

2009 South Carolina Gamecock Softball Media Guide

Quick Facts

Location.....	Columbia, S.C.
Founded.....	1801
Enrollment.....	27,390
Colors.....	Garnet (PMS 202) & Black
Nickname.....	Gamecocks
Affiliation.....	NCAA Division I
Conference.....	Southeastern (Eastern Division)
President.....	Dr. Harris Pastides
Athletics Director.....	Eric Hyman
Senior Associate AD/SWA.....	Val Sheley
Faculty Athletics Representative.....	Dr. Bill Bearden

Facility

Home Field.....	Beckham Field
Capacity.....	700
Dimensions.....	L-200, C-220, R-200, Alleys-210
Record at Beckham Field.....	425-130-1 (.765)

Softball Staff

Head Coach.....	Joyce Compton (Trenton State, 1972)
Career Record (Years).....	1127-518-3, .685 (33 years)
Division I Record (Years).....	1034-499-3, .674 (26 years)
Record at Carolina (Years).....	919-422-3, .685 (22 years)
Assistant Coaches.....	Angela Thompson (Austin Peay, 1995) Adrianna Baggetta (South Carolina, 2002)
Volunteer Assistant Coach.....	Tiff Tootle (South Carolina, 1993)
Athletic Trainer.....	Erin Pettinger (Nebraska, 2002)

History

First Year of Softball.....	1974
Program Record.....	1184-538-6, .687 (34 years)
NCAA Tournament Record.....	29-27 (.518)
NCAA Tournament Appearances.....	15 (1982, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007)
NCAA Super Regional Appearances.....	1 (2007)
NCAA College World Series Appearances.....	3 (1983, 1989, 1997)
AIAW World Series Appearances.....	5 (1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981)
SEC Record (Years).....	175-156 (12 years)
SEC Championships.....	1 (1997)
SEC Eastern Division Championships.....	4 (1997, 1999, 2001, 2002)
SEC Tournament Championships.....	2 (1997, 2000)
SEC Tournament Record.....	15-15 (.500)

Team Information

2008 Record.....	21-26
2008 SEC Record.....	8-18
Postseason.....	N/A
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	11/7
Position Starters Returning/Lost.....	6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost.....	1/2
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Media Information

Note To Media

The South Carolina athletic media relations office is ready to assist members of the media in their coverage of Gamecock athletics. Any questions concerning South Carolina softball should be directed to Koby Padgett, who can be reached by calling (803) 777-8017. Interviews, statistics or general information concerning student-athletes or coach Joyce Compton and/or her staff should be handled through the media relations office. If you will be attending a home game, please inform the office at least 24 hours in advance. Thank you for your interest in South Carolina softball. Please let us know if we can assist you in your coverage of the Gamecocks.

Credentials

Credentials are not required to attend a softball game; however, please notify Koby Padgett in the media relations office at least 24 hours in advance of a home contest to assure having your name placed on the pass list.

Media Services

Box scores will be available at the conclusion of each game, and a complete play-by-play will be distributed when the game is finished. Fax service is available as well for those media members needing it. At the present time, high-speed Internet access is not available at Beckham Field. Several phone lines are available for a dial-up connection.

Visiting Radio

Visiting radio should notify the media relations office at least one week in advance of the games so that arrangements can be made for the broadcast. Visiting radio typically will be seated under a canopy just outside of the Beckham Field press box, with phone lines available to be run out to the broadcast position.

On The Web

All media members are encouraged to visit GamecocksOnline.com for all the latest news releases, statistics, notes and other information pertaining to Gamecock

softball as well as all other sports sponsored by the school. South Carolina conducts Internet radio broadcasts of all home games and select road games. Delayed video broadcasts will also be available for all home games. Additionally, members of the media may visit the official Web site of the Southeastern Conference, www.SECsports.com, for current standings, statistics and weekly releases.

Post-Game Interviews

Following a 10-minute cooling-off period, student-athletes and coaches will be available for interviews conducted on the field.

Mid-Week Interviews

The Gamecocks typically practice in the early afternoon at Beckham Field during the week. Interviews can be conducted with Coach Compton and any players either before or after practice. Please call Koby Padgett in the media relations office to arrange these.

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There is a plot of land that is nestled just off of Marion Street in Columbia, S.C., that for 23 years has served as the home of Gamecock softball. Though the actual field has been altered a couple of times, the area where Beckham Field sits has been the site of many memorable Gamecock softball moments over the years.

Opened in 1986 as Lady Gamecock Field, the site is the oldest in the Southeastern Conference and among the oldest in the sport. Softball is a tradition at South Carolina, and the Gamecocks are known for their solid reputation throughout the country.

"We are grateful to Dave and Mitzi Beckham for their support of our program through their donation that allowed us to build a new facility in 1997," said head coach Joyce Compton. "Having such a facility affords our players the opportunity to play on a quality field and our fans a chance to enjoy a first-class venue."

Beckham Field has seen changes over the years. In 1997, lights were added for the enjoyment of night games. In 2004, Beckham Field continued to expand with the addition of a 42' x 100' covered hitting facility. Landscaping projects now greet spectators at the entrance of the field and new asphalt was placed to improve walkways, which are now more handicap accessible. Fans enjoyed a new Daktronics scoreboard in 2008, while 2009 brings in nearly 700 permanent seats from Sarge Frye Field to the grandstand area.

Beckham Field was dedicated in April of 1999 to honor David and Mitzi Beckham, who are longtime supporters of Gamecock softball. The Beckhams are at every home softball game and sit on the top row in front of the press box.

Five NCAA Regionals have been hosted at Beckham Field since 1994, including one in 2007 that saw fourth-seeded Carolina take out top-seeded North Carolina State and nationally-ranked Oregon to advance to Super Regionals for the first time since that round was introduced. In 2002, the Gamecocks compiled a record of 28 wins at Beckham Field, their best home record ever. That same year, the Gamecocks claimed the program's 1,000th win as they defeated top-ranked UCLA in NCAA Regional action.

In 22 years, the Gamecocks have posted an impressive 425-130-1 home record for a winning percentage of .765. In the 1997 NCAA Regional, a record 2,250 fans watched the Gamecocks capture the regional championship. The attendance number was the highest single-game crowd of any of the eight NCAA Regionals that year.

Since 1997, Beckham Field has hosted several large crowds of softball spectators. There are six games in which attendance has surpassed the 1,000 mark.

Beckham Field has not only been home to many of Carolina's softball elite players, but it has been the only field that head coach Joyce Compton has called home during her Gamecock tenure.



Beckham Field All-Time Record

1986	15-10
1987	21-2
1988	16-0
1989	20-3
1990	15-2
1991	18-3
1992	23-1
1993	22-6-1
1994	20-5
1995	26-5
1996	10-2
1997	27-1
1998	16-8
1999	21-8
2000	14-8
2001	17-8
2002	28-5
2003	19-7
2004	16-7
2005	11-13
2006	17-8
2007	23-11
2008	10-7
TOTALS	425-130-1 (.765) (22 years)

Beckham Field Records

Most Games Played in a Season	34 (2007)
Most Wins in a Season	28 (2002)
Most Consecutive Wins	21 (1995)
Most Losses	13 (2005)
Most Consecutive Losses	6 (2005)
Best Home Record (by percentage)	16-0 (1988)
Worst Home Record	11-13 (2005)
Most Runs Scored by Carolina	17 (1990, vs. UNC-W)
Most Runs by Opponent	12 (1998, by LSU; 2000-Florida; 2005-Tennessee)
Most Combined Runs Scored	20 (2005, USC vs. Gardner-Webb)



Beckham Field's Top Attendance Records

1.	2,250	Kansas	05/18/97-
2.	1,711	UNC-Greensboro	05/16/97-
3.	1,600	Kansas	05/17/97-
4.	1,400	Georgia	05/18/02-
5.	1,076	Tennessee	04/05/97
6.	1,038	North Carolina	02/02/03

- = NCAA Regional

--Attendance records were not kept until 1997

