

The Southeastern Conference

SEC Quick Facts

Founded	1933
Members	Alabama Arkansas Auburn Florida Georgia Kentucky Louisiana State Mississippi Mississippi State South Carolina Tennessee Vanderbilt
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2007 SEC Softball Awards

Coach of the Year.....	Ralph & Karen Weekly, Tennessee
Player of the Year	India Chiles, Tennessee
Pitcher of the Year	Monica Abbott, Tennessee
Freshman of the Year	Chelsea Bramlett, Mississippi State
Scholar-Athlete of the Year....	Lindsay Schutzler, Tennessee

First-Team All-SEC

P	Monica Abbott	Tennessee
P	Dani Hofer	LSU
C	Shannon Doepking	Tennessee
IF	Tonya Callahan	Tennessee
IF	Lauren Parker	Alabama
IF	Courtney Bures	Mississippi State
IF	Kim Waleszonia	Florida
OF	India Chiles	Tennessee
OF	Lindsay Schutzler	Tennessee
OF	Brittany Rogers	Alabama
OF	Kellie Middleton	Georgia
DP/UT	Jordan Praytor	Alabama

Second-Team All-SEC

P	Chrissy Owens	Alabama
P	Stacey Nelson	Florida
C	Killian Roessner	LSU
IF	Charlotte Morgan	Alabama
IF	Brooke Marnitz	Kentucky
IF	Ashley Acuri	Auburn
IF	Melissa Zick	Florida
OF	Leslie Klein	LSU
OF	Dani Woods	Alabama
OF	Hayle Guess	Mississippi State
OF	Jazz Jackson	LSU
DP/UT	Chelsea Bramlett	Mississippi State

Freshman All-SEC

Charlotte Morgan	Alabama
Anna Thompson	Auburn
Jazz Jackson	LSU
Chelsea Bramlett	Mississippi State
Jessica Bachkora	Arkansas
Lauren Grill	Mississippi
Tiffany Huff	Tennessee
Molly Johnson	Kentucky
Natalie Smith	Kentucky
Rachel Mitchell	LSU
Miranda Dixon	Arkansas
Francesca Enea	Florida
Ashley Dowdy	Mississippi
Jessie Bailey	Mississippi State

The Southeastern Conference, with its storied 75-year history of athletic achievements and academic excellence, has built perhaps the greatest tradition of intercollegiate competition of any league in the country since its inception in 1933.

The 2006-07 academic year was another season to remember for the SEC, as conference teams captured eight national titles and five national runner-up finishes. The SEC became the first conference to ever win national championships in football, men's and women's basketball in the same school year. Since 1990, the SEC has won 121 national team championships for an average of nearly seven per year.

Florida won the SEC's first national title of the year with its win in the BCS National Championship Game in football. Auburn for the second straight year took home a pair of national titles in both men's and women's swimming and diving. Florida won its second national championship when the men's basketball team repeated as national champions, and the Tennessee Lady Vols made it a sweep in basketball with their women's basketball national championship. Vanderbilt won its first-ever school national championship when the Lady Commodores were crowned champions of bowling. Georgia capped the year off with a pair of national championships, as the Gym Dogs won their third straight gymnastics title and the men's tennis team finished a perfect season with an NCAA championship.

Overall, the SEC finished in the top two in 12 of its 20 sponsored sports and in the top five in 15. Nine SEC teams participated in football postseason bowls with Auburn, Florida, Georgia,

Kentucky, LSU and South Carolina winning the Cotton, BCS National Title Game, Chick-Fil-A, Music City, Sugar and Liberty Bowls, respectively. Five men's basketball teams were invited to the NCAA Tournament, with Florida winning its second straight NCAA Men's Basketball Championship. The SEC has now sent at least one team to the Sweet 16 for 18 consecutive years. Five women's basketball teams were also invited to the NCAA Tournament, with Tennessee winning the event and LSU advancing to the Final Four. The SEC had five teams advance to postseason play in baseball, hosted three regionals and one super regional and saw Mississippi State advance to the College World Series. With 159 teams advancing to NCAA postseason competition, the SEC continued to solidify its place as the nation's premier conference.

In addition to the eight team championships, 52 SEC student-athletes garnered individual national titles, while 522 individuals were awarded with first-team All-America honors. Student-athletes around the league continued to excel in the classroom as well with over 2,000 earning recognition on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

On the national all-sport level, the SEC placed 11 teams in the top 50 of the NACDA Director's Cup rankings. Florida finished first among SEC schools and sixth overall in the Director's Cup final standings. Tennessee finished seventh while Georgia was 12th; LSU finished 17th, Auburn 19th, Arkansas 31st, South Carolina 32nd, Vanderbilt 33rd, Alabama 43rd, Kentucky 45th and Mississippi 49th to round out the league's top-50 finishes.

SEC Softball

In only its 12th year of existence, Southeastern Conference softball continues to grow as a national force in collegiate softball.

The SEC qualified seven teams for the 2007 NCAA Tournament - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Tennessee as the conference made its 10th overall and fifth consecutive Women's College World Series appearance. A record five teams advanced to Super Regionals, and Tennessee led the charge all the way to the WCWS Championship Series. History was made as the Lady Vols became the first SEC team to advance to the Championship Series and was part of the most-viewed WCWS game on TV. As the runners-up, Tennessee finished the season ranked No. 2, the highest ever by an league team.

Tennessee won the SEC regular-season title as LSU claimed the SEC Tournament Championship. The Lady Vols' Ralph and Karen Weekly were named SEC Co-Coach of the Year, while India Chiles earned SEC Player of the Year honors. Four-time All-American Monica Abbott of Tennessee earned SEC Pitcher of the Year, while teammate Lindsay Schutzler earned SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors. Mississippi State's Chelsea Bramlett was tabbed SEC Freshman of the Year. With seven teams, the SEC trailed only the Pac-10, with eight, that advanced to the 2007 NCAA Tournament.

Softball came under the auspices of the Southeastern Conference in the 1996-97 season. Since that time, nine different conference teams have made appearances in the NCAA Championship, including four teams earning WCWS berths - one by South Carolina in the inaugural season, Alabama in 2000 and 2005, LSU in 2001 and 2004 and Tennessee in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Eight teams (Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Tennessee) have made Top 25 appearances, and four teams have climbed into the Top 10 (Alabama, Georgia, LSU and Tennessee) of the NFCA/USA Today Poll. At least one SEC team has been ranked in the poll each week since the inception of SEC Softball. In 1999 alone, SEC teams made 29 appearances in the poll.

South Carolina is the flagship team of the league with a rich history in softball dating back 33 seasons. The Gamecocks have made 15 NCAA Regional and three WCWS appearances.

Mississippi State played softball for five seasons during the 1980's before resuming the sport when it was added to the SEC. Tennessee added softball in 1995-96, one year before its inception in the league. Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU and Mississippi began softball programs in 1996-97 to give the league 11 representatives (Vanderbilt does not sponsor softball).



The SEC in 2007

	Eastern Division					
	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	vs. Div.	vs. Top 25
Tennessee#	23-4	.852	63-8	.887	10-1	9-5
Florida	17-11	.607	50-22	.694	9-2	13-15
Georgia	13-15	.464	46-28	.622	2-10	8-19
South Carolina	12-16	.429	38-26	.594	6-4	5-15
Kentucky	4-24	.143	20-31	.392	1-11	1-16

	Western Division					
	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	vs. Div.	vs. Top 25
LSU#	22-6	.786	55-12	.821	12-2	10-6
Alabama	21-6	.778	55-10	.846	12-2	11-6
Mississippi State	14-14	.500	35-27	.565	5-9	2-14
Mississippi	11-17	.393	24-34	.414	6-9	4-14
Auburn	10-18	.357	26-30	.464	4-10	1-16
Arkansas	6-22	.214	21-43	.328	2-11	2-15

SEC Division Champion \$ SEC Champion ! SEC Tournament Champion



Junior pitcher Melissa Hendon ranked fourth in the Southeastern Conference in strikeouts during the 2007 season.

2007 SEC Tournament Results

May 10-12 • Auburn, Ala. • Jane B. Moore Field • Single-Elimination

Thurs., May 10

#3 Alabama 3, #6 Georgia 2 (9 inn.)
 #2 LSU 2, #7 South Carolina 1 (10 inn.)
 #4 Florida 3, #5 Mississippi State 0
 #1 Tennessee 6, #8 Mississippi 0

Fri., May 11

#2 LSU 4, #3 Alabama 1
 #4 Florida 1, #1 Tennessee 0

Sat., May 12

#2 LSU 1, #4 Florida 0 (9 inn.)

SEC All-Tournament Team

P	Stacey Nelson	Florida
P	Dani Hofer	LSU
C	McKenna Hughes	South Carolina
IF	Kellie Eubanks	Alabama
IF	Kim Waleszonia	Florida
IF	Melissa Zick	Florida
IF	Shannon Stein	LSU
OF	Rachel Mitchell	LSU
OF	Leslie Klein	LSU
OF	Lindsay Schutzler	Tennessee
DP	Tiffany Huff	Tennessee
MVP	Dani Hofer	LSU



Senior catcher McKenna Hughes became the Gamecocks' first SEC All-Tournament Team representative since 2003.

Postseason Tournaments

2008 SEC Tournament

The 2008 Southeastern Conference Tournament will be held on May 8-10 at Tiger Park on the campus of Louisiana State University. This will be the fifth year that the tournament has been staged at a campus site and marks the first time LSU has hosted the event.

The single-elimination tournament will be held over the span of three days and will consist of the top eight teams regardless of division in the league. The winner of the tournament will capture the SEC Tournament Championship and the league's automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

Seeding will be determined as follows: the conference regular-season champion will be seeded No. 1 overall and the rest of the field will be seeded by conference winning percentage, regardless of division, at the conclusion of regular-season play.



Seeding for the tournament will be as follows: The tournament will be seeded 1-8, regardless of division, based on conference winning percentage. The bracket is subject to change based on the seed of the host school.

2008 NCAA Tournament & Women's College World Series

The NCAA will select 64 teams out of the over 270 schools which sponsor Division I Softball to compete in the 2008 NCAA Tournament. Regionals will be held on 16 campus sites from May 16-18. The 16 Regional winners advance to Super Regionals, which are set for May 23-25 on campus sites. Those eight finalists move on to the Women's College World Series, scheduled for May 29-June 4 at the ASA Don E. Porter Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City, Okla. The WCWS format is a double-elimination tournament until six teams are eliminated. The final two squads face off in the best-of-three Championship Series on June 2-4.

The champions of 30 NCAA Division I conferences will automatically qualify for the 2008 championship. The remaining 34 teams will be selected at-large based on upon win-loss record and strength of schedule. In addition, the committee will utilize the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) as a tool to evaluate teams. Representatives from the America East, Atlantic-10, Atlantic Coast, Atlantic Sun, Big 12, BIG EAST, Big South, Big Ten, Big West, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic, Mid-American, Mid-Eastern Athletic, Missouri Valley, Mountain West, Northeast, Ohio Valley, Pacific-10, Pacific Coast Softball, Patriot League, Southeastern, Southern, Southland, Southwestern Athletic, Summit League, Sun Belt and Western Athletic Conferences each qualify by winning their leagues. This season will mark the 10th year that the SEC Tournament Champion will receive an automatic bid.

NCAA Championship Results

Year	Champion	Score	Runner-Up	Site
1982	UCLA	2-0 (8)	Fresno State	Omaha, Neb.
1983	Texas A&M	2-0 (12)	Cal State Fullerton	Omaha, Neb.
1984	UCLA	1-0 (13)	Texas A&M	Omaha, Neb.
1985	UCLA	2-1 (9)	Nebraska	Omaha, Neb.
1986	Cal State Fullerton	3-0	Texas A&M	Omaha, Neb.
1987	Texas A&M	4-1	UCLA	Omaha, Neb.
1988	UCLA	3-0	Fresno State	Sunnyvale, Calif.
1989	UCLA	1-0	Fresno State	Sunnyvale, Calif.
1990	UCLA	2-0	Fresno State	Oklahoma City
1991	Arizona	5-1	UCLA	Oklahoma City
1992	UCLA	2-0	Arizona	Oklahoma City
1993	Arizona	1-0	UCLA	Oklahoma City
1994	Arizona	4-0	Cal State Northridge	Oklahoma City
1995	UCLA*	4-2	Arizona	Oklahoma City
1996	Arizona	6-4	Washington	Columbus, Ga.
1997	Arizona	10-2 (5)	UCLA	Oklahoma City
1998	Fresno State	1-0	Arizona	Oklahoma City
1999	UCLA	3-2	Washington	Oklahoma City
2000	Oklahoma	3-1	UCLA	Oklahoma City
2001	Arizona	1-0	UCLA	Oklahoma City
2002	California	6-0	Arizona	Oklahoma City
2003	UCLA	1-0 (9)	California	Oklahoma City
2004	UCLA	3-1	California	Oklahoma City

NCAA Championship Series Results

Year	Champion	Series Finish	Runner-Up	Site
2005	Michigan	2-1	UCLA	Oklahoma City
2006	Arizona	2-0	Northwestern	Oklahoma City
2007	Arizona	2-1	Tennessee	Oklahoma City

