

# SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETICS

2021-22 Report

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**ALL-AMERICANS** 

47

**ALL-CONFERENCE HONOREES** 

#### **GAMECOCKS IN THE NATIONAL POLLS**

Women's Basketball: 1st (Unanimous) Beach Volleyball: 19th Women's Golf: 3rd Women's Soccer: 10th Women's Indoor Track and Field: 18th Women's Outdoor Track and Field: 23rd Men's Tennis: 10th Women's Tennis: 28th Women's Swimming and Diving: 25th



#### **INDIVIDUAL MAJOR AWARD WINNERS**

#### ALIYAH BOSTON - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Honda Cup Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year Unanimous player of the year (Naismith, Wooden, AP, USBWA) SEC Female Athlete of the Year Lisa Leslie Center of the Year Award Naismith National Defensive Player of the Year

SEC Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year

#### **DAWN STALEY - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Naismith, WBCA and USBWA National Coach of the Year honors.

#### **SHANE BEAMER - FOOTBALL**

Steve Spurrier First-Year Coach of the Year Award

#### KALEN ANDERSON - WOMEN'S GOLF

SEC Coach of the Year

**BROOKE SCHULTZ - WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING** 

SEC Diver of the Year

#### **SARAH HAMNER - WOMEN'S TENNIS**

SEC Freshman of the Year ITA Carolina Region Rookie of the Year **DANIEL RODRIGUES - MEN'S TENNIS** 

ITA Carolina Region Senior Player of the Year

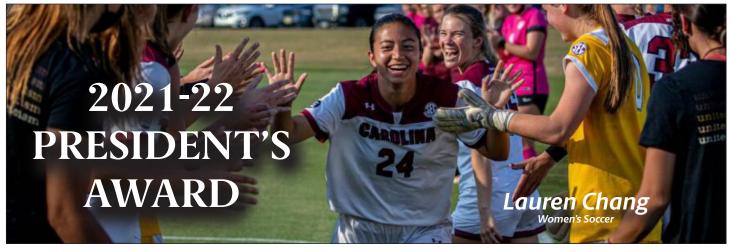
JOSH GOFFI - MEN'S TENNIS

ITA Carolina Region Coach of the Year

#### **DAVID OLDS - MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD**

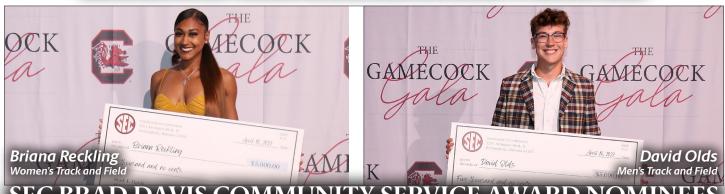
SEC Brad Davis Community Service Award



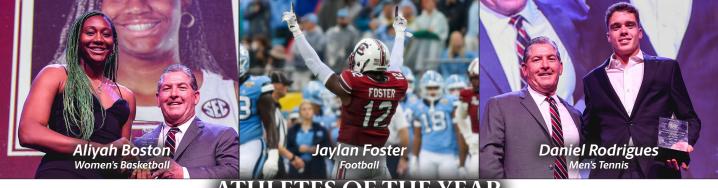




#### SEC H. BOYD MCWHORTER AWARD NOMINEES



#### SEC BRAD DAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES



ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



#### **GAMECOCK GALA HONOREES**















#### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



FALL HONOR ROLL 120\*^

WINTER HONOR ROLL

90\*

SPRING HONOR ROLL

**156**\*^

**1ST-YEAR HONOR ROLL** 

101^

\* - Department Record || ^ - SEC Leader

- For the 2021-22 academic year, South Carolina saw five individuals recognized as Academic All-Americans: Aliyah Boston (Women's Basketball, 1st team), Lauren Chang (Women's Soccer, 2nd team), Sarah Eskew (Women's Soccer, 3rd team), Daniel Rodrigues (Men's Tennis, 2nd team) and Sean Petersen (Men's Track and Field, 3rd team)
- Along with 1st-team all-america honors, Boston also earned All-America Team Member of the Year for the second consecutive season.
- Among SEC rivals, the Gamecocks led the conference in honorees in the Fall, Spring and 1st-Year Academic Honor Rolls. In total, South Carolina enjoyed department records for number of honorees in the fall (120), winter (90), and spring (156) honor rolls.
- South Carolina's student-athletes reached a departmental grade point average above 3.0 for the 30th-straight semester, concluding the fall 2021 term with a mark of 3.245 and 16 of 18 teams posting a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- The department named 67 student-athletes to the President's List for earning a 4.0 GPA in the fall.
- Women's soccer (3.733) earned the highest team GPA in the fall semester and its fourth-highest team GPA on record.

- The spring 2022 semester concluded with a grade point average of 3.240 across the department. Women's golf (3.781) earned the highest team GPA in the spring semester. Overall, 15 of 18 teams posted a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- In the spring, equestrian (3.655) earned its second-highest program GPA on record, women's soccer (3.750) earned its fourth-highest program GPA, women's golf (3.781) and men's soccer (3.590) earned its fifth-highest program GPA, and women's basketball (3.298) earned its sixth-highest program GPA on record.
- 74 student-athletes to the President's List for earning a 4.0 GPA in the spring.
- To date, eleven Gamecock athletic squads have met the 3.0 standard for all 31 semesters of the department's current streak equestrian, men's golf, women's golf, men's soccer, women's soccer, softball, women's swimming and diving, men's tennis, women's tennis, women's track and field and volleyball. Beach volleyball has made a 3.0 GPA or better for all 18 semesters of the sport's existence at South Carolina.

#### TEAM ACADEMIC AWARDS

#### **BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award

#### CROSS COUNTRY

United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic Team

#### MEN'S GOLF

Golf Coaches Association of America All-Academic Team

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

Golf Coaches Association of America All-Academic Team

#### MEN'S TENN

Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team

#### VOLLEYBALL

American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award

"The term 'Student-Athletes' has special meaning at the University of South Carolina. The drive to excel on the playing fields and courts are only matched by the determination to stand out in the classroom and reach the ultimate goal of graduation."

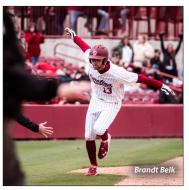
ATHLETICS DIRECTOR RAY TANNER

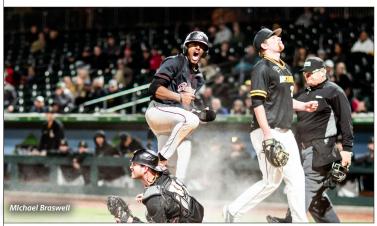


#### **BASEBALL**









South Carolina earned series wins over No. 1 Texas and No. 4 Vanderbilt and won five total games over teams that advanced to the College World Series (2 vs. Texas, 2 vs. Ole Miss, 1 vs. Texas A&M). The Gamecocks played the ninth-hardest schedule based on RPI rankings.

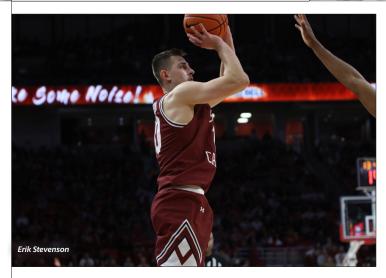
OVERALL RECORD: 27-28 CONFERENCE: 13-17

- Fifth-year senior Brandt Belk was named to the All-SEC Second Team after leading the Gamecocks with a .340 batting average to go along with 43 runs scored, 10 doubles, a triple, six home runs and 38 RBI. Belk hit .350 in SEC games and had a 24-game hitting streak from March 8-April 22.
- Freshman Michael Braswell was named to the SEC All-Freshman team after hitting .284 with 29 runs scored, nine doubles, two triples, two home runs and 27 RBI in 54 games played. Braswell had a 16-game hitting streak to start the season and made seven appearances on the mound, striking out nineand recording three saves.
- Redshirt freshman Cade Austin was named a Freshman All-American by Collegiate Baseball. Austin made a teamhigh 27 appearances and was 5-2 with a 3.17 ERA, two saves and 55 strikeouts in 54 innings pitched. Austin lowered his ERA to 2.84 in SEC games and had 32 strikeouts in 31.2 innings in conference contests.
- Head Coach Mark Kingston earned his 400th career win in a victory over North Florida on April 12.
- Carolina finished fifth in the country in attendance as 215,212 fans entered Founders Park this season. The Gamecocks also were sixth in average attendance at 6,522 per game.
- Four current Gamecocks and one member of the 2022 recruiting class were selected in 2022 MLB First-Year Player Draft. James Hicks (Baltimore) and Josiah Sightler (Pittsburgh) were both were selected in the 15th round, Braylen Wimmer went to the Philadelphia Phillies in the 18th round and Noah Hall was picked by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 20th round.





#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**



- Lamont Paris, who has been a part of nine tournament teams and 17 twenty-win seasons as a college head and assistant coach, was named USC's 33rd head coach on March 24. Paris is the first African-American head coach in the history of the Gamecock men's basketball program. Paris comes to Carolina after five seasons as the head coach at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, coaching the Mocs to an 87-72 overall record (.547), including a 65-29 mark the last three seasons. During the 2021-22 season, he led the Mocs to their first Southern Conference title and NCAA berth since 2016. Chattanooga finished the season with a 27-8 mark.
- The Gamecocks finished the 2021-22 season with an 18-13 overall record, 9-9 in the SEC. Carolina finished in a tie for 5th in the SEC and was seeded 7th in the SEC Tournament.
- Carolina had three Quad 1 wins, defeating LSU, 77-75, at Colonial Life Arena and knocking off Texas A&M, 74-63, and Vanderbilt, 72-70, on the road.

The Gamecocks scored over 100 points in wins over Allen and Army, marking the first time since 1995-96 that the team scored in triple digits multiple times in a single season.



- For the first time in program history since joining the SEC in 1992, South Carolina won four-straight league games in the month of February with wins at Georgia (Feb. 12), at Ole Miss (Feb. 15), vs. LSU (Feb. 19) and vs. Mississippi State (Feb. 23).
- Carolina scored 110 points vs. Allen and 105 points in a 30-point rout vs. Army, marking the first time since 1995-96 the team has scored 100 or more on multiple occasions.
- Senior Erik Stevenson finished the season with 61 made free throws on 62 attempts, good for a 98.4 free throw percentage. That success rate shatters the program's single-season record of 93.0, set by Brenton Williams in 2014.
- As a team, the Gamecocks ranked 17th nationally in blocks per game (5.1) and 10th in offensive rebounds per game (13.0).
- Devin Carter was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team, averaging 9.0 points and 3.8 rebounds per game.



#### **COACHING STAFF**

Frank Martin Chuck Martin Will Bailey Brian Steele

Head Coach Associate Head Coach Assistant Coach Assistant Coach



#### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**



Brea Beal



- South Carolina was ranked No. 1 in both polls every week
  of the 2021-22 season, sealing the streak by winning the
  NCAA Championship with a 64-49 win over UConn. It was
  the second national championship for the Gamecocks
  with both coming in the last five NCAA Tournaments.
- Carolina won the SEC regular season championship with a 15-1 conference mark, two games better than secondplace LSU. It was the sixth regular season title for the Gamecocks in the last eight seasons.
- The Gamecocks led the nation with a school-record 14 wins over ranked opponents this season, including six over top-10 foes.

South Carolina proved it was the best by beating the best in 2021-22, defeating all 14 ranked opponents it faced during the regular season and tournament play. Of those 14 wins, six came against teams ranked in the top 10 of the national polls.

OVERALL RECORD: 36-2 CONFERENCE: 15-1

#### **SUCCESS ON THE COURT**

- Carolina's 36 wins were a new school record as were the team's 1,771 rebounds, 635 offensive rebounds, 1,135 defensive rebounds, 47.9 rebounds per game and +17.7 rebounding margin. The defensive effort set a school record by allowing opponents 50.7 points per game.
- Junior Aliyah Boston was the unanimous National Player
  of the Year, the second Gamecock in the last five seasons
  to earn that title. She became the first player to win both
  the Naismith Trophy for player of the year and Naismith
  Defensive Player of the Year. She also picked up the Lisa
  Leslie Award for the third time in as many seasons.
- Head coach Dawn Staley captured Naismith, WBCA and USBWA National Coach of the Year honors.
- Boston was named Most Outstanding Player at the NCAA
   Final Four and the NCAA Greensboro Regional. At the
   Final Four, Destanni Henderson and Zia Cooke joined
   her on the All-Tournament Team. Henderson made the
   Regional All-Tournament Team as well.
- In addition to Boston unanimously earning First-Team All-America status, Destanni Henderson was a third-team selection by USBWA and Zia Cooke picked up honorable mention recognition from the Associated Press.
- Boston was the SEC Player of the Year for the first time in her career and the SEC Defensive Player of the Year for the third time in as many seasons. Henderson joined her on the All-SEC First Team. Cooke picked up second-team honors. Staley was named SEC Coach of the Year.





#### **BEACH VOLLEYBALL**



The Gamecocks finished the 2022 season with a 20-12 overall record and finished 5th in the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association.

- South Carolina's sweep of Erskine on April 20 locked in the team's sixth 20-win season in program history. Counting only completed seasons the six seasons have come all in a row, starting back in 2016. During this run, the program's overall record stands at 125-73 (.628).
- Head coach Moritz Moritz earned his 150th career win vs. College of Charleston on April 9, 2022.
- Carolina finished the season ranked #19 in the final AVCA Collegiate Rankings. The squad reached as high as 14th in the middle of March and never fell out of the Top 20.
- Carolina has been ranked in 62 consecutive AVCA polls, dating back to March of 2017. Marquee Carolina victories this season came against No. 11 Florida Atlantic, No. 15 Pepperdine, No. 20 Florida Gulf Coast and No. 20 Tulane.
- Carolina was led by freshman Lauren Wilcock, sophomore Hannah Mackenhausen, junior Kaeli Crews and senior Jordan Smith. All four posted 20+ wins during the season and had winning records against ranked opponents.

WIth a 20-12 mark in 2022, South Carolina now has reached at least 20 wins in each of the last six completed seasons, dating back to 2016. In that period of time, the program's winning percentage comes in at .628.

OVERALL RECORD: 20-12 **CONFERENCE:** 

#### **SUCCESS ON THE SAND**





- Wilcock's team-high 24 wins as an individual put her just three behind Macie Tendrich's single-season program record of 27 victories.
- Wilcock made the CCSA's five-woman All-Freshman team, making her just the third Gamecock in program history to make the list. On the CCSA's All-Academic team, four more individuals were honored: Skylar Allen, Whitley Ballard. Kaeli Crews and Jordan Smith. It's the most individuals ever to make the cut for South Carolina.
- Jordan Smith won her 50th career match on April 15, defeating Coastal Carolina. She is the ninth Gamecock in program history to reach 50 wins and passed Macie Tendrich's record for fastest road to 50 wins. Tendrich previously reached it in 68 games, Smith needed only 65.



#### **COACHING STAFF**

Moritz Moritz Head Coach RJ Abella Assistant Coach/ Recruiting Coord. Megan Widener Volunteer Assistant Coach



#### **EQUESTRIAN**



- Trinity Hammerschmidt and Maya Clarkson were named to the postseason All-SEC team on the Flat; sophomore Emma Lane earned All-SEC distinction in Reining; Sophie Mitchell made the All-Freshman team on the Flat and in Fences; Kendalynne Herlocker and Tierney Horton took spots on the All-Freshman Horsemanship team and Chloe VanStone made the All-Freshman Reining team.
- South Carolina upset then-No. 4 Georgia in the final SEC regular season meet in a 10-9 decision.
- Maya Clarkson was named the February SEC Rider of the Month on the flat after going 4-0.
- Senior Sloane Vogt was named the February NCEA Standout Student Athlete of the Month.
- Alice Kass was named the March SEC Rider of the Month on the flat with a 2-0 performance and a program season best score of 89.5.

South Carolina upset No. 4 Georgia in its final meet of the SEC regular season, finishing with a 10-9 score over the Bulldogs.

OVERALL RECORD: 2-11
CONFERENCE: 1-5





- In the SEC Championships, junior Jordan Allen earned MOP honors in fences in both meets she competed in.
   In the meet against Georgia, she scored a 275 which tied the Championship record score in the event.
- Jordan Allen was named to the SEC All-Championship team in fences and sophomore Emma Lane was named to the SEC All-Championship team in reining.
- Sloane Vogt received the SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year award for her accomplishments in the classroom.
- Trinity Hammerschmidt made the Second Team All-America list for her standout performance on the flat this season. She was the lone Gamecock to earn All-America honors.





#### **FOOTBALL**

Bowl. The total is also a program record for most yards in a bowl game. OVERALL RECORD: 7-6 CONFERENCE:





- The Gamecocks finished the season with a 7-6 overall record. Shane Beamer was named the co-winner of the Steve Spurrier First-Year Coach of the Year Award by the Football Writers Association of America.
- South Carolina defeated North Carolina, 38-21, to win the Duke's Mayo Bowl on Dec. 30 in Charlotte. Dakereon Joyner was named the game's MVP after completing all 9 of his passes for 160 yards and a touchdown, and rushing for 64 yards on 10 carries.
- Carolina had a season and bowl game high 543 yards of total offense in the Mayo Bowl win, 301 on the ground and 242 in the air. The previous high in a bowl game was 512 vs. Houston in the 2006 Liberty Bowl.

SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

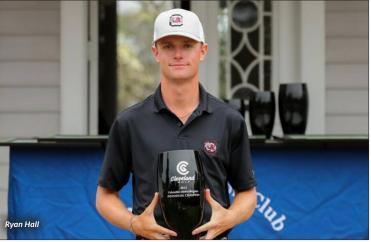
South Carolina's offense saved its best for last, piling up a season-high 543 yards of total offense in a 38-21 rout of North Carolina in the Duke's Mayo

- Five members of the squad were recognized on the Pro Football Focus All-SEC squad. Kingsley "JJ" Enagbare was named to the first team as a defensive end, tight end Jaheim Bell and cornerback Cam Smith earned secondteam honors, placekicker Parker White was named to the third team and wide receiver Josh Vann earned honorable mention status.
- Senior defensive back Jaylan Foster was named secondteam Walter Camp All-American and the AP, SEC Coaches and USA Today All-SEC first team. He led the team in tackles with 90, had five interceptions, four tackles for loss, a pair of sacks, two pass breakups, two forced fumbles and a quarterback hurry.
- Sophomore defensive back Cam Smith was named second-team All-SEC by the Associated Press. He had 41 total tackles along with 11 pass breakups and three interceptions.
- Placekicker Parker White became the Gamecocks' alltime leader in scoring (368 points) and games played (59).
- Three Gamecocks were selected in the 2022 NFL Draft -Enagbare (Green Bay, 5th Round), Kevin Harris (New England, 6th Round) and Nick Muse (Minnesota, 7th Round).





#### **MEN'S GOLF**





Senior Evans Lewis finished fifth overall at the NCAA Regional in Norman, Oklahoma, punching his ticket to compete as an individual at the NCAA championship.

SEC FINISH: 11TH NCAA REGIONAL: 6TH

#### **SUCCESS ON THE COURSE**

- Carolina finished the season with a 6th place finish in the NCAA Norman (Oklahoma) Regional. The Gamecocks missed out on an NCAA Championship bid by six strokes in the regional. Redshirt senior Evans Lewis earned an NCAA Championship individual bid with a fifth place finish in Norman.
- Carolina finished the season ranked 26th in the final Golfstat Team Rankings. Junior Ryan Hall was the Gamecocks highest ranked player, coming in at 44th. Jack Wall came in at 72nd, rounding out the Gamecock golfers in the Top 100.
- Carolina has won three tournaments this season, including two in the spring. The team won the Cleveland Golf Palmetto Intercollegiate, March 7-8, then claimed a share of the team title (with East Tennessee) at the Hootie at Bulls Bay Intercollegiate, March 27-29. Ryan Hall and Jack Wall finished 1-2 on the individual leaderboard at the Cleveland Golf Intercollegiate.
- In its first tournament of the season, the Gamecocks took the title in the J.T. Poston Invitational, held Sept. 27-28. Carolina finished two shots ahead of second-place
- Middle Tennessee. The Gamecocks had five golfers finish in the Top 25.





#### **WOMEN'S GOLF**



South Carolina won a program-record five tournaments in the 2021-22 season, highlighted by the ANNIKA Intercollegiate and a field of 11 teams that were in the 2021 NCAA tournament field.

SEC CHAMPIONSHIP: 3RD NCAA REGIONAL: 4TH NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP: 14TH

#### **SUCCESS ON THE COURSE**

- Carolina finished 14th in the NCAA Championships, held in Scottsdale, Arizona. The Gamecocks finished nine strokes out of the 8-team match play portion of the championship. Carolina shot a 288 in the fourth round, which was the best fourth round among the field, and tied for fifth among the best round of the tournament for all teams.
- Carolina's top finisher in the individual scores for the NCAA Championships was Mathilde Claisse, who tied for 40th with a 297 score.
- The Gamecocks finished the season ranked 4th in the final Golfstat Rankings, the highest ranking of any SEC team. Carolina had four golfers ranked in the Top 100 of the final Golfstat Rankings – freshman Hannah Darling (10th), freshman Louise Rydvist (46th), sophomore Mathilde Claisse (53rd) and senior Worapitcha Anudit (77th).
- The Gamecocks won a program-record five tournaments this season: the Wolfpack Match Play, the Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic, the Valspar Invitational, the 2021 ANNIKA and the 2021 Landfall Tradition.





#### **MEN'S SOCCER**



The Gamecocks will compete in the Sun Belt for the 2022 season, after being a member of Conference USA since 2005.

- Peter Clement was named to the All-Conference USA Second Team. The co-captain was tied for the Gamecocks' lead in goals (4), assists (3) and points (11).
- Logan Frost was named to the All-Conference USA Third Team. Frost tied Clement for the team lead in goals (4), assists (3) and points (11). Frost led the team in shots (28) and shots on goal (11).
- Harrison Myring was named to the Conference USA All-Freshman Team. He put up 18 shots and eight shots on goal in eight appearances.
- South Carolina led Conference USA in average home attendance, drawing 1,622 fans per game in 11 contests.

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OVERALL RECORD: 5-9-2 CONFERENCE:









#### **WOMEN'S SOCCER**



- Carolina advanced to the NCAA Championship Elite 8 for the fifth time in the last eight seasons.
- The Gamecocks defeated North Carolina, 1-0, in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. It was the Tar Heels first loss in the opening round in the 40-year history of the NCAA Tournament. Carolina went on to defeat Hofstra, 3-0, and Penn State, 2-0, in the following rounds before falling at BYU.
- Ryan Gareis was taken with the sixth pick in the fourth round of the National Women's Soccer League College Draft by the Houston Dash. Gareis was the 44th overall pick in the draft, the third Gamecock ever to be taken in the NWSL draft.
- For the third consecutive season, the South Carolina women's soccer program had multiple players selected to the United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-South Region team. Jyllissa Harris was also named a Scholar All-American. Harris was named to the All-Region First Team and the All-America Second Team, while forward Ryan Gareis and goalkeeper Heather Hinz were named to the All-Region Second Team.

For the fifth time in eight seasons, South Carolina women's soccer made it to the Elite 8 in the NCAA tournament. The Gamecocks scored shutouts in the first two rounds before losing at BYU.

OVERALL RECORD: 15-7-1

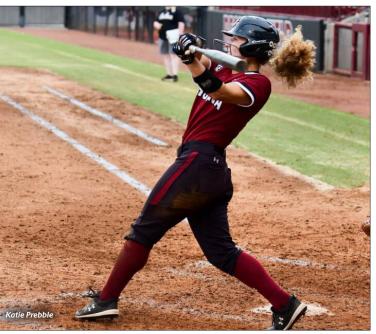


- Senior Jyllissa Harris was named to the All-SEC first team by the league's coaches.
- Three players were selected to the United Soccer Coaches All-Southeast Region team. Defender Jyllissa Harris was named to the first team, while forward Ryan Gareis and goalkeeper Heather Hinz were named to the third
- Lauren Chang became the program's all-time leader in matches played (106), hitting the mark against Tennessee on Oct. 10.





#### SOFTBALL



Jordan Fabian

Outfielder Katie Prebble hit 14 home runs to lead the offense; it is the second-highest single season total in program history. Her 29 career home runs at South Carolina rank fourth.

OVERALL RECORD: CONFERENCE: 26-30

- The Gamecocks earned three wins over nationally ranked teams: #24 UCF, #15 Georgia and beat #19 Auburn 10-7 in 11 innings.
- The 10 home runs by Katie Prebble through her first 24 games were the most by any Gamecock in recorded history (since 1982). Prebble finished the season with 14 round-trippers to wrap up her career at South Carolina with 29 home runs, tied for fourth in program history.
- Prebble's 14 home runs is the second-highest total for a single season in program history.
- The 17 stolen bases by senior Jordan Fabian were the most since Samie Garcia (18) in 2013. As a team, South Carolina's 62 steals are the most since the 2013 team.
- Joyce Compton, who coached the Gamecocks for 24 years, had her jersey retired in April. Compton took the Gamecocks to the Women's College World Series twice and to the NCAA Tournament 13 times.





#### SWIMMING AND DIVING



 Graduate diver Brooke Schultz was named Co-SEC Diver of the Year. She is the first person in women's program history to be awarded an Athlete of the Year by the SEC.

- Schultz was named SEC Diver of the Meet for her sweep of the springboard titles at SEC Championships. She set both a new school record and a new pool record in the 3-meter dive with a score of 407.30, breaking the previous record that had been in place since 2015.
- Three Gamecocks made appearances on the All-SEC teams

   First Team: Brooke Schultz, Second Team: Manny Vazquez

   Bas, Freshman Team: Michael Laitarovsky
- Junior Emma Alexander and Graduate AJ Ross were both named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team.
- Junior Manny Vazquez Bas earned a bronze medal in the platform dive at SECs, setting a new school record in the event. His score of 403.95 broke the previous record of 386.05 that had been in place since 2017.
- Freshman Michael Laitarovsky lowered his own school record in the 100 back during a preliminary heat at the SEC Championships, shaving over half a second off his previous

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MEN'S SEC FINISH: MEN'S NCAA FINISH: WOMEN'S SEC FINISH: WOMEN'S NCAA FINISH:

SUCCESS IN THE POOL

time for a new record of 46.17.

10TH

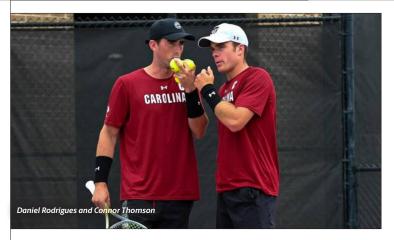
10TH

- Sophomore Bella Pantano also broke her own school record in the 100 back at SEC Championships. She swam a 53.32 leadoff spilt in the women's 400 medley relay for the new mark.
- Junior Patrick Groters set a new school record in the 200 IM during the SEC Championships. He swam a 1:43.77 in the finals to break the previous record that had been in place since 2018.
- Senior Mari Kraus qualified for the NCAA Championships with her fourth-place finish in the 200 back at SEC Championships. She swam a 1:53.11 in the A-final to earn the automatic qualification.
- Schultz qualified for the NCAA Championships in both the 1-meter and 3-meter dives. She placed third in the 1-meter at Zone B Championships and won the 3-meter event. Her 12-dive score of 752.70 in the 3-meter set a new school record by 30 points. The previous record had been in place since 2015. Schultz earned All-American Honorable Mention honors at the NCAA Championships for her 9th place finish in the 1-meter dive.
- Vazquez Bas qualified for the NCAA Championships on both the 3-meter springboard and platform dive events.
   At Zone B Championships, Vazquez placed fourth in the platform, setting a new 12-dive record of 776.70. He added 85 points to the previous record that had been in place since 2015.





#### **MEN'S TENNIS**



- South Carolina was the No. 10 seed in the NCAA Championships and hosted the first and second round of the tournament. The Gamecocks advanced to the Round of 16 in the NCAA Championships for the second consecutive year.
- Junior Daniel Rodrigues was the No. 2 overall seed in the NCAA Singles Championships. He advanced to the Round of 16 and was named an All-American for his efforts.
- Rodrigues and sophomore Connor Thomson received an atlarge bid to the NCAA Doubles championship and advanced to the semifinal round, the furthest a Gamecock doubles pair has ever advanced.
- The Gamecocks' 10-2 conference record during the regular season is the best finish in program history.
- The Gamecocks defeated Texas A&M 6-1 at home for their final home game of the season, marking the first time the Gamecocks defeated the Aggies in Columbia.
- South Carolina finished the season with a 17-0 record at home, the first perfect home season since 1986.

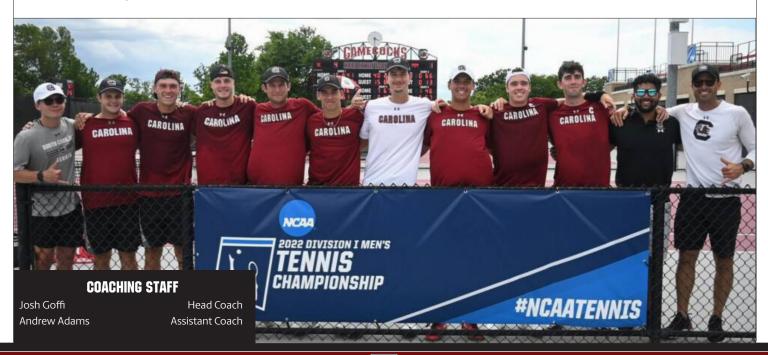
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OVERALL RECORD: 17-10 CONFERENCE:

SUCCESS ON THE COURT



- The Gamecocks finished the season ranked No. 10 in the nation, the highest team ranking since 1989.
- The Gamecocks have finished in the top-25 every season since 2017, the longest streak in program history.
- South Carolina took down No. 1 Tennessee on the road. 4-3. Sophomore Connor Thomson came back from being down 0-6, 0-3 to clinch the match against the top-ranked team.
- Rodrigues was named the ITA Senior Player of the Year for the Carolina Region and earned a 27-5 singles record with 20 wins over ranked opponents.





#### **WOMEN'S TENNIS**

- The team made its 27th consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance and defeated then-No. 32 Iowa State 4-0 to advance to the Round of 32.
- Freshman Sarah Hamner and junior Ayana Akli were selected to the NCAA Singles Championship. Hamner was seeded No. 6 and Akli was an at-large selection.
- Hamner advanced to Round of 32 in the NCAA Singles Championship after defeating her opponent from UCSB in straight sets.
- Hamner was one of four women's tennis players in the nation selected as finalist for the 2022 Honda Sport Award for Tennis.
- Hamner was named the ITA Carolina Region Rookie of the Year. She is the fourth player in program history to receive this honor. Adding to her accolades, Hamner was named an ITA All-American in singles.
- The No. 28 Gamecocks had final ITA National individual rankings in No. 4 Hamner, No. 59 Akli, No. 45 Hamner/Misa Malkin, No. 49 Hamner/Megan Davies and No. 79 Davies/ Gracie Mulville.
- Final Carolina Regional rankings were earned by No. 1
   Hamner and No. 13 Akli. The Gamecocks finished No. 5 in the region as a team.
- After becoming the first Gamecock since 2009 to have at least 30 wins in a season and tying the second-best program record for wins in a season with 35 in singles, Hamner was named the SEC Freshman of the Year and made the All-SEC First Team and the SEC All-Freshman Team.

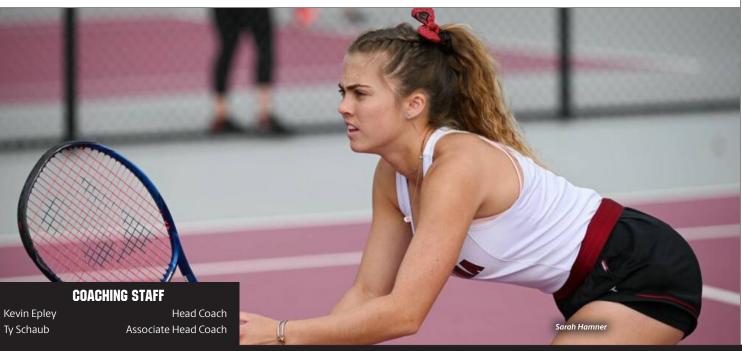
Freshman Sarah Hamner earned SEC Freshman of the Year honors and also earned the ITA Region Rookie of the Year award, following a debut season where she won 35 singles matches - the second-most in a season in program history.

OVERALL RECORD: 12-12 CONFERENCE: 7-6

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- Akli was also named to the All-SEC First Team, finishing the season with the second most singles wins on the Gamecock squad with 29, 16 of which came against ranked opponents.
- Junior Elise Mills received two ITA Carolina Region honors in the Cissie Leary Sportsmanship award and the
  Arthur Ashe Leadership & Sportsmanship Award. They
  are awarded to an upperclassmen who excels on and
  off the courts as a leader and is a dedicated teammate.







#### TRACK AND FIELD

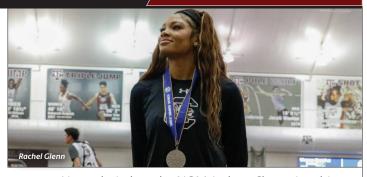


- The Gamecock's had three First Team All-American performances at the NCAA Outdoor Championships at the beginning of June; Rachel Glenn took third overall in the high jump, marking her fourth top-three finish at an NCAA Championship meet in the high jump. The sophomore cleared 1.86m/6-1.25 to take home a bronze medal. The First Team All-America honor from this year's outdoor high jump is her sixth through two years of competition.
- Destinee Rocker finished eighth overall in the 100-meter hurdles' final. The First Team All-America honor marks the first in her career. Rocker ran her first ever NCAA final and finished with a time of 13.07 for eighth place.
- The women's 4X400-meter relay team of Stephanie Davis, Makenzie Dunmore, Angel Frank and Jahnile Registre finished fifth overall with a time of 3:25.78. It's the second time the season the Gamecock 4X400-meter relay team has finished fifth at an NCAA Championship meet.
- On the men's side, Evan miller ran a personal best time of 20.35 in the NCAA semifinals and took 10th place. Earning Second Team All-America honors, Miller's performance marked his second top-10 finish at an NCAA meet this

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#### **SUCCESS ON THE TRACK**



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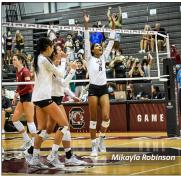
- Jackson Marseille also earned Second Team All-America honors, finishing in a tie for 15th in the men's high jump. The sophomore qualified for his first NCAA meet and cleared 2.10m/6-10.75 for the Second Team All-America accolades.
- Will Spencer Jr. also added Second Team All-America honors to his resume. He finished his season with a 12th-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles in the NCAA semifinals.
- At the SEC Outdoor Championships in May, the Gamecocks had nine garner All-SEC attention and three athletes earn All-Freshman Team honors, awarded to the top placing freshman in each event.
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#### **VOLLEYBALL**







- Fresh off a weekend where it recorded the nation's only two wins over top-25 opponents by an unranked team, South Carolina joined the national polls on Aug. 30, the first time the team made the top-25 since 2002.
- Senior Mikayla Robinson collected two major career milestones over the course of the opening weekend of the season. Against Washington State, she broke the program record for career blocks in the rally-scoring era. Against Rice, she also recorded her 1,000th career kill, making her the 16th member of the program to reach the milestone. She is one of just four Gamecocks in program history to have both 1,000 kills and 400 blocks in a career, the last coming in 1997 by Heather Larkin.
- Head coach Tom Mendoza won his 100th match as a head coach after an upset of No. 18 Washington St. on Aug. 27.
- South Carolina volleyball earned its biggest win of the season and snapped a 13-game losing streak to Kentucky after defeating the defending national champions in five

South Carolina played arguably the toughest schedule in program history, facing 10 nationally-ranked opponents over the course of the season. The Gamecocks defeated the No. 18, No. 23 and No. 5 teams in the country over the course of the season and finished with a top-50 RPI.

OVERALL RECORD: 14-15 **CONFERENCE:** 

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sets on Nov. 4. The Gamecocks fell behind 2-1, but came back to handed the fifth-ranked Wildcats their only conference loss of the season.

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- The SEC coaches recognized three members of the program in the conference's postseason teams. Kyla Manning and Mikayla Robinson made the 18-woman All-SEC team and Lauren McCutcheon is part of the seven-woman All-Freshman team. This is the first time since 2002 that the Gamecocks received three or more postseason honors from the conference's coaches. It is Robinson's fourth appearance on the postseason team, the fifth member of the program to be a four-time honoree since South Carolina joined the SEC in 1991. McCutcheon is the eighth freshman in program history to make the conference's All-Freshman team
- South Carolina made its third trip to the NCAA tournament in the last four years, making the Atlanta regional and facing No. 17 Western Kentucky in the first round. It was the team's third trip in head coach Tom Mendoza's four seasons as head coach.
- The Gamecocks faced one of the nation's toughest schedules, battling nine teams that made the NCAA tournament and 10 matches against AVCA top-25ranked teams, the most in program history.
- Kyla Manning was named as one of just seven women on the CoSIDA Academic All-District 4 team on Nov. 18. The graduate student is pursuing her masters degree in Biomedical Sciences and currently carries a postgraduate GPA of 3.77. She is the fourth Gamecock in program history to make the all-district team two or more times; the last to do it was Sarah Cline (2007, 2008 and 2009 honoree).



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