



South Carolina returns an experienced group of talented players in 2005-06.

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2005-06 Quick Facts

General Information

- Location Columbia, S.C.
- Founded 1801
- Enrollment 23,700
- Conference Southeastern
- Nickname Gamecocks
- Colors Garnet and Black
- Mascot Cocky
- President Dr. Andrew Sorensen
- Faculty Representative Dr. Russ Pate
- Athletics Director Eric Hyman

Women's Golf Information

- Head Coach Kristi Coggins
- Years at USC 12th
- Alma Mater Southwest Texas St., 1984
- Assistant Coach Marci Kornegay
- Alma Mater Ole Miss, 2001
- Volunteer Assistant Clarissa Childs
- Alma Mater South Carolina, 1996
- Golf Office Phone 803-777-5527
- Home Course The University Club
- Par 72
- Yardage 5,996
- Phone 803-754-6415
- 2005 SEC Finish 7th
- NCAA Team Appearances -13 (Championship team appearances in **BOLD**)
- 1987, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005**
- Letterwinners Returning ... 6
- Letterwinners Lost 2
- Newcomers 1

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Carolina Looks To Continue Success On And Off The Course

Talented, experienced Gamecocks ready for 2005-06 season.

Success has been the norm for the South Carolina women's golf program under 12th-year head coach Kristi Coggins, who has guided the Gamecocks to NCAA appearances in 10 of the last 11 seasons.

That success has also translated to the classroom, as the 2004-05 squad compiled a cumulative team grade point average of 3.752 and was recognized as the inaugural recipient of the National Golf Coaches Association All-Scholar Team G.P.A. Award.

The combination of success both on the course and in the classroom speaks to a bigger theme; the women's golf program at South Carolina is loaded with quality people.

"The maturity is the highest that it's been in a while," Coggins said. "The leadership and confidence to step up is there, and the attitude of leading the team to great things is there not just from the seniors, but up and down the roster. I feel like this team gets better every time it goes out there."

Coggins said having the type of student-athletes that she has at Carolina allows her to be more advanced in how she coaches the team.

"This is a very organized group and their time management skills are impeccable," Coggins said. "They understand what is expected and they are self-driven to achieve it without a lot of double-checking from the coaches. We can trust that they are doing what they need to do and as a result, we can continue to move forward in how we coach them. It's fun to have a group that is so self-driven to do well."

Among the traits that the Gamecocks have developed heading into the 2005-06 season is aggressiveness.

"This is the most birdie-seeking team I have ever had," Coggins said. "The thing that we have to learn is sometimes when you go for birdies, you end up with big numbers. When we eliminate those doubles, this is a team that will compete for championships."

With seven of the eight players on the roster having competed in tournaments at the collegiate level heading into the season, Coggins is working with a relatively experienced group. Columbia native Erica Battle and Laura McCaslin comprise the senior class. Battle has been a mainstay for the Gamecocks during her career, competing in 22 tournaments with one top-five finish and six top-20 finishes. McCaslin originally came to Carolina after a very successful freshman year at Birmingham

Southern in which she earned medalist honors at three tournaments to go with five top-10 finishes.

"Erica brings consistency with her experience," Coggins said. "She always goes out wanting to play great and she is a fighter."

"Laura has great ability and is developing confidence in her game that will make her a very good player," Coggins said. "She has fun competing and has been a great leader for us. It is great to see her experience the level of play that she is now experiencing. She came back from the summer ready to play and will be a difference-maker for our success this year."

A big hitter off the tee with an excellent mind for the game, junior Jenna Pearson set a school record in 2004-05 with 34 rounds played and competed as an individual at the 2005 NCAA Championships, finishing in a tie for 60th. Her first-round 69 at the 2004 NCAA Fall Preview ranked as the third-lowest single-round total in school history and made her one of only five players in school history to finish a round under 70. She figures prominently in Carolina's plans in 2005-06.

"Jenna came back from the summer with great wedges and added distance," Coggins said. "She is such a workhorse and her goal is to play on the LPGA tour. Every time she steps out on the course,

she believes that she is the best player out there and I believe that we are going to see great things from Jenna."

The two most experienced returners in the sophomore class are Whitney Simons and Blythe Worley. A native of Aiken, S.C., and lifelong Carolina fan, Simons was a key performer for the Gamecocks last spring and was Carolina's top finisher at the SEC Championships as a true freshman, carding a 76-73-78=227 to finish 12th on the individual leader board. She provided one of the highlights of the 2004-05 season when she aced the par-three 15th hole at the University of Florida Golf Course during first-round play at the NCAA East Regional.

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"Whitney has a passion for the game but didn't always realize it, but the thrill to play for the Gamecocks, this was absolutely the perfect decision for her" Coggins said. "She is a great student of the game and is objective in her progress, which will make her even better. I think Whitney has the makings to be a force in the college game overall. Her presence on the course is one of confidence. She won't make the same mistakes over and over again."

Though Worley did not see a great deal of action during the spring portion of the schedule last year, her accuracy and competitive nature helped land her a spot in the lineup for the NCAA East Regional. Coggins said she feels Worley will be a key contributor as her career progresses.

"Blythe is a very consistent ball-striker," Coggins said. "She really lasers her driver and is good at keeping the ball in play and giving herself a chance. She's very focused and is not easy to rattle on the course. She is a very smart player. As her short game develops, you'll see her scoring average drop."

Last year's Atlantic Sun Conference Freshman of the Year Camila Mori is the only newcomer on the 2005-06 Gamecock roster, as she transferred to South Carolina after one season at Campbell University.

A native of Santiago, Chile, Mori posted a 75.57 stroke average as a freshman at Campbell in 2004-05 and had five top-five finishes. Mori shot a 76-75-78=229 to finish fifth at the 2005 Atlantic Sun Championships en route to earning her school's nomination for Atlantic Sun Female Athlete of the Year. She carded a season-low round of 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.

Mori was the number-one ranked junior in her native Chile and was the 2003 National Amateur Champion. She has played for Chile on both the adult and junior levels, including the 2001 South American Junior, where she helped her team to the championship. Mori 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 World Juniors.

"Camila moves it out there great for her size," Coggins said. "She has a lot of experience and is a great competitor. She hits a lot of greens and is solid overall. She loves to play and hates to play badly."

Rounding out the Carolina roster are sophomore Laura Raffo and redshirt freshman Meredith Taylor. With one of the best short games of any player on the roster, Raffo saw action in three tournaments in 2004-05, while Taylor redshirted.

"Raffo has a great short game," Coggins said. "She's got a great heart and is eager to learn. She's working hard on her mechanics to create an even more well-rounded game."

"Meredith is no doubt someone who will make a contribution to this program," Coggins said. "She has great length and is improving her short game. She can be a consistent top-five performer for us and she continues to make progress. Meredith is very patient and trusts where she is. The tools that she has will only make her better."

Once again, the Gamecocks will face a very challenging schedule. Last year's schedule ranked among the five most difficult schedules in the nation.

"We take a great deal of pride in our schedule," Coggins said. "It's important to play against the best teams out there every time out because that is a measure of how good you are. We put together a schedule like this by design, and hopefully, success in the post-season is the result."



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Top Row (L-R):

Whitney Simons, Jenna Pearson,
Laura Raffo, Camila Mori

Bottom Row (L-R):

Blythe Worley, Laura McCaslin,
Meredith Taylor, Erica Battle

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2005-06 South Carolina Women's Golf Roster

Name	Ht.	Eligibility	Hometown (Previous School)
Erica Battle	5-6	Senior	Irmo, S.C. (Irmo)
Laura McCaslin	5-10	Senior-R	Cookeville, Tenn. (Birmingham Southern)
Camila Mori	5-2	Sophomore	Santiago, Chile (Campbell)
Jenna Pearson	5-6	Junior	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton Warrenville South)
Laura Raffo	5-6	Sophomore	Rio Cuarto, Argentina (Merced School)
Whitney Simons	5-4	Sophomore	Aiken, S.C. (Aiken)
Meredith Taylor	5-7	Sophomore	Lexington, S.C. (Lexington)
Blythe Worley	5-6	Sophomore	Greenville, N.C. (J.H. Rose)

Head Coach: Kristi Coggins (12th season)
Assistant Coach: Marci Kornegay (2nd season)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Clarissa Childs



**Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Intercollegiate
Albuquerque, N.M.
September 26-28**

Host: New Mexico
Course: University of New Mexico Champions Course
Par: 72 Yardage: 7,248
Course Phone Number: 505-277-4546
SID Office Main: 505-925-5520
Web Site: www.golobos.com

**Lady Tar Heel Invitational
Chapel Hill, N.C.
October 7-9**

Host: North Carolina
Course: Finley Golf Course
Par: 72 Yardage: 7,091
Course Phone Number: 919-962-2349
SID Office Main: 919-962-7258
Web Site: www.tarheelblue.com

**Chrysler Invitational
Destin, Fla.
October 28-30**

Host: Florida State
Course: The Raven Course at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort
Par: 71 Yardage: 5,937
Course Phone Number: 850-267-6733
SID Office Main: 850-644-1403
Web Site: www.seminoles.com

**The Derby Invitational
Auburn, Ala.
November 4-6**

Host: Auburn
Course: Auburn University Club at Yarbrough Farms
Par: 72 Yardage: 7,259
Course Phone Number: 334-821-8381
SID Office Main: 334-844-9800
Web Site: www.auburntigers.com

**Lady Puerto Rico Classic
Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
February 24-26**

Host: Purdue
Course: Coco Beach Golf and Country Club
Par: 72 Yardage: 7,340
Course Phone Number: 787-657-2000
SID Office Main: 765-494-3145
Web Site: www.purduesports.com

**Lady Gamecock Classic
Blythewood, S.C.
March 10-12**

Host: South Carolina
Course: University Club
Par: 72 Yardage: 5,966
Course Phone Number: 803-754-2001
SID Office Main: 803-777-5204
Web Site: www.uscsports.com

**Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic
Athens, Ga.
March 24-26**

Host: Georgia
Course: University of Georgia Golf Course
Par: 72 Yardage: 6,104
Course Phone Number: 706-542-5739
SID Office Main: 706-542-1621
Web Site: www.georgiadogs.com

**Bryan National Collegiate
Greensboro, N.C.
March 31-April 2**

Host: Wake Forest/UNC-Greensboro
Course: Champions Course at Bryan Park
Par: 72 Yardage: 6,064
Course Phone Number: 336-375-2222
SID Office Main: 336-758-6099
Web Site: www.wakeforestsports.com

**SEC Championships
Nashville, Tenn.
April 14-16**

Host: Vanderbilt
Course: Vanderbilt Legends Club (Ironhorse Course)
Par: 72 Yardage: 7,200
Course Phone Number: 615-791-8100
SID Office Main: 615-322-4051
Web Site: www.vucommodores.com

**NCAA Regional Championships
Site TBD
May 11-13**

Host: TBD
Course: TBD
Par: TBD Yardage: TBD
Course Phone Number: TBD
SID Office Main: TBD
Web Site: TBD

**NCAA Championships
Columbus, Ohio
May 23-26**

Host: Ohio State
Course: The Ohio State University Golf Club Scarlet Course
Par: 72 Yardage: 7,141
Course Phone Number: 614-459-4653
SID Office Main: 614-292-3103
Web Site: www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com

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