Florida in the regular season finale on Thurs., Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. The match will be the last game of the regular season and the first nationally televised women's soccer match at Stone Stadium.

"I anticipate the SEC conference season to be another tight race for the SEC championship," Smith said. "Every program is extremely competitive and seeming to improve once again with another tremendous pool of new talent joining the conference. With the parity among all the teams in the SEC, every point a team earns each weekend is so important."

The SEC Tournament will be held in Orange Beach, Ala., from November 5-9 with the championship game televised on SEC-TV/Fox Sports Net South. The NCAA postseason then begins culminating in the Women's College Cup held Dec. 5-7 at Cary, North Carolina.

2008 Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 23	Sat.	UNC Wilmington	Wilmington, N.C.	2 p.m.
Aug. 28	Thur.	East Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	5 p.m.
Aug. 31	Sun.	Boston Univ.	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	Fri.	Clemson#	Columbia, S.C.	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	Sun.	Furman#	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
Sept. 12	Fri.	Marquette%	Auburn, Ala.	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Sun.	Florida State%	Auburn, Ala.	12 p.m.
Sept. 19	Fri.	ETSU	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	Sun.	Western Carolina	Cullowhee, N.C.	2 p.m.
Sept. 26	Fri.	Tennessee*	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	Sun.	Georgia*	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
Oct. 3	Fri.	Kentucky*	Lexington, Ky.	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	Sun.	Vanderbilt*	Nashville, Tenn.	3 p.m.
Oct. 10	Fri.	Mississippi St.*	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Sun.	Ole Miss*	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
Oct. 17	Fri.	Alabama*	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	8 p.m.
Oct. 19	Sun.	Auburn*	Auburn, Ala.	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Thur.	LSU*	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Oct. 26	Sun.	Arkansas*	Fayetteville, Ark.	3 p.m.
Oct. 30	Thur.	Florida*	Columbia, S.C.	8 p.m.
Nov. 5-9		SEC Tournament	Orange Beach, Ala.	TBA

Carolina's Cup % Auburn Soccer Classic * SEC game

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Class of 2009



Class of 2010



Class of 2011