

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

2021-22 Women's Basketball

The University

Location Columbia, S.C.
Founded 1801
Enrollment 35,468
Nickname Gamecocks
Colors Garnet (PMS 202C) and Black
Home Court (Capacity) Colonial Life Arena (18,000)
Conference Southeastern
Interim President Dr. Harris Pastides
Faculty Athletics Representative Dr. Valinda Littlefield
Athletics Director Ray Tanner
SWA/WBB Administrator Maria Hickman

Team Information

2021-22 Overall Record 26-5
Home 10-1
Away 7-3
Neutral 9-1
SEC Record / Finish 14-2 / 2nd
Home 8-0
Away 6-2
Postseason SEC Tournament Champ
..... NCAA Final Four
Final National Rank (AP/USA Today) 6/4

Starters Returning/Lost 5/0
Letterwinners Returning/Lost 11/0
Newcomers 5

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Women's Basketball Staff

Head Coach Dawn Staley
Alma Mater Virginia, 1992
Overall Record / Seasons 503-183 (.733) / 21 seasons
School Record / Seasons 331-103 (.763) / 13 seasons
Associate Head Coach Lisa Boyer
Alma Mater Ithaca, 1979
Seasons at South Carolina 13
Assistant Coach Fred Chmiel
Alma Mater Excelsior, 2001
Seasons at South Carolina 5
Assistant Coach Jollette Law
Alma Mater Iowa, 1990
Seasons at South Carolina 4
Director of Basketball Operations Cynthia Jordan
Alma Mater Temple, 2004
Athletic Trainer Craig Oates
Sports Performance Coach Molly Binetti
Special Assistant to Head Coach Ariana Moore
Administrative Assistant Dianne Palmer
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Program History

First Year of Women's Basketball 1974-75
All-Time Overall Record 911-532 (.631) / 47 seasons
All-Time Record at Colonial Life Arena 231-67 (.775) / 19 seasons

NCAA Championships 1 (2017)
NCAA Appearances / Last 17 / 2021
NCAA Tournament Record 34-16
Last NCAA Result 2021 Final Four
L, 65-66 vs. Stanford, San Antonio, Texas
WNIT Appearances / Last 4 / 2011
WNIT Record 3-4

SEC Regular-Season Titles 5 (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020)
All-Time SEC Record 216-211 (.506) / 29 seasons
SEC Tournament Titles 6 (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021)
All-Time SEC Tournament Record 26-24
Conference Regular-Season Championships 10
(SEC – 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020;
Metro – 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991)

Roster Breakdown

Starters Returning (5)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	Asst.	Blk.	Stl.
1	Zia Cooke	G	5-9	Jr.	Toledo, Ohio	15.9	3.0	.390	.393	.772	62	1	28
3	Destanni Henderson	G	5-7	Sr.	Ft. Myers, Fla.	12.2	4.7	.430	.414	.764	157	5	39
4	Aliyah Boston	F	6-5	Jr.	St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.	13.7	11.5	.485	.265	.764	50	81	36
5	Victaria Saxton	F	6-2	Sr.	Rome, Ga.	8.9	5.8	.573	—	.628	14	45	37
12	Brea Beal	G	6-1	Jr.	Rock Island, Ill.	7.1	5.3	.426	.296	.574	33	24	27

Other Returning Letterwinners (6)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	Asst.	Blk.	Stl.
0	Olivia Thompson	G	5-8	Jr.	Lexington, S.C.	0.8	0.2	.353	.308	—	1	0	2
2	Eniya Russell	G	6-1	So.	Baltimore, Md.	2.7	0.9	.333	.200	.600	7	3	8
11	Destiny Littleton	G	5-9	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.	2.6	2.4	.328	.306	.800	21	2	9
15	Laeticia Amihere	F	6-4	Jr.	Mississauga, Ontario	6.8	5.5	.398	.000	.602	29	37	21
24	LeLe Grissett	G/F	6-2	Sr.	Durham, N.C.	6.7	4.2	.500	.333	.559	26	16	14
32	Elysa Wesolek	F	6-1	Sr.	Charleston, S.C.	0.4	1.1	.300	.000	.250	0	4	3

Newcomers (5)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
10	Kamilla Cardoso	C	6-7	So.	Montes Claros, Brazil/Syracuse
20	Sanja Feagin	F	6-3	Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga./Forest Park HS
23	Bree Hall	G	6-0	Fr.	Dayton, Ohio/Wayne HS
25	Raven Johnson	G	5-8	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake HS
44	Saniya Rivers	G	6-1	Fr.	Wilmington, N.c./Ashley HS

Starters Lost (0)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	Asst.	Blk.	Stl.
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Roster

Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
0	Olivia Thompson	G	5-8	Jr.	Lexington, S.C./Lexington
1	Zia Cooke	G	5-9	Jr.	Toledo, Ohio/Rogers
2	Eniya Russell	G	6-1	So.	Baltimore, Md./Saint Vincent Pallotti
3	Destanni Henderson	G	5-7	Sr.	Fort Myers, Fla./Fort Myers
4	Aliyah Boston	F	6-5	Jr.	St. Thomas, U.S.V.I./Worcester (Mass.) Academy
5	Victoria Saxton	F	6-2	Sr.	Rome, Ga./Model
10	Kamilla Cardoso	C	6-7	So.	Montes Claros, Brazil/Syracuse
11	Destiny Littleton	G	5-9	Sr.	San Diego, Calif./Texas
12	Brea Beal	G	6-1	Jr.	Rock Island, Ill./Rock Island
15	Laeticia Amihere	F	6-4	Jr.	Mississauga, Ontario, Canada/King's Christian Collegiate
20	Sania Feagin	F	6-3	Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga./Forest Park
23	Bree Hall	G	6-0	Fr.	Dayton, Ohio/Wayne
24	LeLe Grissett	G	6-2	Sr.	Durham, N.C./Hillside
25	Raven Johnson	G	5-8	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake
32	Elysa Wesolek	F	6-1	Sr.	Charleston, S.C./Northwood Academy
44	Saniya Rivers	G	6-1	Fr.	Wilmington, N.C./Ashley

Alphabetical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
15	Laeticia Amihere	F	6-4	Jr.	Mississauga, Ontario, Canada/King's Christian Collegiate
12	Brea Beal	G	6-1	Jr.	Rock Island, Ill./Rock Island
4	Aliyah Boston	F	6-5	Jr.	St. Thomas, U.S.V.I./Worcester (Mass.) Academy
10	Kamilla Cardoso	C	6-7	So.	Montes Claros, Brazil/Syracuse
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20	Sania Feagin	F	6-3	Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga./Forest Park
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23	Bree Hall	G	6-0	Fr.	Dayton, Ohio/Wayne
3	Destanni Henderson	G	5-7	Sr.	Fort Myers, Fla./Fort Myers
25	Raven Johnson	G	5-8	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake
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32	Elysa Wesolek	F	6-1	Sr.	Charleston, S.C./Northwood Academy

Head Coach: Dawn Staley (Virginia, 1992)

Associate Head Coach: Lisa Boyer (Ithaca, 1979)

Assistant Coaches: Fred Chmiel (Excelsior, 2001), Jolette Law (Iowa, 1990)

Director of Basketball Operations: Cynthia Jordan (Temple, 2004)

Athletic Trainer: Craig Oates

Sports Performance: Molly Binetti (Marquette, 2012)

By Eligibility

Seniors (5): LeLe Grissett, Destanni Henderson, Destiny Littleton, Victoria Saxton, Elysa Wesolek.

Juniors (5): Laeticia Amihere, Brea Beal, Aliyah Boston, Zia Cooke, Olivia Thompson.

Sophomores (2): Kamilla Cardoso, Eniya Russell.

Freshmen (4): Sania Feagin, Bree Hall, Raven Johnson, Saniya Rivers.

By Position

Guards (10): Brea Beal, Zia Cooke, LeLe Grissett, Bree Hall, Destanni Henderson, Raven Johnson, Destiny Littleton, Saniya Rivers, Eniya Russell, Olivia Thompson.

Forwards (5): Laeticia Amihere, Aliyah Boston, Sania Feagin, Victoria Saxton, Elysa Wesolek.

Centers (1): Kamilla Cardoso.

Pronunciations

Laeticia Amihere luh-TEE-shuh ah-ME-hear
 Brea Beal BREE
 Aliyah Boston uh-LEE-uh
 Kamilla Cardoso
 Zia Cooke ZY-uh
 Sania Feagin Suh-NYE-uh FAY-ghin
 LeLe Grissett LEE-lee grih-SET
 Destanni Henderson DES-tuh-nee
 Saniya Rivers Suh-NYE-uh
 Eniya Russell ih-NYE-uh
 Victoria Saxton vic-TAR-ee-uh
 Elysa Wesolek uh-LISS-uh WES-uh-leck

Fred Chmiel shuh-MEAL

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Schedule

Fri., Nov. 1	North Georgia (Exh.)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Tue., Nov. 5	Alabama State (SECN+)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 10	at Maryland (ESPN)	College Park, Md.	3 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 13	at Dayton	Dayton, Ohio	7 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 17	Appalachian State (SECN+)	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
Thu., Nov. 21	USC Upstate (SECN+)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 24	at Clemson (ACCN)	Clemson, S.C.	2 p.m.
<i>Paradise Jam</i>			
Thu., Nov. 28	vs. Indiana	St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.	8 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 29	vs. Washington State	St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.	8 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 30	vs. Baylor	St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.	8 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 7	at Temple	Philadelphia, Pa.	3 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 15	Purdue (SECN+)	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
Thu., Dec. 19	Duke (SECN)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 22	South Dakota (SECN+)	Columbia, S.C.	Noon
Thu., Jan. 2	Kentucky* (SECN)	Columbia, S.C.	7:40 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 5	at Alabama* (SECN)	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	6 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 9	Arkansas* (SECN+)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 12	at Vanderbilt* (SECN)	Nashville, Tenn.	5 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 16	at Missouri* (SECN)	Columbia, Mo.	8:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 20	Mississippi State* (ESPN2)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 26	at Georgia* (SECN)	Athens, Ga.	3 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 30	at Ole Miss* (SECN+)	Oxford, Miss.	8 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 2	Tennessee* (ESPN2)	Columbia, S.C.	1 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 6	at Arkansas* (SECN)	Fayetteville, Ark.	8:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 10	UConn (ESPN2)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 13	Auburn* (SECN)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 17	Vanderbilt* (SECN)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 20	LSU* (SECN+)	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 23	at Kentucky* (ESPN2 or SECN)	Lexington, Ky.	2 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 27	at Florida* (SECN+)	Gainesville, Fla.	6 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 1	Texas A&M* (ESPN2)	Columbia, S.C.	Noon
<i>SEC Tournament</i>			
Wed., Mar. 4	First Round (SECN)	Greenville, S.C.	TBA
Thu., Mar. 5	Second Round (SECN)	Greenville, S.C.	TBA
Fri., Mar. 6	Quarterfinals (SECN)	Greenville, S.C.	TBA
Sat., Mar. 7	Semifinals (ESPNU)	Greenville, S.C.	TBA
Sun., Mar. 8	Final (ESPN2)	Greenville, S.C.	TBA

* indicates SEC game

All Times Listed as Eastern and are subject to change

Television outlet listed in parentheses – SECN is SEC Network; SECN+ is SEC Network online via the ESPN app.

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2020-21 Stats – All Games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	26-5	10-1	7-3	9-1
CONFERENCE	14-2	8-0	6-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	12-3	2-1	1-1	9-1

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg										
01	Zia Cooke	31-31	994	32.1	179-459	.390	48-122	.393	88-114	.772	14	78	92	3.0	42	0	62	78	1	28	494	15.9		
04	Aliyah Boston	31-31	941	30.4	164-338	.485	13-49	.265	84-110	.764	127	230	357	11.5	88	0	50	49	81	36	425	13.7		
03	Destanni Henderson	31-31	1054	34.0	141-328	.430	41-99	.414	55-72	.764	24	122	146	4.7	34	0	157	88	5	39	378	12.2		
05	Victoria Saxton	31-30	725	23.4	114-199	.573	0-0	.000	49-78	.628	80	99	179	5.8	65	0	14	39	45	37	277	8.9		
12	Brea Beal	31-30	842	27.2	87-204	.426	16-54	.296	31-54	.574	46	117	163	5.3	57	0	33	31	24	27	221	7.1		
15	Laeticia Amihere	31-1	560	18.1	80-201	.398	0-10	.000	50-83	.602	67	102	169	5.5	66	1	29	71	37	21	210	6.8		
24	Lele Grissett	25-1	479	19.2	67-134	.500	1-3	.333	33-59	.559	57	48	105	4.2	55	1	26	38	16	14	168	6.7		
02	Eniya Russell	26-0	169	6.5	22-66	.333	4-20	.200	21-35	.600	3	21	24	0.9	21	0	7	15	3	8	69	2.7		
11	Destiny Littleton	28-0	324	11.6	19-58	.328	11-36	.306	24-30	.800	7	61	68	2.4	16	0	21	10	2	9	73	2.6		
00	Olivia Thompson	20-0	53	2.7	6-17	.353	4-13	.308	0-0	.000	2	3	5	0.3	3	0	1	4	0	2	16	0.8		
32	Elysa Wesolek	18-0	84	4.7	3-10	.300	0-3	.000	1-4	.250	7	12	19	1.1	12	0	0	2	4	3	7	0.4		
Team											72	58	130											
Total.....		31	6225		882-2014	.438	138-409	.337	436-639	.682	506	951	1457	47.0	459	2	400	436	218	224	2338	75.4		
Opponents.....		31	6225		708-1945	.364	125-454	.275	261-395	.661	328	682	1010	32.6	575	15	305	444	158	189	1802	58.1		

2020-21 Stats – SEC Games Only

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	14-2	8-0	6-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	14-2	8-0	6-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg		
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg										
01	Zia Cooke	16-16	499	31.2	91-243	.374	15-59	.254	52-68	.765	7	37	44	2.8	22	0	30	36	1	16	249	15.6		
04	Aliyah Boston	16-16	480	30.0	83-165	.503	6-25	.240	40-54	.741	62	134	196	12.3	43	0	27	27	57	17	212	13.3		
03	Destanni Henderson	16-16	551	34.4	74-164	.451	21-50	.420	23-26	.885	14	60	74	4.6	17	0	89	44	1	24	192	12.0		
05	Victoria Saxton	16-16	368	23.0	63-115	.548	0-0	.000	26-46	.565	45	51	96	6.0	32	0	4	16	22	23	152	9.5		
12	Brea Beal	16-15	398	24.9	50-107	.467	10-31	.323	19-30	.633	20	58	78	4.9	29	0	14	16	10	14	129	8.1		
24	LeLe Grissett	16-1	314	19.6	42-90	.467	1-2	.500	26-40	.650	39	26	65	4.1	34	0	13	27	11	7	111	6.9		
15	Laeticia Amihere	16-0	279	17.4	36-97	.371	0-3	.000	20-36	.556	33	40	73	4.6	31	0	13	40	17	15	92	5.8		
11	Destiny Littleton	13-0	149	11.5	11-25	.440	7-15	.467	8-10	.800	3	28	31	2.4	6	0	10	7	1	6	37	2.8		
02	Eniya Russell	16-0	94	5.9	10-38	.263	2-13	.154	12-20	.600	1	13	14	0.9	13	0	3	9	2	6	34	2.1		
00	Olivia Thompson	11-0	25	2.3	2-6	.333	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.3	2	0	1	2	0	2	6	0.5		
32	Elysa Wesolek	10-0	43	4.3	2-7	.286	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	3	6	9	0.9	5	0	0	2	0	1	4	0.4		
Team											37	36	73											
Total.....		16	3200		464-1057	.439	64-205	.312	226-330	.685	264	492	756	47.2	234	0	204	231	122	131	1218	76.1		
Opponents.....		16	3200		375-1011	.371	66-210	.314	145-216	.671	162	363	525	32.8	302	7	145	233	78	101	961	60.1		

2020-21 Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/25/20	COL. OF CHARLESTON	W	119-38	3500
@ 11/28/20	vs South Dakota	W	81-71	0
@ 11/29/20	vs #21/20 Gonzaga	W	79-72	0
12/03/20	#8/6 NC STATE	L	46-54	3500
< 12/06/20	at #23/18 Iowa State	W	83-65	864
12/17/20	TEMPLE	W	103-41	3500
* 12/31/20	FLORIDA	W	75-59	3500
* 01/04/21	at Alabama	W	77-60	637
* 01/10/21	at #10/8 Kentucky	W	75-70	1200
* 01/14/21	at Vanderbilt	W	106-43	24
* 01/18/21	#15/16 ARKANSAS	W	104-82	3500
* 01/21/21	#22/23 GEORGIA	W	62-50	3500
* 01/24/21	at LSU	W	69-65	918
* 01/28/21	at #21/19 Mississippi State	W	75-52	1000
* 01/31/21	ALABAMA	W	87-63	3500
* 02/04/21	at Auburn	W	77-58	608
02/08/21	at #2/5 UConn	Lot	59-63	0
* 02/11/21	MISSOURI	W	77-62	3500
* 02/14/21	LSU	W	66-59	3500
* 02/18/21	at #21/21 Tennessee	L	67-75	2512
* 02/21/21	#17/17 KENTUCKY	W	76-55	3500
* 02/25/21	OLE MISS	W	68-43	3500
* 02/28/21	at #3/3 Texas A&M	L	57-65	2700
^ 03/05/21	vs Alabama	W	75-63	2409
^ 03/06/21	vs #14/16 Tennessee	W	67-52	2662
^ 03/07/21	vs #16/21 Georgia	W	67-62	2872
\$ 03/21/21	vs Mercer	W	79-53	0
\$ 03/23/21	vs Oregon St.	W	59-42	0
\$ 03/28/21	vs Georgia Tech	W	76-65	0
\$ 03/30/21	vs Texas	W	62-34	0
\$ 04/02/21	vs #2/2 Stanford	L	65-66	0

@ = Bad Boy Mowers Crossover Classic (Sioux Falls, S.D.)

< = SEC/Big 12 Challenge

* = SEC game

^ = SEC Tournament (Greenville, S.C.)

\$ = NCAA Tournament (San Antonio, Texas)