

# South Carolina Women's Golf

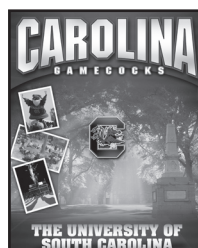
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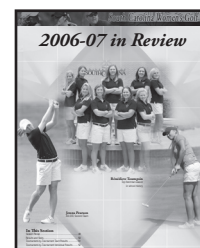
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## 2007-08 Women's Golf Schedule

Dates	Event	Host	Course	Location
Sept. 9-11	Cougar Classic	College of Charleston	Yeamans Hall Golf Club	Hanahan, S.C.
Sept. 14-16	Mason Rudolph Women's Championship	Vanderbilt University	Vanderbilt Legends Club	Nashville, Tenn.
Oct. 5-7	Lady Tar Heel Invitational	University of North Carolina	UNC Finley Golf Course	Chapel Hill, N.C.
Oct. 26-28	UA-Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate	University of Alabama	NorthRiver Golf Course	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Nov. 4-5	NGCA Match Play Championship	National Golf Coaches Assoc.	Ginn Reunion Resort	Kissimmee, Fla.
Feb. 24-26	Puerto Rico Invitational	Purdue University	Coco Beach Golf & Country Club	San Juan, P.R.
Mar. 14-16	LSU Cleveland Classic	LSU	The University Club	Baton Rouge, La.
Mar. 21-23	Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic	University of Georgia	Univeristy of Georgia Golf Course	Athens, Ga.
Mar. 28-30	Bryan National Collegiate	UNC Greensboro/Wake Forest	Bryan Park Champions Golf Course	Browns Summit, N.C.
Apr. 18-20	SEC Championship	University of Tennessee	Tennessee National	Loudon, Tenn.
May 8-10	NCAA Regional (East)	University of Georgia	University of Georgia Golf Course	Athens, Ga.
	NCAA Regional (Central)	University of Texas	University of Texas Golf Course	Austin, Texas
	NCAA Regional (West)	CSU Sacramento	Lincoln Hills Golf Course	Sacramento, Calif.
May 20-23	NCAA Championships	University of New Mexico	University of New Mexico Golf Course	Albuquerque, N.M.

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## Roster and Quick Facts



Front: Laura Raffo, Meredith Taylor, Bénédicte Toumpsin, Erika Holmen  
Back: Blythe Worley, Whitney Simons, Taylor Barrett, Camila Mori, Elizabeth Freeman

## 2007-08 Roster

Name	Yr.	Hometown/High School
Taylor Barrett	So.	York, S.C. / York Comprehensive
Elizabeth Freeman	Fr.	Anderson, S.C. / Westside
Erika Holmen	Fr.	Gothenburg, Sweden
Camila Mori	Sr.	Santiago, Chile
Laura Raffo	Sr.	Rio Cuarto, Argentina / Colegio La Merced
Whitney Simons	Sr.	Aiken, S.C. / Aiken
Meredith Taylor	Jr.	Lexington, S.C. / Lexington
Bénédicte Toumpsin	So.	Sombrefe, Belgium
Blythe Worley	Sr.	Greenville, N.C. / J.H. Rose

**Head Coach:** Kalen Anderson

**Assistant Coach:** Michael Burcin

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Clarissa Childs

**Director of Golf:** Puggy Blackmon

## Quick Facts

### University

Location .....	Columbia, S.C.
Enrollment.....	23,700
Founded.....	1801
Team Name .....	Gamecocks
University President.....	Dr. Andrew Sorensen
NCAA Faculty Representative.....	Dr. Bill Bearden
Athletics Director.....	Eric Hyman
Senior Woman Administrator .....	Val Sheley
Colors.....	Garnet (PMS 201) and Black
Conference.....	Southeastern

### Coaching

Head Coach.....	Kalen Anderson (1st year)
Alma Mater, Year .....	Duke, 2001
Assistant Coach .....	Michael Burcin
Director of Golf.....	Puggy Blackmon

### Program History

NCAA Championship Appearances .....	8
NCAA Regional Appearances .....	12

### 2007-08 Team

2007 SEC Finish .....	4th of 12
2007 NCAA East Regional Finish .....	T9th of 21
Letterwinners Returning/Lost .....	7/2
Top Returners.....	Bénédicte Toumpsin, Whitney Simons
Top Newcomers.....	Erika Holmen, Elizabeth Freeman

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## Season Preview

South Carolina returns a veteran team in 2007-08 while adding a pair of talented freshmen. The Gamecocks will need someone to replace Jenna Pearson, who led the team in four of the team's eight spring events, but the staff is confident the team can improve in its fall campaign.

With four seniors on the roster, the Gamecocks are awash with experienced players, giving the team flexibility at every tournament. Seven of the nine players on the roster played in at least three fall events with just three appearing in all five.

Even with the glut of upperclassmen, it may be the young who lead this season as sophomore **Bénédicte Toumpsin** was the top scorer in the fall. Her 73.67 average is nearly two strokes better than last season's mark, and she was the team's top finisher in all four tournaments and was the only player not to lose a match at the NGCA Match Play Championship.

A player the coaches believe has a future in the LPGA, Toumpsin has a solid all-around game. That first college victory has been elusive for the sophomore, but once she hits that mark, confidence should deliver many more.

Toumpsin turned in the best freshman season in Gamecock golf history in 2006-07. She picked up in the fall right where she left off at the NCAA East Regional, where she posted the fourth-lowest postseason 54-hole score in school history (217). Toumpsin opened the fall by tying her career low with a three-round score of 215 (71-73-71) to finish fourth at the Cougar Classic.

The next four players on the fall stroke average chart were within one stroke of each other. Senior **Blythe Worley** set the pace for that pack at 75.75, more than one shot better than last season's average. She has incredible focus and is an outstanding ball striker, which should generate a good season for the talented senior.

After recording a career-best 218 (72-72-74) at the NCAA East Regional last season, Worley opened the fall with confidence. She was the only Gamecock other than Toumpsin to produce a win at the NGCA Match Play Championship as she dispatched Morgan Grantham of New Mexico in the second round. Carding a career-best 70 in the final round of the Lady Tar Heel Invitational, Worley tied Toumpsin for team-high honors at the event.



Senior Blythe Worley

Playing in three tournaments, senior **Camila Mori** proved to be as steady this fall as she was last season with a 76.00 average, third-best on the team. She finished second on the team at the UA-Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate, shooting a season-low 72 in the final round to move into 25th place. In addition to her simple love for the game, Mori has a work ethic and the fundamentals to chase her dream of playing professionally after this season.

2007 NGCA All-America Scholar **Whitney Simons** kicked off her senior season with a career-best 70 in the first round of the Cougar Classic and went to be a solid contributor in three other events. Her 76.56 fall average was more than one stroke better than last season's mark. Simons is successful based on her philosophy of taking a simple, solid approach to making birdies. Her fluid, effortless swing belies her power and length.

Freshman **Erika Holmen** leapt right into her college career as one of the three players to participate in all five fall events. Showing flashes of brilliance among her occasional inexperience, she posted a 76.67 average and was the team's second-best finisher at the Mason Rudolph Women's Championship. Holmen joined the Gamecocks as the 18th ranked player in the Swedish Golf Federation and a member of the Junior Elite Team of Gothenburg. With that international experience, Holmen brings a seasoned golf game to the program. She is solid in every aspect of the game and should produce consistent, competitive finishes.

Sophomore **Taylor Barrett** played in six events last season and participated in three events this fall. A 14th-place finish at the Auburn Derby Invitational highlighted her freshman campaign, and she just missed her career-best 54-hole total with a 233 at the season-opening Cougar Classic this fall. With a great putter and a highly-competitive attitude, Barrett can be a consistent contributor.

Rounding out the fall participants was senior **Laura Raffo**, who played in Lady Tar Heel Invitational and in the second round of the NGCA Match Play Championship. Her career-best finish was a 28th-place showing at the 2005 Chrysler Challenge, where she opened with a career-low 73. A true scrapper on the course with one of the best wedge games around, Raffo simply finds a way to get the ball in the hole regardless of the circumstances.

Junior **Meredith Taylor** is still looking for her first tournament appearance as a Gamecock after injuries kept her off the course the last two seasons. Another player with a love of the game that overshadows her lack of experiences, Taylor is long off the tee and is primed to take a step forward this season.

Despite not playing in the fall, freshman **Elizabeth Freeman** has the credentials to become a solid player at Carolina. She helped Westside High School to back-to-back regional championships and finished her career ranked as the No. 2 player in South Carolina. A four-time all-state and all-region selection, Freeman was the 2006 Class 4A state champion and was named South Carolina Women's Coaches Association 4A Player of the Year in 2006 as well. Freeman has talent and has enjoyed success at the state level and will benefit from the experience of being around the level players on her team.

After missing a spot in the NCAA Championship by just four strokes last season, the Gamecocks started the 2007-08 season with a bang. Carolina finished sixth at the Cougar Classic, shooting a season-best 291 in the first round. Individual players continued put together solid performances through the rest of the season in tournaments that were stacked with elite level teams.

The Gamecocks look to build on those individual performances to find the right combination for team success. The Gamecocks finished fourth in the Southeastern Conference Championship last season, marking the fourth time in seven years Carolina has posted a top-four finish. The depth of experienced players and the talent of the newcomers should only add to that legacy.

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Fall 2007 Results

## Team Results

Date	Tournament	Score	Finish
Sept. 9-11	Cougar Classic	291-298-300=889 (+25)	T6/20
Sept. 14-16	Mason Rudolph Championship	294-311-300=905 (+41)	T14/17
Oct. 5-7	Lady Tar Heel Invitational	311-296-295=902 (+38)	13/18
Oct. 26-28	UA-Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate	300-308-297=905 (+53)	T7/18
Nov. 4-5	NGCA Match Play Championship	L-L	
<i>lost to Auburn 4-0-1/lost to New Mexico 3-2</i>			

## Tournament-by-Tournament Results

### Cougar Classic (Par 72)

Player	Rounds	Finish
Toumpsin	71-73-71=215	T4
Simons	70-79-75=224	T35
Worley	77-74-75=226	T46
Holmen	73-74-81=228	T54
Barrett	77-77-79=233	T67

### Mason Rudolph Champ. (Par 72)

Player	Rounds	Finish
Toumpsin	74-76-70=220	T22
Holmen	70-79-76=225	T48
Worley	75-76-79=230	T66
Mori	75-80-77=232	T74
Simons	77-82-77=236	82

### Lady Tar Heel Invitational (Par 72)

Player	Rounds	Finish
Toumpsin	77-72-75=224	T31
Worley	81-73-70=224	T31
Mori	79-73-74=226	T39
Holmen	77-78-76=231	T61
Raffo	78-83-83=244	89

### UA-Ann Rhoads Inter. (Par 71)

Player	Rounds	Finish
Toumpsin	75-75-75=225	T19
Mori	77-77-72=226	T25
Simons	71-78-80=229	T34
Worley	77-78-74=229	T34
Holmen	81-79-76=236	T67

### NGCA Match Play (Par 72)

Player	Rd. 1	Rd. 2
Toumpsin	H	W
Worley	L	W
Barrett	L	L
Simons	L	L
Holmen	L	—
Raffo	—	L

## Individual Player Stats

Player	Tourn.	Rds.	Strokes	Avg.	Low	Best Finish
Bénédicte Toumpsin	4	12	884	73.67	70	T4
Blythe Worley	4	12	909	75.75	70	T31
Camila Mori	3	9	684	76.00	72	T25
Whitney Simons	3	9	689	76.56	70	T34
Erika Holmen	4	12	920	76.67	70	T48
Taylor Barrett	2	6	468	78.00	77	T61
Laura Raffo	2	5	406	81.20	78	89
TEAM	4	12	3601	300.08	291	T6

## Individual Tournament Results

### Taylor Barrett

Tourn.	Rounds	Finish
Cougar	77-77-79=233 (+17)	T67
Ann Rhoads	78-79-78=235 (+22)	*T61
Match Play	L, M. Milligan (UA)	2 & 1
Match Play	L, A. Phelps (NM)	1-up

### Erika Holmen

Tourn.	Rounds	Finish
Cougar	73-74-81=228 (+12)	T54
Mas.Rud.	70-79-76=225 (+9)	T48
Tar Heel Inv.	77-78-76=231 (+15)	T61
Ann Rhoads	81-79-76=236 (+23)	T67
Match Play	L, S. Thead (UA)	2 & 1

### Camila Mori

Tourn.	Rounds	Finish
Mas. Rud.	75-80-77=232 (+16)	T74
Tar Heel Inv.	79-73-74=226 (+10)	T39
Ann Rhoads	77-77-72=226 (+13)	T25

### Laura Raffo

Tourn.	Rounds	Finish
Cougar	81-81-WD	*WD
Tar Heel Inv.	78-83-83=244 (+28)	89
Match Play	L, J. Ewart (NM)	3 & 2

### Whitney Simons

Tourn.	Rounds	Finish
Cougar	70-79-75=224 (+8)	T35
Mas.Rud.	77-82-77=236 (+20)	82
Ann Rhoads	71-78-80=229 (+16)	T34
Match Play	L, M. Shirley (UA)	1-up
Match Play	L, G. Claux (NM)	3 & 2

### Bénédicte Toumpsin

Tourn.	Rounds	Finish
Cougar	71-73-71=215 (-1)	T4
Mas.Rud.	74-76-70=220 (+4)	T22
Tar Heel Inv.	77-72-75=224 (+8)	T31
Ann Rhoads	75-75-75=225 (+12)	T19
Match Play	H, C. Clanton (UA)	
Match Play	W, Backstedt (NM)	4 & 3

### Blythe Worley

Tourn.	Rounds	Finish
Cougar	77-74-75=226 (+10)	T46
Mas.Rud.	75-76-79=230 (+14)	T66
Tar Heel Inv.	81-73-70=224 (+8)	T31
Ann Rhoads	77-78-74=229 (+16)	T34
Match Play	L, Schepperle (UA)	2 & 1
Match Play	W, Grantham (NM)	5 & 4

\* Played as an individual; Score does not count toward team total