

SOUTH CAROLINA LEISTE

2019-20 REPORT

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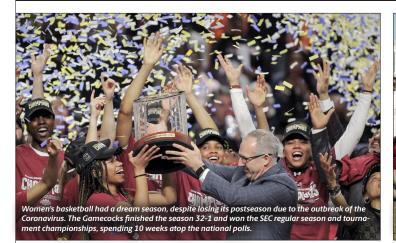
ALL-AMERICANS

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ALL-CONFERENCE HONOREES

GAMECOCKS IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

Women's Basketball: 1st Beach Volleyball: 14th Equestrian: 4th Women's Golf: 7th Women's Soccer: 6th Softball: 15th Men's Tennis: 18th Women's Tennis: 19th





Women's soccer rode a defensive hot streak into the postseason, shutting out all three opponents on the way to the SEC tournament title - the program's second conference title overall and first since 2009. The Gamecocks made it to the quarterfinal round of the NCAA tournament.

INDIVIDUAL MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

TYASHA HARRIS - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Dawn Staley Award

SEC Female Athlete of the Year

ALIYAH BOSTON - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ESPN Freshman of the Year

WBCA Freshman of the Year

Lisa Leslie Center of the Year Award

USBWA Freshman of the Year

SEC Freshman of the Year

SEC Defensive Player of the Year

DAWN STALEY - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ESPN Coach of the Year

Naismith Coach of the Year

WBCA Coach of the Year

USBWA Coach of the Year

SEC Coach of the Year

LOIS KAYE GO - WOMEN'S GOLF

SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year

CoSIDA Academic All-American

MADISON SELLMAN - EQUESTRIAN

SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year

MADELINE SCHAEFER - EQUESTRIAN

SEC Freshman Over Fences Rider of the Year

GRACE FISK - WOMEN'S SOCCER

United Soccer Coaches Scholar Athlete of the Year

SEC Defender of the Year

MIKAYLA KRZECZOWSKI - WOMEN'S SOCCER

SEC Goalkeeper of the Year

WOMEN'S SOCCER COACHING STAFF

United Soccer Coaches Staff of the Year

MACKENZIE BOESEL - SOFTBALL

CoSIDA Academic All-American

KENZI MAGUIRE - SOFTBALL

CoSIDA Academic All-American

PAUL JUBB - MEN'S TENNIS

ITA Arthur Ashe Jr. Sportsmanship Award ITA Carolina Region Most Improved Senio

EMMA SHELTON - WOMEN'S TENNIS

ITA Carolina Region Rookie of the Year

ARINZE CHANCE - MEN'S TRACK

CoSIDA Academic All-American



GAMECOCK GALA HONOREES





SCHOLAR-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



DODIE ACADEMIC MVPS



GAMECOCK LEADERSHIP AWARD

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



- The University of South Carolina Athletics Department concluded the Spring 2020 semester with a departmental grade point average (GPA) of 3.700. It marks the department's highest GPA in history and the 27thconsecutive semester with a departmental GPA above 3.0. For the first time in history, all 18 teams earned a GPA of 3.0 or better in the spring. Beach volleyball (3.947) earned the highest team GPA in the spring, while women's golf (3.913) earned the second-highest team mark.
- Seventeen teams earned their highest GPA to date in the spring: baseball (3.399), men's basketball (3.349), women's basketball (3.664), equestrian (3.786), football (3.614), men's golf (3.670), women's golf (3.913), men's soccer (3.723), women's soccer (3.867), softball (3.758), men's swimming & diving (3.676), women's swimming & diving (3.898), men's tennis (3.807), men's track & field (3.474), women's track & field/cross country (3.807), beach volleyball (3.947) and volleyball (3.731). Additionally, women's tennis (3.830) earned its second-highest team GPA on record.
- The department also set a record by naming 140 student-athletes to the President's List for earning a 4.0 this spring. Additionally, 164 were named to the Dean's List (3.5) and 502 to the Athletics Director's Honor Roll (3.0).
- The spring followed an equally impressive fall semester, when the department posted a combined 3.378 GPA, at the time its highest GPA in history. Of the 18 Gamecock programs, 16 earned a 3.0 or better GPA during the fall. Beach Volleyball (3.760) earned the highest team GPA among all athletics teams, while Women's Golf (3.753) earned the second-highest team mark within the department.
- The department also set a record by naming 97 student-athletes to the President's List by earning a 4.0, which was only surpassed in the spring. Additionally, 168 were named to the Dean's List (3.5) and 424 to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll (3.0).

- South Carolina had 142 student-athletes make the 2019-20 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll, another record for the department. The Gamecocks lead the SEC for total honorees for the eighth time in the last decade, and now have eclipsed 100 student-athletes on this honor roll for three consecutive school years. The previous record for South Carolina was 127, from the 2018-19 school year.
- All of the University of South Carolina's eligible sports posted a multiyear APR score of 950 or better for the ninth-consecutive year, according to the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate (APR) statistics. Thirteen sports recorded multi-year APR scores of 980 or better. Seven sports scored a perfect single-year score (1000) for the 2018-19 campaign. Men's tennis led the pack in single-year improvements with a jump of 40 points from 2017-18 to 2018-19.
- Volleyball registered a perfect single-year score for the sixth straight year. The Gamecock women's basketball and volleyball teams led all South Carolina schools in 2018-19 Multi-year APR. An impressive five teams were recognized by the NCAA for earning multiyear Academic Progress Rates in the top 10 percent of all squads in each sport.
- South Carolina ranked second among SEC schools in the latest Graduation Success Rate. The GSR measures the number of scholarship student-athletes that graduate within a six-year period of their initial full-time enrollment. The rates are based on student-athletes who entered college in the fall of 2012. South Carolina athletic teams had a 94 percent score, second only to Vanderbilt (97).
- A total of 306 Gamecock student-athletes have earned their degrees during the last two years (since Spring 2018) – 79 following the 2020 spring semester, 31 following the 2019 fall semester, 78 following the 2019 spring semester, 26 following the 2018 fall semester and 92 following the 2018 spring semester.

"The classroom achievements of our student-athletes are outstanding, especially when you consider how their academic instruction methods changed due to COVID-19. Their discipline and effort in taking care of their studies help make these successes happen."

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR RAY TANNER





2019-20 HALL OF FAME HONOREES



Nine new members were inducted into the University of South Carolina Athletics Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Association of Lettermen, on October 17 at Colonial Life Arena. Since the University of South Carolina Athletics Hall of Fame was created in 1967, 187 members, including these nine, have been selected by the University of South Carolina Association of Lettermen.

GARY BINFIELD — SWIMMING (1986-89) Binfield was one of the greatest swimmers in South Carolina history and a 15-time All American. He competed in the 1988 summer Olympics for his home team, Great Britain. Upon graduation, Gary held the Carolina record in the 100m and 200m backstroke. He was the Metro Conference champion in the 200-yard backstroke and 200 individual medley in 1986.

KRISTI COGGINS — WOMEN'S GOLF (1994-2007) Coggins was the head women's golf coach at South Carolina for 13 years, leading the Gamecocks to 12 trips to the postseason and six NCAA championship appearances. Coggins was named SEC Coach of the Year in 1999 and her 2002 team claimed its first SEC title. She mentored two players who are currently in the USC Hall of Fame, and four players who went on to the LPGA Tour as professionals.

RASHAD FAISON — FOOTBALL (1999-2002) Named a Freshman All-American in 1999, Faison is the Carolina school record holder with 247 unassisted career tackles. A defensive back, Faison is seventh in total tackles with 349, 10th in tackles for loss with 27.5, and ranks fourth in school history with 25 career passes broken up.

JOE GRUGAN — MULTI-SPORT (1937-41) Grugan spent five different decades either playing, coaching or serving the University of South Carolina in an administrative role. He was a star running back in football from 1937-41 for Rex Enright. He was a star pitcher and outfielder in baseball for coach "Catfish" Smith. Following his military service during the war years, he returned to South Carolina to coach PE, which he did for 25 years. He also resurrected the USC intramural program, working as its director. Grugan served as the head baseball coach, tennis coach and golf coach, as well as assisting on the football and basketball staffs.

MARCUS LATTIMORE – FOOTBALL (2010-12) Despite an abbreviated career due to injury, Lattimore ranks sixth on the school's all-time rushing list with 2,677 yards, and owns the school record for both rushing touchdowns (38) and touchdowns scored (41). His best season came as a freshman in 2010 when he rushed for 1,197 yards while being a unanimous selection as a Freshman All-American. He was a fourth-round pick by the San Francisco 49ers in the 2013 NFL Draft.

CALLY PLUMMER- VOLLEYBALL (1998-2002) Plummer is one of just four Gamecocks in program history to be a four-time All-SEC performer. As a right-side attacker, Plummer is still the program's all time in career aces, and ranks fourth in career kills and fifth in career attacks. For her career she finished with 1,295 kills, 233 aces, 956 digs, and 270 blocks, and the Gamecocks made the NCAA tournament in all four of her seasons on the court.

JIM SCHAPER — TRACK & FIELD (1971-74) Schaper was a two-time All American in track and field. He ranked 10th in the world in the mile run, and still holds the school record in the 1,500 meters, the two-mile relay, and the distance medley relay. He was a member of the second NCAA Championship in Gamecock track and field history as a member of the 1974 NCAA Championship indoor two-mile relay. He won a gold medal in the AAU Championships in the sprint medley relay, and a silver medal in the 880-yard run against the Russians in Moscow in 1974.

DERICK URQUHART — BASEBALL (1995-98) Urquhart played baseball at Carolina from 1995-98. He holds the Gamecock record with 223 runs scored in a career while owning a .332 batting average. He also ranks among the all-time career leaders in doubles (T6th-51), hits (T4th-265), RBIs (7th-180) and total bases (5th). He is one of only seven players to hit for the cycle and the only one to do it twice.

HARRY WOLF — MULTI-SPORT (1925-28) One of the more incredible athletes to ever attend the university, Wolf was a star in the late 1920s. During this era, the Gamecocks were members of the 22-school Southern Conference, of which 20 schools were future members of either the SEC or ACC. Wolf won the conference heavyweight boxing championship, was a member of the football and basketball teams and competed in the weight throws in track & field where he was the Southern Conference shot put champion.

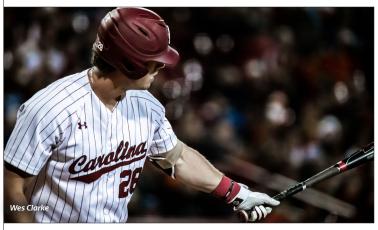


BASEBALL



Brady Allen





Pitcher Carmen Mlodzinski was selected 31st overall by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the Major League Baseball Draft, the highest Gamecock picked in the draft since 2017. Mlodzinski, went 2-1 with a 2.84 ERA and 22 strikeouts in 25.1 innings pitched in the shortened 2020 season.

OVERALL RECORD: 12-4 CONFERENCE: 0-0

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

- The team finished the shortened season at 12-4, including a 10-3 mark at home and on a five-game winning streak.
- Head Coach **Mark Kingston** picked up his 350th career win on the team's final game of the season.
- **Wes Clarke** was named a Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Third Team All-American after leading the SEC with eight home runs to go along with 22 RBI.
- Brett Kerry was named to the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Watch List, awarded to the top relief pitcher in college baseball. Kerry was 2-0 with a save in six appearances in 2020.
- Dallas Beaver was named to the Buster Posey Award Watch List, given to the best catcher in college baseball. Beaver hit .256 with three doubles in 14 games this season.
- Carmen Mlodzinski was the 31st player selected in the MLB Draft, taken by the Pittsburgh Pirates. Carolina has had 6 players taken in the first 100 picks of a draft since 2014.
- Cam Tringali was named to the SEC's Community Service
 Team on May 25. Tringali helped out with the Week
 of Giving at Heathwood Hall, helped host the Chapin
 Screaming Eagles at Founders Park and volunteered with
 the Ray Tanner Run.
- In the spring semester, the team posted a program-record 3.399 combined GPA.

COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Mark Kingston Head Coach Trip Couch **Assistant Coach** Skylar Meade **Assistant Coach** Stuart Lake **Assistant Coach** Mike Current Dir. of Player Development Wesley Turner **Director of Operations** Billy Anderson Sports Performance Coach **Bryan Wells** Athletic Trainer Storm Blitz Academic Advisor Kent Reichert Communications/PR Director Sawyer Bridges Student Assistant Coach





BASKETBALL - MEN'S



- After a 10-win season in SEC play, Carolina has 51 conference victories dating back to 2016. Only Kentucky (69) and Florida (54) have more during that stretch. The Gamecocks have reached double-figure conference wins in four of those five seasons.
- Senior **Maik Kotsar** earned the first postseason honor of his career when he was named to the All-SEC Second Team by the league's coaches in March. Kotsar had a career year in 2019-20, averaging career highs of 11.2 points, 6.3 rebounds, 1.1 blocks and 1.5 steals per game.
- South Carolina led the SEC in field goal percentage defense, in 2019-20 holding opponents to just 39.3 percent from the floor. That mark ranked 18th nationally.
- Freshman Jermaine Couisnard was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team by the conference coaches. His selection marks the second straight year Carolina has had a freshman selected to the squad and the fourth time under head coach Frank Martin. He led the team with 3.2 assists per game, and finished tied for ninth in the league with an assist to turnover ratio of 1.4.



The Gamecocks finished 10-8 in conference play, the fourth time in the last five seasons surpassing double-digit wins in SEC action. Defense powered the team, which ranked in the top-20 nationally for two- and three-point field goal percentage allowed and 41st in turnovers forced per game.

OVERALL RECORD: 18-13 CONFERENCE:

SUCCESS ON THE COURT





- 2019-20 was another great season for the Gamecock defense. From 3-point range, opponents hit just 197-of-665 attempts (4th in the SEC/19th nationally). Carolina forced 15.55 turnovers per contest, second in the SEC and 41st in the nation. Carolina held 13 opponents to under 40 percent from the field and five of those under 30 percent and 16 Gamecock opponents were held to under 30 percent from the field from 3-point range.
- South Carolina defeated #9-ranked Virginia, 70-59, in Charlottesville on Dec. 22. It was the Gamecocks' first win against a Top 10 opponent since defeating #10-ranked Auburn, 84-75, on Feb. 17, 2018, and the first road win over a Top-10 opponent since February 2016.

COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Frank Martin	Head Coach
Perry Clark	Assistant Coach
Chuck Martin	Assistant Coach
Bruce Shingler	Assistant Coach
Andy Assaley	Director of Operations
Scott Greenawal	t Sports Performance Coach
Doug Edwards	Student-Athlete Development
Jay Gibbons	Director of Video Services
John Reynolds	Special Assistant to Head Coach
Mark Rodger	Athletic Trainer
Rochelle Robins	on Academic Advisor
Emily Miles	Communications/PR Director
Susan Hooks	Administrative Assistant
Dushawn Davis	Director of Social Media



BASKETBALL - WOMEN'S







- South Carolina finished the season ranked No. 1 in both national polls for the first time in program history. The Gamecocks' 10 weeks atop the AP poll were the most of any team this season.
- The Gamecocks are one of six programs in the country to appear in every AP Poll in the last four seasons and one of four in every AP Poll in the last seven seasons. In those seven seasons, South Carolina spent 22 weeks at No. 1 (second-most among the group) and 111 of the 136 weeks in the top 10.

South Carolina finished the season ranked No. 1 in both national polls for the first time in program history, and led all teams with 10 total weeks atop the polls. The Gamecocks posted a perfect record in SEC play, recording just the fourth 16-0 season in conference history, and won the conference tournament for the fifth time in the last six seasons.

OVERALL RECORD: 32-1 CONFERENCE:

SUCCESS ON THE COURT

South Carolina won its fifth SEC Tournament in the last six seasons for the best six-year run in SEC history.

16-0

- The Gamecocks claimed their fifth SEC Regular-Season Championship in the last seven seasons, putting together their second 16-0 season during that stretch. The SEC has seen just four 16-0 conference records in history.
- The unanimous National Coach of the Year, **Dawn Staley** became the first person to be named the Naismith Coach of the Year after previously earning the Naismith Player of the Year Trophy.
- Senior Tyasha Harris and freshman Aliyah Boston were consensus All-America selections.
- Boston was the unanimous National Freshman of the Year, becoming the first Gamecock to claim that award from any outlet, and also won the Lisa Leslie Award for best center in the country.
- Harris and Boston were named to the All-SEC First Team, while senior Mikiah Herbert Harrigan was a secondteam selection. Boston earned SEC Freshman of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors. Zia Cooke was also named to the SEC All-Freshman Team.
- Harris was a finalist for all three national player of the year awards and won The Dawn Staley Award, which honors the nation's guard who most exemplifies the traits of Staley as a player.
- South Carolina led the nation in average attendance for the sixth-straight season, drawing 12,218 fans.

COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Dawn Staley **Head Coach** Associate Head Coach Lisa Boyer Fred Chmiel **Assistant Coach** Jolette Law **Assistant Coach** Cynthia Jordan **Director of Operations** Freddy Ready Director of Player Development Mary Wooley Director of Recruiting Operations Ariana Moore Special Assistant to Head Coach **Hudson Jacobs** Director of Video Services Molly Binetti Sports Performance Coach Craig Oates Athletic Trainer Diana Koval Communications/PR Director Taylor Ford Academic Advisor Dianne Palmer Administrative Assistant





BEACH VOLLEYBALL



- In the three weeks of play before the season was cut short, the Gamecocks played far and away the most difficult schedule in the country. Of the 12 teams played, 10 were ranked in the top-20 nationally and eight were ranked in the top-10. On top of that, the team didn't get to play a single match at home.
- The team's 5-7 final record still yielded three wins over teams ranked in the top 15 or higher nationally – something that the program had accomplished only two other times in its history.
- The 3-2 win over No. 4 Southern Cal on Feb. 29 was the program's fourth win ever against a team ranked inside the top 10; the Gamecocks also defeated No. 14 Long Beach State and No. 10 Stetson in their March trip to California.
- In the team's upset of Long Beach State, senior Katie **Smith** earned her 75th career dual win. She is now just one of three members of the program to ever surpass the 75-win milestone.

Despite the season being limited to just three weeks, the team came away with three wins over teams ranked in the top-15 nationally, a feat only accomplished two other times in program history over the course of a full season. The highlight came in a 3-2 upset of No. 4 Southern Cal on Feb. 29 at the Hilton Head Island Invitational.

OVERALL RECORD: 5-7 CONFERENCE:

SUCCESS ON THE SAND





- Freshmen Ashley Brasfield and Kaeli Crews were named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association's High School Beach All-America teams. The Gamecocks have five past or present honorees on the roster, and have six total in the six years the award has existed.
- Junior Jess Vastine earned the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) All-American Athlete Award in late March. It recognized her efforts with the indoor and beach volleyball teams. Vastine is the first-ever honoree for the Gamecock indoor program, and second for the beach volleyball program.



COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Moritz Moritz Head Coach RJ Abella **Assistant Coach Recruiting Coordinator** Volunteer Assistant Coach Luke Higgs Keith Scruggs Sports Performance Coach Jenn Herod **Athletic Trainer** Amy Krebs **Graduate Student Trainer** Joe Kepler Communications/PR Director Taylor Ford Academic Advisor Madison Treece Director of Operations



CROSS COUNTRY



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Kelsey Larkin



- The Gamecocks placed 15th in the NCAA Southeast Regional, held Nov. 15, the program's best finish since 2013.
 Anna Kathryn Stoddard (41st) and Heather Stone (46th) each finished in the top 50 in the regional field.
- Stoddard placed 34th in the field of 143 runners at the SEC Championship, hosted by Kentucky. Stoddard crossed the line in 21:12.3. Coming in second for the Gamecocks, Hannah Twine finished the race in 22:03.5.
 Hillary Neely came in third for Carolina with a time of 22:30.1

The Gamecocks placed 15th in the NCAA Southeast Regional, held Nov. 15, the program's best finish since 2013. Two Carolina runners placed in the top 50 of the packed field.

SEC FINISH: 14TH NCAA REGIONAL: 15TH

SUCCESS ON THE COURSE

- Despite the SEC Championship course being 70 meters longer than normal, Kelsey Larkin surpassed her 6K personal best by almost five seconds, stepping across the line in 22:39.2. Overall, the Gamecocks finished in 14th as a team with 367 points.
- Stone took top honors at the Carolina Challenge, posting a 17:45.8 in the 5k competition. Twine placed third in the same meet.
- The Gamecocks placed second in the Carolina Challenge and the Adidas XC Challenge in Cary, N.C.
- The Gamecocks were recognized by the USTFCCCA as a 2019 NCAA Division I All-Academic Team. The honor is the 19th year in a row for South Carolina. The Gamecocks finished 11th out of 237 programs with a GPA of 3.74 and had the highest GPA by any team in the SEC.



COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Curtis Frye
Andrew Allden
Penny Boswell
Katelyn Woolfolk
Bridget Tabor
Ellen Balentine
Nicholas Matson
Breanna Newton

Head Coach
Assistant Coach/Distances
Director of Operations
Sports Performance Coach
Academic Advisor
Communications/PR Director
Volunteer Assistant Coach
Graduate Assistant



EQUESTRIAN



- South Carolina finished fourth in the final National Collegiate Equestrian Association Team Rankings.
- Caroline Gute won the NCEA Reining Rider of the Year award. Gute and McKenzie Duncan both earned NCEA All-American First Team Reining honors, Madeline Schaefer earned NCEA All-American First Team Fences honors, Jordan Allen made the NCEA All-American Second Team for fences, Madison Sellman earned NCEA All-American Second Team Flat honors and Louisa Brackett made the All-America Honorable Mention team for fences.
- Schaefer was named the SEC Freshman Over Fences
 Rider of the Year, along with spots on the All-SEC and SEC
 All-Freshman Team. Fellow Freshman Jordan Allen was
 named All-SEC and the SEC All-Freshman Team on Fences.
- Also earning All-SEC spots were Gute (reining), Duncan (reining), Sellman (flat) and freshman Natalie Vargo (Freshman Team; horsemanship and reining).

Despite the postseason being eliminated due to the Coronavirus outbreak in the spring, the team finished fourth in the final poll of the season and recorded three wins over teams ranked in the top five over the course of the regular season.

OVERALL RECORD: 7-5 CONFERENCE: 3-3

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD





- Individual award winners included senior Madelynne
 Herlocker as a member of the SEC Community Service
 Team and Sellman, who was named SEC Scholar-Athlete
 of the Year.
- The Gamecocks defeated #2-ranked Texas A&M, 10-9, in College Station on Nov. 2, the first of three wins against teams ranked in the top five nationally during the year.
- Sophomore Grady Lyman earned the NCEA and SEC Flat Rider of the Month honors for November. She has earned Most Outstanding Player honors in three of four meets during the month of competition.

COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Boo Major Head Coach
Kristen Terebesi Assistant Coach/Jumping Seat
Jennifer McGrath Assistant Coach/Western
Maggie Barton Barn Manager
Carly Wilson Athletic Trainer
Storm Blitz Academic Advisor
Don Hawkins Communications/PR Director





FOOTBALL







- The Gamecocks faced the nation's toughest regular season schedule in 2019, according to the NCAA. The Gamecocks played the No. 3, 5, 9, 13, and 20th-ranked teams in the final College Football Playoff Rankings. Nine of their 12 opponents were bowl eligible.
- Javon Kinlaw was selected by the San Francisco 49ers with the 14th pick in the first round of the NFL Draft.
 With Kinlaw's selection, the Gamecocks have produced a selection in 18 of the last 19 NFL Drafts.
- Four players were selected in the 2020 NFL Draft: Kinlaw, Bryan Edwards, selected in the third round by the Las Vegas Raiders, D.J. Wonnum, selected in the fourth round by the Minnesota Vikings, and T.J. Brunson was selected in the seventh round by the New York Giants.

The Gamecocks defeated No. 3 Georgia, 20-17, in overtime in Athens, which matched the 1981 win at North Carolina as the second-best win in school history based on the Associated Press rankings, topped only by the 2010 win over No. 1 Alabama at home.

OVERALL RECORD: 4-8 CONFERENCE: 3-5

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

- Six more players signed free agent contracts in the NFL:
 Joseph Charlton, Rico Dowdle, Tavien Feaster, Kyle
 Markway, Kobe Smith and Donell Stanley.
- Edwards became the school record holder with 234 career pass receptions, 3,045 career receiving yards and 48-consecutive games with a reception. He also ranks third in career receiving touchdowns and tied for fifth with eight 100-yard receiving games. He led the SEC with 7.1 receptions per game and made second-team All-SEC.
- Jake Bentley finished his Carolina career ranked second in completion percentage, third in pass completions and passing touchdowns, tied for third in touchdowns responsible for, fourth in pass attempts and passing yards, and sixth in career wins.
- Dowdle finished his career ranked 15th on the school's all-time rushing list with 2,167 yards.
- Kinlaw earned first team Associated Press All-America and All-SEC honors as well as second team All-America honors.
- Wonnum wrapped up his Gamecock career ranked ninth with 29.5 tackles for loss. He made second-team All-SEC.
- Brunson logged 164 career unassisted tackles, tying for 10th on the school's all-time list.
- Charlton averaged 47.7 yards per punt, ranking third in the country and breaking his own single-season school record.

COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Will Muschamp Bobby Bentley Thomas Brown Coleman Hutzler Kyle Krantz Bryan McClendon Mike Peterson Travaris Robinson John Scott Jr. Dan Werner Eric Wolford

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Director - On-Campus Recruiting
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Analyst - Defense
Director - Football Creative Services
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GOLF - MEN'S









COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Bill McDonald Head Coach
Ben Dietrich Assistant Coach
Billy Anderson Sports Performance Coach
John Kasik Athletic Trainer
Ed Lowery Academic Advisor
Michael DeBates Communications/PR Director

The team was unfortunately unable to compete for the postseason due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus, finishing the season ranked 45th in the Golfweek/Sagarin team rankings.

SEC FINISH: N/A NCAA REGIONAL: N/A

SUCCESS ON THE COURSE

- The Gamecocks finished 45th in the final Golfstat Team Rankings in a shortened season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. South Carolina played in seven events (five fall, two spring) before play was stopped in March. There was no postseason or NCAA Championship for the first time since the NCAA sponsored a championship in 1939.
- The team had four top-five finishes, tallying a season scoring average of 285.43 good for the third-best mark in program history.
- South Carolina had its best showing of the season at the J.T. Poston Invitational in the fall. The Gamecocks took second but were able to set the program 54-hole scoring record at 806 (-46) and also broke the 18-hole scoring record after shooting 264 (-20) in the second round of the event. Sophomore Ryan Hall was medalist for his first career win with a 54-hole total of 199 (-14) after tallying just the sixth sub-200, 54-hole score in school history. He became the 25th individual winner in Bill McDonald's 14 seasons as head coach.
- Senior Jamie Wilson was Carolina's top ranked golfer, at 59th in the Golfstat Individual Rankings. Wilson was named First Team All-SEC, PING Honorable Mention All-American and PING All-Southeast Region. He led the team in every major statistical category and finished in the top-15 five times in seven starts. Wilson's 70.86 season scoring average was the fifth-lowest all-time at Carolina.
- Wilson, Hall and freshman Jack Wall all played in the U.S.
 Amateur in Bandon Dunes, Oregon.
- Senior Caleb Proveaux, junior Jack Parrott and junior Andrew Spiegler were named All-American Scholars by the Golf Coaches Association of America. The Gamecocks excelled in the classroom as a team as well, posting the highest single semester team GPA (3.760) in program history in the spring.
- Alumni **Matt NeSmith** advanced to the FedEx Cup Playoffs in his first full season on the PGA TOUR. He finished 93rd on the regular season points list after five top-25 finishes including his first career top-10 when he T-6th at the Puerto Rico Open. NeSmith made 13 cuts in 22 starts during the 2019-20 season.



GOLF - WOMEN'S



- The Gamecocks finished the abbreviated season ranked 7th in the final Golfstat Team Rankings and 10th in the Golfweek/Sagarin Team Rankings.
- Freshman Pauline Roussin-Bouchard was Carolina's top-ranked golfer in Golfstat (5th) and Golfweek/ Sagarin (8th) rankings, while senior Ana Pelaez (39th in Golfstat/45th in Golfweek) and senior Lois Kaye Go (46th in Golfstat/47th in Golfweek) were also ranked in the Top 50.
- Roussin-Bouchard earned First Team All-American honors from both the Women's Golf Coaches Association and Golfweek, while Pelaez and Go both earned All-American Honorable Mention
- Go competed in the 2019 Southeast Asia games, helping her native Philippines take gold in the team competition and tying for fourth place in the individual tournament.
- Roussin-Bouchard earned All-SEC first team and all-freshman honors, while senior Pelaez earned second team All-SEC distinction and freshman Smith Knaffle was named to the SEC community service team.

The team was unfortunately unable to compete for the postseason due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus, but did finish the season in the top 10 in both the Golfstat and Sagarin team rankings.

SEC: NCAA REGIONAL: N/A N/A

SUCCESS ON THE COURSE





- Go earned SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors for women's golf and was named CoSIDA Academic All-American in 2019-20, earning a 4.0 GPA in accounting and finance.
- Roussin-Bouchard closed out the year at No. 1 in the women's amateur golf rankings and made the cut for the final Fall ANNIKA Award Watch List.
- Pelaez took second at the Spanish Individual Women's Championship in Valencia, Spain in July. The senior finished the weekend with an 8-under 280, four strokes behind the leader.



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SOCCER - MEN'S



• The Gamecocks finished the season 7-9-2 with a 2-5 mark in Conference USA play.

- Carolina had impressive outings, defeating #13-ranked Florida International, 1-0, in the final home game of the season, and tying #20-ranked N.C. State, 0-0.
- Defender Frano Buhovac was named second-team All-CUSA and midfielder Logan Hitzeman and forward Brian Banahan were named third-team and also earned Freshman All-CUSA honors.
- Banahan finished his debut season as the team's leading goal scorer, netting six during the season. Senior **Tucker Monheimer** followed close behind with five total goals on the year.
- Senior Luca Mayr was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team.

The Gamecocks pulled off their best result in a key moment, upsetting No. 13 FIU in the final home game of the regular season to clinch a spot in the conference's postseason tournament. Freshman Brian Banahan scored the match's lone goal in the 51st minute.

OVERALL RECORD: 7-9-2 CONFERENCE: 2-5

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD





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SOCCER - WOMEN'S



- The Gamecocks finished the season with a 19-2-3 overall record, 7-0-3 in the SEC, and went to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championships.
- Carolina finished the season ranked 6th in the United Soccer Coaches Top 25 poll, the highest final ranking for the Gamecocks since placing 4th following the 2017 season.
- South Carolina won the 2019 SEC Tournament, the second time the Gamecocks have won the tournament (also in 2009). Grace Fisk was the tournament MVP while Jyllissa Harris, Sutton Jones and Mikayla Krzeczowski were also named to the All-Tournament team.
- Fisk was named the United Soccer Coaches Scholar Player of the Year, the award for the nation's top Student-Athlete. Fisk (First Team), along with Krzeczowski (Second Team), were also named Scholar All-Americans.
- Fisk and Krzeczowski were named All-Americans by ESPNW and the United Soccer Coaches. Fisk was also named a semifinalist for the MAC Hermann Trophy, recognizing the nation's top player.

The Gamecocks went undefeated in the SEC regular season and then took down No. 6 Arkansas for the SEC Tournament title in the postseason. The Carolina defense totaled six consecutive shutouts in the postseason (SEC tournament and NCAA tournament).

SEC: NCAA REGIONAL: 19-2-3 7-0-3

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD





- Krzeczowski's 50 career shutouts makes her just the fifth goalkeeper in NCAA Division I (men's or women's) to reach that milestone and her 0.44 goals against average is the eighth best mark in NCAA Division I history.
- Elexa Bahr's 21 points in 2019 led the team. She tied with Luciana Zullo for the lead in goals (6) and also added nine assists.
- South Carolina's 43 goals this season is the most since 2016 (51) and the third time in five years they have reached at least 40 goals as a team
- South Carolina finished as the only team in the country who played at least 20 matches and allowed seven or less goals.

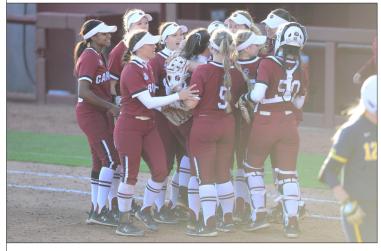


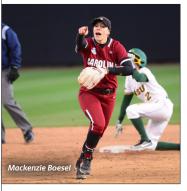
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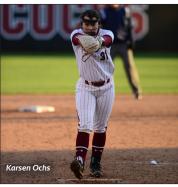
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SOFTBALL









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In a shortened 2020 spring season, the Gamecocks went 14-1 at home and finished the season ranked in the top-25 poll. It is the first time since 2001 that the program finished back-to-back seasons ranked nationally.

OVERALL RECORD: 17-6 CONFERENCE: 1-2

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

- For the fourth-straight year, South Carolina softball closed the season ranked in the top-25 polls. With a 17-6 record following the conclusion of the shortened season, Carolina closed the 2020 campaign at No. 15 in the USA Today/NFCA Coaches Poll and tied at No. 15 in the ESPN/ USA Softball Rankings.
- In home games, the team finished 14-1 overall.
- The Gamecocks have been ranked in every poll since Feb. 23, 2018. This marks the first time since 2001 Carolina opened and closed back-to-back seasons ranked while the four-straight years having appeared in the final coaches poll of the season is the longest streak in program history dating back to 1995 when the NFCA Coaches Poll started.
- Karsen Ochs was named SEC Freshman of the Week for her efforts in the Gamecock Invitational (3-0 record, complete game shutout vs. #8 Michigan).
- Kelsey Oh was named SEC Pitcher of the Week for her performance in the Carolina Classic (Feb. 7-9). She was 3-0 for the weekend with 22 strikeouts and just one extra-base hit allowed.
- Mackenzie Boesel and Kenzi Maguire were named 2020 Academic All-Americans, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). This marks the first time since 1989 Carolina has had multiple Academic All-America honors in the same year and just the second time ever. It's the fourth-straight year the Gamecocks have had at least one selection, the longest streak in program history.
- Boesel joins Ashley Smith (2003-06) as the only studentathletes in program history to be named Academic All-Americans three times. She's the first in Carolina's history to earn multiple first-team selections.
- South Carolina introduced its new state-of-the-art videoboard from Daktronics. The board features industry-leading through-hole LED technology at 13HD pixel spacing to provide exceptional image clarity and contrast. It measures 20.5 feet high by 36 feet wide and is capable of live video, instant replays, up-to-the-minute statistics, graphics and animations, and sponsorship messages.



SWIMMING AND DIVING - MEN'S



- Itay Goldfaden won the 100 breaststroke at the SEC Championships for the second year in a row. He is the first back-to-back SEC breaststroke champion since 16-17.
- Carolina had three CSCAA All-Americans in 2019-20, including Goldfaden (100 breaststroke), sophomore Lewis Burras (50 and 100 freestyle) and sophomore Anton Down-Jenkins (1-meter and 3-meter diving).
- Goldfaden was named first-team All-SEC while Burras earned second-team recognition after finishing third in the 50 freestyle.
- Down-Jenkins was named the SEC Male Diver of the Week twice this fall, after sweeping the 1-meter and 3-meter diving competitions against N.C. State, followed

Itay Goldfaden won the 100 breaststroke at the SEC championship for the second year in a row, and was one of three members of the men's program to earn CSCAA All-America honors in 2019-20.

SEC FINISH: NCAA FINISH: 10TH N/A

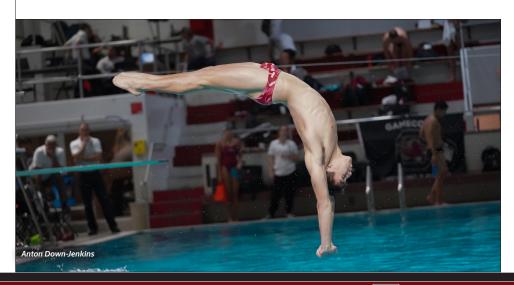
SUCCESS IN THE POOL





by the same results against North Carolina.

- While it was ultimately canceled, three Gamecocks qualified for the NCAA championships in five total events;
 Goldfaden, Burras and Down-Jenkins.
- Senior Lionel Khoo won a Gold medal for team Singapore at the 2019 Southeast Asian Games in the 50m
 Breaststroke with a record time of 28.15.



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SWIMMING AND DIVING - WOMEN'S



 Five members of the team earned invitations to the 2020 NCAA Championships; sophomore Hallie Kinsey, freshman Taylor Steele and seniors Albury Higgs, Christina Lappin and Emily Cornell. The Gamecocks also qualified to race in two relay events.

- Steele (100 breaststroke), Higgs (100 and 200 breaststroke), Kinsey (200 butterfly), Lappin (100 butterfly) and Cornell (200 freestyle) were named CSCAA All-Americans in the postseason.
- Steele was named to the SEC All-Freshman team after reaching the A-final of the 100 breaststroke in her first championship meet.
- Lappin broke the 100 butterfly school record at the Georgia Tech invite with a time of 52.43.

Five members of the team and two relay groups earned invitations to the NCAA Championships, which were ultimately cancelled due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus in March.

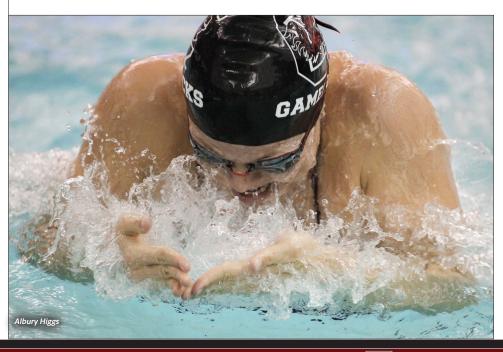
SEC FINISH: NCAA FINISH:

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SUCCESS IN THE POOL







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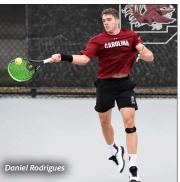
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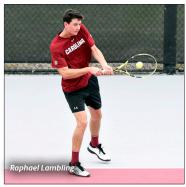
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TENNIS - MEN'S









The team earned its first berth in the ITA National Team Championships in 14 years during the indoor season, upsetting No. 19 Georgia to earn a bid. Paul Jubb clinched the 4-3 win with a three-set win on court one.

OVERALL RECORD: 9-5 CONFERENCE: 2-2

SUCCESS ON THE COURT

- Reigning NCAA individual champion Paul Jubb became the first Gamecock ever to win the ITA National Arthur Ashe, Jr., Leadership and Sportsmanship Award.
- The Gamecocks advanced to the ITA National Team Indoor Championships for the first time since 2006, knocking off #19 Georgia, 4-3. Jubb provided the clinching point with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-0 comeback on court one, ending a comeback that erased Georgia's 3-1 lead in the dual's team score.
- Three Gamecocks finished the shortened season ranked among the top 50 in singles Jubb (No. 40), Raphael Lambling (No. 45) and Daniel Rodrigues (No. 46). Lambling and Rodrigues combined to form the No. 30 doubles team in the country with Jubb and freshman Connor Thomson coming in at No. 41 in the final rankings.

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TENNIS - WOMEN'S







The group was on a hot streak entering conference play before the season was cut short from the outbreak of the Coronavirus. South Carolina had won five duals in a row, including four against SEC rivals all ranked in the top 50 nationally, before the season ended in early March.

OVERALL RECORD: 8-4 CONFERENCE: 4-0

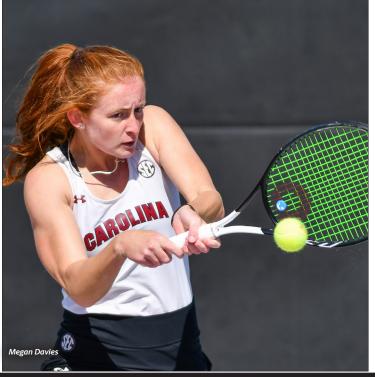
SUCCESS ON THE COURT

- **Emma Shelton** took home SEC Freshman of the Week honors in February.
- Shelton was also named the ITA Carolina Region Rookie of the Year, the first Gamecock to win the award since 2006.
- Megan Davies ended the season as the highest ranked Gamecock at No. 25 in singles and was ranked as high as 20th during the spring.
- Horvit held a No. 39 singles ranking and ascended as high as 25th.
- Shelton went undefeated in singles during the spring with an 11-0 record and ended the season with a careerhigh No. 92 ranking.
- The Gamecocks had two ranked doubles teams with Silvia Chinellato/Shelton topping the list at No. 24, and Davies/Horvit checking in at No. 77. Chinellato and Shelton were ranked as high as No. 12 in the spring.

- The Gamecocks' shortened season ended with South Carolina ranked No. 19 nationally.
- South Carolina was off to a 4-0 start in the SEC when the season ended, one of only two undefeated teams in the SEC through the first two weeks of conference play.
- The Gamecocks won their sixth match in a row over rival Clemson, matching the longest win streak in school history against the Tigers.
- Mia Horvit was named UTR/ITA National Player of the Week and SEC Player of the Week right before the season ended.

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TRACK AND FIELD - MEN'S



- **Eric Favors** became the Ireland Shot Put National record holder during the 2020 season, finishing his campaign with a personal best mark of 19.49m (63-11 ½), which propelled him to No. 3 in the South Carolina record book.
- The squad of Arinze Chance, EJ Richardson, Rivaldo Leacock and William Spencer Jr. posted the fifth-best time in program history in the men's 4x400m relay at the SEC Championships, helping them finish fourth and earn a trip to the NCAA Indoor Championships
- Six South Carolina Track and Field men were named Indoor All-Americans by the USTFCCCA in 2020.
- Quincy Hall (400m), Stephone Torrence (60m hurdles) and the men's 4x400m relay all were named All-Americans by the organization.
- Hall's All-America honor in the 400m is his second in two seasons at Carolina and his fifth total.
- Torrence's All-America honor is the first at the Division I.

While the team saw its indoor and outdoor championships canceled due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus, the men had five finalists at the SEC Indoor Championships and sent two individuals and a relay team to nationals.

SEC (INDOOR): NCAA FINISH: 11TH N/A

SUCCESS ON THE TRACK



level, and his personal best time of 7.73 is the ninth best in program history.

- Chance became a four-time All-American as a member of the men's 4x400m relay team while Rivaldo Leacock and freshmen EJ Richardson and William Spencer Jr. earned the honor for the first time in their careers.
- South Carolina had five different events reach the finals of the SEC Championships with Malik Paul (Weight Throw) Favors (Shot Put), Rayon Buttler (800m), Chance (400m) and the men's 4x400m relay (4th) all contributing to Carolina's team score.



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TRACK AND FIELD - WOMEN'S



- Hailey Sweatman broke the Gamecocks' school record in the indoor pole vault with her winning vault of 4.35m (14-3 1/4) at the South Carolina Invite.
- Sweatman was also named an All-American for the first time in her collegiate career after qualifying for the NCAA Indoor Championships for the first time at Carolina.
- **Stephanie Davis**' 37.10 in the 300m dash at the Clemson Opener was the third fastest time in program history and the 14th fastest time in collegiate history.
- The USTFCCCA announced the 2020 Indoor All-Americans with the Gamecocks earning Five All-American honors in three different events on the women's side. Davis was able to capture two honors, one in the 400m and the other as a member of the 4x400m relay team.
- Aliyah Abrams became a six-time All-American at South Carolina as a member of the women's 4x400m relay team, cementing her as one of the best track and field

While the indoor national championship and the entire outdoor season was canceled due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus, Stephanie Davis provided a highlight with a silver medal in the 400m at the SEC Championships. Her time was the fifth-fastest indoor quarter mile finish in program history.

SEC (INDOOR): NCAA FINISH: 11TH N/A

SUCCESS ON THE TRACK



athletes in recent South Carolina history.

- Freshman Pearl Nagbe and first-year team member
 Knowledge Omovoh became first-time All-Americans.
- Davis finished as the SEC runner-up at the 2020 SEC Indoor Championships in College Station, Texas. With the finish she was also named a member of the 2020 All-SEC Second Team. Her time of 52.15 is now the sixth fastest indoor 400m time in school history.
- Anna Kathryn Stoddard was able to etch her name on three different indoor program top 10 event lists. She ran the second fastest 5000m time, the third fastest 3000m time and the fifth fastest mile time during the indoor campaign.

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Courtney Koehler



- The Gamecocks finished the season at 20-12 overall and 11-7 in the SEC. The conference win total is the most since 2008, and this season marks the second year in a row with 20 wins after not achieving it since 2001-02.
- Prior to this, the program had never won 20 matches and a postseason contest in back-to-back seasons in its 47year history. Head coach **Tom Mendoza** is the first South Carolina head coach ever to win 20 games and make the postseason in their first two seasons as coach.
- Senior Mikayla Shields made program history, earning a spot on the American Volleyball Coaches Association's Division I All-America third team. Shields is the first Gamecock in the program's 47 seasons to make one of the three All-America teams. In the program's all-time history, Shields ranks in the top 10 in kills, attacks, hitting percentage and points, and cracked 1,500 career kills.
- Shields and Mikayla Robinson made the All-SEC team and also earned AVCA All-Southeast honors. Shields is the program's first three-time All-SEC honoree since 2006, Robinson collected her second all-conference honor.

South Carolina reached the NCAA Tournament for the second year in a row and defeated 10th-ranked Colorado State in the opening round. It was the highest-ranked opponent the Gamecocks defeated since Sept. 17, 2006, when it won against 6th-ranked Florida. It also clinched the program's first back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time since 2001-02.

OVERALL RECORD: 20-12 CONFERENCE:

SUCCESS ON THE COURT

- In SEC matches only, Robinson totaled 96 blocks, more than any conference rival despite the team playing the second-fewest sets (61) in SEC play. Those 96 blocks in conference matches only are more than any member of the program in the rally-scoring era, she also set the record for solo blocks (18).
- Senior Courtney Koehler surpassed Taylor Bruns' record for most assists in the rally-scoring era (since 2001), and against Auburn on Nov. 24 she passed 3,500 career assists. Only four other Gamecocks in the program's 47-year history have reached 3,500. The four-year starter finished her career ranked fourth in the program's alltime history for assists.
- Senior Claire Edwards finished her career on a high note, with her best season totals in kills, blocks, hitting percentage and service aces. The Columbia, S.C. native moved to sixth in career hitting percentage, third in solo blocks, fourth in total blocks and seventh in matches played in the rally-scoring era by the end of the season.





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