



SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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#1/1 SOUTH CAROLINA (0-0) VS. EAST TENNESSEE ST. (0-0)

NOVEMBER 7, 2022 – 8:30 P.M. – COLUMBIA, S.C. – COLONIAL LIFE ARENA (18,000)

HOW TO FOLLOW

TV: SEC Network (Carolyn Peck, Courtney Lyle)

Radio: 107.5 The Game (Brad Muller)

Live Stats: GamecocksOnline.com

GAMECOCK NOTABLES

- Prior to tonight's game, South Carolina will celebrate its 2021-22 titles – National Championship, SEC Regular-Season Championship and Attendance Average. Beginning at 8:10 p.m., banners will be unveiled and the 2021-22 team will receive its rings.
- The Gamecocks are 7-1 in season openers played in at home under head coach Dawn Staley, who is 12-2 overall in season openers at South Carolina.
- South Carolina's 10 returning letterwinners include four of the last season's five starters, three of whom were named to the Naismith Trophy Watch List earlier last week – Brea Beal, Aliyah Boston, Zia Cooke.
- Head coach Dawn Staley is entering her 15th season at South Carolina, having elevated the program to a perennial national contender with two National Championships in the last six NCAA Tournaments.
- The Gamecocks are 11-1 all-time against East Tennessee State, which is led by Brenda Mock Brown in her first season with the Bucs. Staley and Mock Brown have squared off once before when the Gamecocks topped UNC Asheville 90-40 in the first round of the 2017 NCAA Tournament.
- Reigning National Player of the Year Aliyah Boston has had a busy summer, not just enjoying the spoils of her 2021-22 season, but getting a preview of what is to come. The senior forward was the lone college player in the USA Basketball training camp for the FIBA World Cup team, staying with the team as it traveled to Australia ahead of the tournament. Only the late arrival of WNBA Champion A'ja Wilson and other WNBA Finals participants kept Boston off the final roster for the event.
- Tonight marks the last season opener for a senior class that became the program's first No. 1 signing class in 2019. Over the last three seasons, the group has amassed a sterling 93-8 (.921) record.

SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Oct. 31	Benedict (Exh.)	W, 123-32
Nov. 7	ETSU (SECN)	8:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	at Maryland (ESPN2)	6 p.m.
Nov. 17	at Clemson	7 p.m.
Nov. 20	at Stanford (ABC)	3 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Cal Poly	8 p.m.
Nov. 27	Hampton (SECN+)	Noon
Nov. 29	UCLA (SECN)	7 p.m.
Dec. 3	Memphis (SECN+)	3 p.m.
Dec. 11	Liberty (SECN+)	2 p.m.
Dec. 15	vs. South Dakota State (ESPN2)	7 p.m.
Dec. 18	Charleston Southern (SECN+)	2 p.m.
Dec. 21	Coastal Carolina (SECN+)	Noon
Dec. 29	Texas A&M* (ESPN2/SECN)	7 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Georgia* (SECN)	7 p.m.
Jan. 5	Auburn* (SECN+)	1 p.m.
Jan. 8	at Mississippi State* (ESPN2/SECN)	7 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Kentucky* (SECN+)	1 p.m.
Jan. 15	Missouri* (ESPN2/SECN)	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Vanderbilt* (SECN)	8 p.m.
Jan. 22	Arkansas* (ESPN2/SECN)	3 p.m.
Jan. 29	at Alabama* (ESPN2/SECN)	1 p.m.
Feb. 2	Kentucky* (SECN)	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	at UConn (FOX)	Noon
Feb. 9	at Auburn* (SECN+)	8 p.m.
Feb. 12	LSU* (Play 4 Kay) (SECN)	2 p.m.
Feb. 16	Florida* (SECN+)	7 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Ole Miss* (SECN)	4 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Tennessee* (ESPN)	7 p.m.
Feb. 26	Georgia* (ESPN2/SECN)	Noon
	SEC Tournament (Greenville, S.C.)	
Mar. 1	First Round	TBA
Mar. 2	Second Round	TBA
Mar. 3	Quarterfinals	TBA
Mar. 4	Semifinals	TBA
Mar. 5	Championship	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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South Carolina has led the nation in attendance each of the last three seasons.

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Nine of the 13 Gamecocks on this season's team earned McDonald's All-America status as a high school senior, including both freshmen.

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South Carolina has been ranked No. 1 in the AP Poll 33 times since the start of the 2019-20 season, over three times more than any other program.

TALE OF THE TAPE (2021-22 STATS)

SOUTH CAROLINA	70.9	.426	.306	4.8	.676	13.4	50.7	+20.2	.332	.266	+17.7	13.9	-0.8	7.4	6.5
ETSU	55.4	.350	.287	6.5	.675	8.1	68.0	-12.7	.415	.321	-8.3	10.7	-0.2	2.9	7.6
Points		FG%	3FG%	3FGM per Game	FT%	FTM per Game	Scoring Def.	Scoring Margin	FG% Def.	3FG% Def.	Reb. Margin	Assists	TO Margin	Blocks	Steals

0  Olivia Thompson 5-8 • Sr. • G • Lexington, S.C. 	<p>NOTABLE: Great team player ... solid outside shooter ... walk-on who earned scholarship prior to 20-21 season.</p> <p>Career Highs Pts: 10 vs. Alabama State, 11/5/19 Reb: 2 vs. Florida, 12/30/21 Assts: 2 vs. USC Upstate, 11/21/10</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 327 816 369"> <tr> <td>PPG</td><td>0.7</td><td>RPG</td><td>0.2</td><td>APG</td><td>0.0</td><td>FG%</td><td>.231</td></tr> </table>	PPG	0.7	RPG	0.2	APG	0.0	FG%	.231	12  Brea Beal 6-1 • Sr. • G • Rock Island, Ill. BREE	<p>NOTABLE: Strong, physical guard ... lockdown defender with clutch scoring ability, looking to expand offensive impact ... preseason Naismith Trophy and Cheryl Miller Award watch lists.</p> <p>Career Highs Pts: 22 vs. Arkansas, 1/18/21 Reb: 13 at Missouri, 1/16/20 Assts: 4, 5x, last vs. North Carolina, 3/25/22</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1134 327 1542 369"> <tr> <td>PPG</td><td>5.1</td><td>RPG</td><td>5.0</td><td>APG</td><td>1.3</td><td>FG%</td><td>.381</td></tr> </table>	PPG	5.1	RPG	5.0	APG	1.3	FG%	.381
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1  Zia Cooke 5-9 • Sr. • G • Toledo, Ohio ZY-uh	<p>NOTABLE: Explosive, athletic, quick guard ... preseason Naismith Trophy and Ann Meyers Drysdale Award watch lists ... two time honorable mention All-American.</p> <p>Career Highs Pts: 27 at Dayton, 11/13/19 Reb: 7 at Dayton, 11/13/19 Assts: 5, 5x, last at Georgia, 2/13/22</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 601 816 644"> <tr> <td>PPG</td><td>10.7</td><td>RPG</td><td>2.1</td><td>APG</td><td>1.7</td><td>FG%</td><td>.342</td></tr> </table>	PPG	10.7	RPG	2.1	APG	1.7	FG%	.342	15  Laeticia Amihere 6-4 • Sr. • F • Mississauga, Ont. luh-TEE-shuh ah-MEE-heer	<p>NOTABLE: Assertive, versatile player ... can play all five positions ... great understanding of the game, boosted by volume of international competition experience.</p> <p>Career Highs Pts: 18 vs. Oregon, 11/21/21 Reb: 15 vs. NC State, 12/3/20 Blks: 9 vs. Texas, 3/30/21</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1134 601 1542 644"> <tr> <td>PPG</td><td>6.3</td><td>RPG</td><td>3.6</td><td>APG</td><td>0.8</td><td>FG%</td><td>.436</td></tr> </table>	PPG	6.3	RPG	3.6	APG	0.8	FG%	.436
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2  Ashlyn Watkins 6-3 • Fr. • F • Columbia, S.C. ASH-lynn	<p>NOTABLE: Physically imposing, effortlessly athletic ... can dominate inside and operate smoothly elsewhere ... 2022 McDonald's All-American and SC Gatorade Player of the Year ... No. 12 in 2022 Class.</p> <p>Career Highs Pts: Reb: Blks:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 876 816 918"> <tr> <td>PPG</td><td>—</td><td>RPG</td><td>—</td><td>BPG</td><td>—</td><td>FG%</td><td>—</td></tr> </table>	PPG	—	RPG	—	BPG	—	FG%	—	20  Sania Feagin 6-3 • So. • F • Ellenwood, Ga. suh-NYE-uh FAY-ghin	<p>NOTABLE: Can be physical or play with finesse ... leaned out, improved strength in offseason ... runs the floor and finishes at the rim well.</p> <p>Career Highs Pts: 10 vs. Howard, 3/18/22 Reb: 7 vs. Howard, 3/18/22 Blks: 3 vs. Arkansas, 3/4/22</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1134 876 1542 918"> <tr> <td>PPG</td><td>1.9</td><td>RPG</td><td>1.5</td><td>BPG</td><td>0.4</td><td>FG%</td><td>.618</td></tr> </table>	PPG	1.9	RPG	1.5	BPG	0.4	FG%	.618
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4  Aliyah Boston 6-5 • Sr. • F • St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. uh-LEE-uh	<p>NOTABLE: Consistently dominant on both ends ... can shoot midrange and outside ... improving passer ... 2022 National Player of the Year, Honda Cup winner and Acad. All-Amer. of the Year.</p> <p>Career Highs Pts: 29 vs. NC A&T, 11/29/21 Reb: 25 vs. Arkansas, 1/9/20 Blks: 10, 2x, last at Georgia, 1/21/21</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 1151 816 1193"> <tr> <td>PPG</td><td>16.8</td><td>RPG</td><td>12.5</td><td>BPG</td><td>2.4</td><td>FG%</td><td>.542</td></tr> </table>	PPG	16.8	RPG	12.5	BPG	2.4	FG%	.542	23  Bree Hall 6-0 • So. • G • Dayton, Ohio	<p>NOTABLE: Exciting on both sides of the ball ... tough defender ... gets to the rim ... drew start in exhibition game.</p> <p>Career Highs Pts: 10 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/24/22 Reb: 6 vs. Clemson, 11/17/21 Assts: 1 vs. Vanderbilt, 1/24/22</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1134 1151 1542 1193"> <tr> <td>PPG</td><td>2.7</td><td>RPG</td><td>1.5</td><td>APG</td><td>0.0</td><td>FG%</td><td>.314</td></tr> </table>	PPG	2.7	RPG	1.5	APG	0.0	FG%	.314
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5  Victoria Saxton 6-2 • Gr. • F • Rome, Ga. vic-TAR-ee-uh	<p>NOTABLE: Lithe, athletic ... returned for fifth year to further expand game ... among program's best in rebounds and blocked shots ... improving midrange shooting ... Preseason 2nd-Team All-SEC.</p> <p>Career Highs Pts: 20, 2x, last vs. Mercer, 3/21/21 Reb: 14 vs. North Carolina, 3/25/22 Blks: 6 at Arkansas, 1/16/22</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 1425 816 1467"> <tr> <td>PPG</td><td>5.8</td><td>RPG</td><td>5.8</td><td>BPG</td><td>1.3</td><td>FG%</td><td>.503</td></tr> </table>	PPG	5.8	RPG	5.8	BPG	1.3	FG%	.503	25  Raven Johnson 5-8 • R-Fr. • G • Atlanta, Ga.	<p>NOTABLE: A competitor with a killer's mentality on the court ... season-ending injury in second game of 2021-22 season ... 2021 High School Naismith and WBCA National Player of the Year.</p> <p>Career Highs Pts: Reb: 1 vs. South Dakota, 11/12/21 Assts:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1134 1425 1542 1467"> <tr> <td>PPG</td><td>0.0</td><td>RPG</td><td>0.5</td><td>APG</td><td>0.0</td><td>FG%</td><td>.000</td></tr> </table>	PPG	0.0	RPG	0.5	APG	0.0	FG%	.000
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10  Kamilla Cardoso 6-7 • Jr. • C • Montes Claros, Brazil kuh-MEE-luh car-DOE-zo	<p>NOTABLE: Showing more dominance on the court, increasing assertive on offense ... runs the floor ... rim protector ... 2021 ACC Freshman and co-Defensive Player of the Year (at Syracuse).</p> <p>Career Highs Pts: 25 vs. Lincoln (PA), 12/2/20^ Reb: 15 vs. North Carolina, 1/19/21^ Blks: 9 vs. Notre Dame, 1/31/21^</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 1657 816 1700"> <tr> <td>PPG</td><td>5.4</td><td>RPG</td><td>5.1</td><td>BPG</td><td>1.4</td><td>FG%</td><td>.553</td></tr> </table>	PPG	5.4	RPG	5.1	BPG	1.4	FG%	.553	41  Kierra Fletcher 5-9 • Gr. • G • Warren, Mich. key-AIR-uh	<p>NOTABLE: Four-year starter at Georgia Tech (2018-21) ... missed last season due to injury ... great distributor, capable outside shooter ... good rebounder from guard position.</p> <p>Career Highs Pts: 25 at Houston, 11/9/18^ Reb: 14 vs. Seton Hall, 12/20/18^ Assts: 8 at Miami (FL), 1/28/21^</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1134 1657 1542 1700"> <tr> <td>PPG</td><td>—</td><td>RPG</td><td>—</td><td>APG</td><td>—</td><td>FG%</td><td>—</td></tr> </table>	PPG	—	RPG	—	APG	—	FG%	—
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11  Talaysia Cooper 6-0 • Fr. • G • Turbeville, S.C. tuh-LAY-zhuh	<p>NOTABLE: A competitor ... uses length and athleticism beautifully ... menace on both ends of the floor ... McDonald's All-America, 3x state player of the Year ... No. 18 in 2022 Class.</p> <p>Career Highs Pts: Reb: Blks:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 1974 816 2016"> <tr> <td>PPG</td><td>—</td><td>RPG</td><td>—</td><td>APG</td><td>—</td><td>FG%</td><td>—</td></tr> </table>	PPG	—	RPG	—	APG	—	FG%	—	HC  Dawn Staley At SC: 366-105 (15th season) Career: 538-185 (23rd season)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 National Championships • 4 Final Fours in last seven NCAA Tournaments • 6 SEC Regular-Season Championships • 6 SEC Tournament Championships • 15th in winning percentage (.744) among active NCAA Div. I coaches with at least 10 years of experience (10th among 20-year coaches) • 3rd all-time in SEC in head coaching league wins (167); second in league winning percentage (.752) 								
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^indicates achieved at least once prior to transfer, * indicates school record

QUICK FACTS

The University

Location: Columbia, S.C.
Founded: 1801
Enrollment: 35,388
Colors: Garnet (PMS 202C) and Black
Nickname: Gamecocks
Conference: Southeastern
University President: Michael Amiridis
Athletics Director: Ray Tanner
Facility: Colonial Life Arena (18,000)

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Dawn Staley
Alma Mater: Virginia, 1992
Overall Record: 538-185 (23rd season)
School Record: 366-105 (54th season)
Assoc. Head Coach, Alma Mater:
 Lisa Boyer, Ithaca, 1979 (15th season)
Assistant Coaches, Alma Mater:
 Fred Chmiel, Excelsior, 2001 (8th season)
 Jolette Law, Iowa, 1990 (6th season)

Team Information

2021-22 Record: 35-2
 Home: 16-0 Away: 9-1 Neutral: 10-1
SEC Record (Finish): 15-1 (1st)
 Home: 8-0 Away: 7-1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/6
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1

Program History

First Year of Women's Basketball: 1974-75
All-Time Record: 946-534 (49th season)
All-Time SEC Record: 231-232 (32nd season)
NCAA Appearances (Last): 18 (2022)
NCAA Tournament Record: 40-16
2022 NCAA Result: National Champion
WNIT Appearances (Last): 4 (2011)
WNIT Record: 3-4

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CURRENT STREAKS

	Total	Home	Road	Neut.
Overall	W6	W25	W7	W4
SEC	W15	W24	W7	—
Non-Conference	W6	W9	W3	W4
Ranked Teams	W14	W7	W4	W5

A Perennial Power

South Carolina women's basketball is in the midst of its most successful era, claiming at least 20 wins for the last 11 seasons, including five 30-win seasons in the last eight campaigns. The Gamecocks have played in the NCAA Final Four four times in the last seven NCAA Tournaments, including winning the 2017 and 2022 National Championships. They have been ranked in every AP Poll since Dec. 10, 2012, including a top-10 position every week since the start of the 2019-20 season. The Gamecocks have amassed 44 AP No. 1 rankings all-time, becoming just the sixth program with a least 40 top entries in that poll. Since the start of the 2019-20 season, South Carolina has been atop the poll 33 times since the – over three times more than any other team in that time.

Under head coach Dawn Staley's leadership, eight Gamecocks have earned All-America status, three have earned SEC Player of the Year honors and 17 have picked up All-SEC recognition at least once. Nine Gamecocks have been selected in the WNBA Draft in the last seven years, including 2018 No. 1 overall pick Aja Wilson, who went on to become the Gamecocks' second-straight WNBA Rookie of the Year (2018) and the program's first WNBA MVP (2020, 2022).

The East Tennessee State Series

The Gamecocks are 11-1 all-time against ETSU with the lone loss coming in the 1982-83 season.

The two teams last met on Nov. 22, 2018, in the Vancouver Showcase with the Gamecocks claiming a 101-55 victory.

Season Openers

South Carolina is 12-2 in season openers under head coach Dawn Staley with the two losses coming in her first three seasons at the helm.

Four of those 14 season openers were against ranked opponents with two on the road. In the first, on Nov. 12, 2010, the unranked Gamecocks lost to #5 Xavier 84-65 in Columbia. The next two came against Ohio State – at home #2 South Carolina defeated the #6 Buckeyes 88-80 on Nov. 13, 2015, then a year later the #4 Gamecocks topped #7 Ohio State in Columbus 92-80 on Nov. 14, 2016. In the most recent, #1 South Carolina traveled to #5 NC State on Nov. 9, 2021, and brought home a 66-57 victory.

Home Sweet Home

The Gamecocks are 496-165 (.750) all-time in home games, including a 184-34 mark under head coach Dawn Staley. That .844 winning percentage is second among the program's all-time head coaches (Pam Parsons (41-7) .854).

Playing in its 20th season at Colonial Life Arena, South Carolina boasts a 247-67 (.787) record in the building, including four undefeated seasons since 2013-14. Staley's share of that record is 181-34 (842).

Ranked Readings

Against ranked opponents, South Carolina is 99-66 (.600) in the Dawn Staley era (beginning 2008-09), and even that mark is skewed by the early seasons of her tenure.

Since the start of the 2014-15 campaign, the Gamecocks are 84-27 (.757) against ranked teams, including a 36-6 mark since the start of the 2019-20 season.

TEAM THEME: DNA

South Carolina's 2022-23 season theme "DNA" stands for Dreams, Nets, Assets – the elements routed in the DNA of the program.

Head coach Dawn Staley has described herself as a dream merchant as much as a coach throughout her career. Nets are the symbol of basketball success. Assets is a reminder of each team member's ability to positively impact the team's success as well as nod to the student-athlete's value in the name, image, likeness space.

Staley's program develops a different theme each season to amplify the team's goals and mindset for the season ahead.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Associated Press Poll (Preseason)

1. South Carolina	0-0
2. Stanford	0-0
3. Texas	0-0
4. Iowa	0-0
5. Tennessee	0-0
6. UConn	0-0
7. Louisville	0-0
8. Iowa State	0-0
9. Notre Dame	0-0
10. NC State	0-0
11. Indiana	0-0
12. North Carolina	0-0
13. Virginia Tech	0-0
14. Ohio State	0-0
15. Oklahoma	0-0
16. LSU	0-0
17. Maryland	0-0
18. Baylor	0-0
19. Arizona	0-0
20. Oregon	0-0
21. Creighton	0-0
22. Nebraska	0-0
23. South Dakota State	0-0
24. Princeton	0-0
25. Michigan	0-0

USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll (Preseason)

1. South Carolina	0-0
2. Stanford	0-0
3. Texas	0-0
4. Tennessee	0-0
5. Louisville	0-0
6. Iowa	0-0
7. UConn	0-0
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21. Creighton	0-0
22. Nebraska	0-0
23. Michigan	0-0
24. South Dakota State	0-0
25. Princeton	0-0

Ranking Review

The Gamecocks open this season atop both the AP and the USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Polls for the third time in as many seasons.

In the AP Poll, the Gamecocks' 44 total weeks at No. 1 make them just the sixth program all-time to sit atop that poll at least 40 times. South Carolina has appeared in each of the last 188 AP Polls, giving it the fourth-longest active streak in the nation, which dates back to Dec. 10, 2012. It has spent the last 57 of those weeks ranked in the top 10.

In the USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll, South Carolina has been in the top 10 since claiming the No. 10 spot in the 2019-20 preseason poll. It has been No. 1 in that poll 30 times in the last nine seasons.

The Staley File

In her 22nd season as a head coach, Dawn Staley has a .744 (537-185) winning percentage, which ranks 12th in the nation among active head coaches with at least 10 seasons of experience (sixth among Power 5 conference coaches). The unanimous 2020 National Coach of the Year, she became the first person to win both a Naismith Player of the Year Trophy and a Naismith Coach of the Year Trophy.

In her 14th season leading the Gamecocks, Staley is the program's all-time winningest coach (365) with a program-record 11 postseason appearances (10 NCAA/1 WNIT). She accounts for all four of the Gamecocks' Final Four appearances (2015, 2017, 2021, 2022) and the first NCAA National Championship in program history (2017).

After claiming six SEC regular-season titles, Staley has won 167 SEC games, the most among active league coaches and third all-time – trailing just Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductees Andy Landers (Georgia, 273) and Pat Summitt (Tennessee, 306). Her 11.9 SEC wins average is the best in league history among coaches

with more than one year in the league, and her .752 SEC winning percentage (167-55) is second only to Summitt (.874) in league history.

Oh Captain, My Captain

For the third time in as many seasons, senior Victoria Saxton and junior Aliyah Boston will serve as team captains. It is Saxton's fourth season in that position.

Senior SZN

Now in its senior season, South Carolina's first No. 1 signing class – Laeticia Amihere, Brea Beal, Aliyah Boston, Zia Cooke, Olivia Thompson – has shaped the program from the moment those five freshmen gathered on campus.

In careers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the group has reached the Final Four in both their NCAA Tournament appearances, including winning the 2022 National Championship, and has never been ranked outside the top 10. With a combined 93-8 record, they have won 92.1 percent of their games, including a 37-5 mark against nationally ranked opponents.

In SEC action, the class has lost a total of just three league games en route to two regular-season titles (2020, 2022). They have played in three SEC Tournament championship games, claiming the title in two of those (2020, 2021).

2022-23 AWARDS

Team

Preseason No. 1 – AP, USA Today/Coaches Polls
SEC Preseason No. 1 – Media, Coaches

Brea Beal

Naismith Trophy Watch List (preseason)
Cheryl Miller Small Forward Award Watch List

Aliyah Boston

Naismith Trophy Watch List (preseason)
Preseason First-Team All-America
Lisa Leslie Center Award Watch List
Preseason SEC Player of the Year
Preseason First-Team All-SEC

Zia Cooke

Naismith Trophy Watch List (preseason)
Ann Meyers Drysdale Shooting Guard Award Watch List
Preseason First-Team All-SEC (Media, Coaches)

Sania Feagin

Katrina McClain Power Forward Award Watch List

Victoria Saxton

Katrina McClain Power Forward Award Watch List
Preseason Second-Team All-SEC

The 2022-23 Gamecocks

South Carolina returns four of its five starters among its 10 returning letterwinners from the 2022 National Championship team, and head coach Dawn Staley added a pair of top-20 signees

GAMES LED TEAM IN...

Scoring	2022-23	Career	Record	Rebounding	2022-23	Career	Record	Assists	2022-23	Career	Record
Aliyah Boston	0	40	36-4	Aliyah Boston	0	78	72-6	Kierra Fletcher	0	49^	33-16
Zia Cooke	0	34	29-3	Kierra Fletcher	0	28^	15-13	Zia Cooke	0	11	10-1
Kierra Fletcher	0	12^	6-6	Kamilla Cardoso	0	12^	7-5	Aliyah Boston	0	8	8-0
Kamilla Cardoso	0	10^	6-4	Brea Beal	0	9	9-0	Victoria Saxton	0	5	5-0
Victoria Saxton	0	4	4-0	Laeticia Amihere	0	8	7-1	Laeticia Amihere	0	4	4-0
Laeticia Amihere	0	2	1-1	Victoria Saxton	0	8	8-0	Brea Beal	0	5	5-0
Brea Beal	0	1	1-0	Bree Hall	0	1	1-0	^ indicates includes games prior to transfer to SC			
Sania Feagin	0	1	1-0								

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

Triple-Doubles	2022-23	Career	Record	10+ Points	2022-23	Career	Record	5+ Assists	2022-23	Career	Record
Aliyah Boston	0	2*	2-0	Aliyah Boston	0	86	79-7	Kierra Fletcher	0	21^	17-4
Double-Doubles	2022-23	Career	Record	Zia Cooke	0	74	68-6	Zia Cooke	0	5	5-0
Aliyah Boston	0	60	54-6	Kierra Fletcher	0	53^	37-16	Aliyah Boston	0	2	2-0
Kamilla Cardoso	0	7^	5-2	Kamilla Cardoso	0	26^	17-9	Laeticia Amihere	0	1	1-0
Kierra Fletcher	0	4^	3-1	Victoria Saxton	0	27	27-0	Kamilla Cardoso	0	1	1-0
Victoria Saxton	0	4	4-0	Laeticia Amihere	0	19	18-1	Victoria Saxton	0	1	1-0
Laeticia Amihere	0	3	2-1	Brea Beal	0	15	15-0	^ indicates includes games prior to transfer to SC			
Brea Beal	0	1	1-0	Sania Feagin	0	1	1-0				
20+ Points	2022-23	Career	Record	Bree Hall	0	1	1-0				
Aliyah Boston	0	17	16-1	Olivia Thompson	0	1	1-0				
Zia Cooke	0	14	13-1								
Kierra Fletcher	0	4^	3-1	10+ Rebounds	2022-23	Career	Record	5+ Steals	2022-23	Career	Record
Kamilla Cardoso	0	3^	3-0	Aliyah Boston	0	69	63-6	Kierra Fletcher	0	3^	3-0
Victoria Saxton	0	2	2-0	Victoria Saxton	0	12	12-0	Aliyah Boston	0	1	1-0
Brea Beal	0	1	1-0	Brea Beal	0	10	8-2	5+ Blocks	2022-23	Career	Record
				Kamilla Cardoso	0	8^	5-3	Aliyah Boston	0	15	15-0
				Kierra Fletcher	0	7^	5-2	Zia Cooke	0	6^	5-1
				Laeticia Amihere	0	3	2-1	Kierra Fletcher	0	5	5-0
				Sania Feagin	0	2	2-0	Victoria Saxton	0	2	2-0

* indicates includes games prior to transfer to SC
^ indicates program record

in Ashlyn Watkins (No. 12) and Talaysia Cooper (No. 18) to this season's roster, along with Georgia Tech transfer Kierra Fletcher. The 2022-23 season is the senior campaign for Staley's first-ever No. 1 ranked signing class, headlined by 2022 National Player of the Year Aliyah Boston and two-time All-SEC and honorable mention All-America guard Zia Cooke. Stalwart defender Brea Beal, versatile forward Laeticia Amihere and local favorite Olivia Thompson are also part of that Class of 2019 signing class.

Fifth-year senior Victoria Saxton returned for her extra season of eligibility to shore up the Gamecocks' dominant frontcourt, which also features a more dominant Kamilla Cardoso. Sophomores Sania Feagin (forward) and Bree Hall (guard) look to make their mark more regularly in their second season, and redshirt freshman Raven Johnson will battle Fletcher to take over the point guard position left vacant by WNBA draft pick Destanni Henderson.

The (Watch List) Watcher

The Gamecocks have been omnipresent on national award watch lists this preseason. Three are on the Naismith Trophy preseason list and four of the five positional award preseason watch lists include at least one Gamecock.

One of the three Naismith watch list entries, Zia Cooke is once again on the Ann Meyers Drysdale Award list. She was a finalist for the award that honors the nation's top shooting guard in 2021.

Brea Beal made her debut on the Naismith Watch List and was listed among those on the list for the best small forward in the nation, the Cheryl Miller Award.

Power forwards Victoria Saxton and Sania Feagin were selected to the watch list for the Katrina McClain Award.

Reigning National Player of the Year Aliyah Boston is on the Naismith watch list and is looking for a sweep of the Lisa Leslie Award as the top

center in the country after winning the award each of her previous three seasons.

Preseason Predictions

As the reigning national champion, the Gamecocks are atop both preseason polls by a near unanimous decision. South Carolina claimed all 30 No. 1 votes in the Associated Press Poll. In the USA Today Coaches Poll, 30 of the 32 votes went to the Gamecocks.

South Carolina opened and closed the 2021-22 season atop both polls. The Gamecocks have been No. 1 in the AP poll 33 times since the start of the 2019-20 season, more than three times as many weeks as second place on the list, Stanford. South Carolina has been in the AP top five for a nation-leading 52 of the 57 polls in that same time period.

The Gamecocks were also selected to repeat as SEC Regular-Season Champions by both the media and league coaches in preseason voting.

Opponent Files

The Gamecocks' schedule includes six games against teams ranked in both the national preseason polls with four of those coming in non-conference action. The 2022-23 campaign also includes eight other opponents that received votes in one or both preseason polls.

Rebounding Roundup

South Carolina was among the top rebounding teams in the country in 2021-22 and doesn't look to drop off this season. The Gamecocks' +17.7 rebounding margin led the nation last season, and they were third in rebounding average with a school-record 47.9 per game.

Dial Up the Defense

Head coach Dawn Staley has always put a premium on defense, but the Gamecocks have

SPORTS PERFORMANCE

The Gamecocks' athleticism and physicality are both natural and fine-tuned by hours in the weight room under the guidance of sports performance coach Molly Binetti. A few key measurements from the team...

Wingspan

Laeticia Amihere – 6-foot-10
Kamilla Cardoso – 6-foot-8.5
Ashlyn Watkins – 6-foot-8
Aliyah Boston – 6-foot-7.5
Victoria Saxton – 6-foot-5

Jumping

Standing Vertical
Ashlyn Watkins – 29 inches
Victoria Saxton – 27.7
Brea Beal – 26.8
Laeticia Amihere – 25

Strength

All 13 Gamecocks deadlift over 300 pounds.
BEST (trap bar): Ashlyn Watkins – 400
BEST (pitshark): Sania Feagin – 600

Speed

3/4-court sprint
Laeticia Amihere – 2.81 seconds
Brea Beal – 2.90
Ashlyn Watkins – 2.95
Zia Cooke – 3.08
Talaysia Cooper – 3.09

Touch (Approach Jump)

Ashlyn Watkins – 10' 9.5"
Laeticia Amihere – 10' 9"
Kamilla Cardoso – 10' 9"
Victoria Saxton – 10' 7.5"
Talaysia Cooper – 10' 4"

All 13 Gamecocks can bench press at least 135 pounds.

BEST: Zia Cooke – 165

Long Jump

Victoria Saxton – 9' 4.5"
Brea Beal – 8' 5"
Ashlyn Watkins – 8' 3.5"
Talaysia Cooper – 8' 0"
Zia Cooke – 7' 8.5"

All 13 Gamecocks can do at least one chin-up.

BEST: Laeticia Amihere, Zia Cooke – 10

This year's Iron Gamecock winners were Zia Cooke and Ashlyn Watkins. The Iron Gamecock recipients exhibit exceptional performances in areas of speed, power, strength, and competitive challenges in the weight room.

2022-23 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Last School
0	Olivia Thompson	G	5-8	Sr.	Lexington, S.C./Lexington
1	Zia Cooke	G	5-9	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio/Rogers
2	Ashlyn Watkins	F	6-3	Fr.	Columbia, S.C./Cardinal Newman
4	Aliyah Boston	F	6-5	Sr.	St. Thomas, U.S.V.I./Worcester (Mass.) Academy
5	Victoria Saxton	F	6-2	Gr.	Rome, Ga./Model
10	Kamilla Cardoso	C	6-7	Jr.	Montes Claros, Brazil/Syracuse
11	Talaysia Cooper	G	6-0	Fr.	Turbeville, S.C./East Clarendon
12	Brea Beal	G	6-1	Sr.	Rock Island, Ill./Rock Island
15	Laeticia Amihere	F	6-4	Sr.	Mississauga, Ontario, Canada/King's Christian Collegiate
20	Sania Feagin	F	6-3	So.	Ellenwood, Ga./Forest Park
23	Bree Hall	G	6-0	So.	Dayton, Ohio/Wayne
25	Raven Johnson	G	5-8	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake
41	Kierra Fletcher	G	5-9	Gr.	Warren, Mich./Georgia Tech

Head Coach: Dawn Staley

Assoc. Head Coach: Lisa Boyer; **Assistant Coaches:** Fred Chmiel, Jolette Law

IN THE STALEY ERA

Wins

30-Win Seasons.....	5
25-Win Seasons.....	10
20-Win Seasons.....	11
Winning Seasons.....	12

National Rankings

Weeks in the AP Top 25.....	193
Weeks in the AP Top 10.....	148
Weeks in the AP Top 3.....	77
Weeks at AP No. 1.....	44

Postseason

NCAA Tournament Appearances.....	10
NCAA Sweet 16s.....	9
NCAA Final Fours.....	4
National Championships.....	2

In the SEC

Regular-Season Championships.....	6
Regular-Season Top 3 Finishes.....	10
Tournament Championships.....	6

taken it to another level over the last three seasons, during which opponents have scored just 54.7 points per game.

Last season's program-record low 50.7 points per game ranked third in the nation and helped the Gamecocks lead the nation in scoring margin (+20.2). South Carolina also led the nation in field goal percentage defense (.332) and blocked shots per game (7.4).

No team reached its scoring average against the Gamecocks last season, including some of the SEC and the nation's most prolific offenses, and only three came within single digits of it – Missouri (Dec. 30), Mississippi State (Jan. 2), vs. Kentucky (Mar. 6).

Paint Production

South Carolina has long dominated the paint with both guards and post players taking advantage of the high percentage shots.

Over the last three seasons, the Gamecocks have scored 53.0 percent of their points in the paint. The 2019-20 team had the highest paint points average (42.4 ppg), but the 2020-21 teams posted the highest percentage of paint points (55.1%). Last season, South Carolina's 37.4 paint points per game accounted for 52.7 percent of its total offense.

For the Record

As a team, the Gamecocks set 11 program records in 2021-22, mostly in the rebounding category.

South Carolina's 1,771 total rebounds, 635 offensive rebounds and 1,136 defensive rebounds were all new program records, as was its 47.9 rebounds per game. The team's +17.7 rebounding margin overall and in SEC play were both program records, and its 48.9 rebounds per SEC game set a new record as well.

With defense as its calling card all season, South Carolina held opponents to a program-record low 50.7 points per game last season.

The Gamecocks' record also reset a few program records with 35 wins and 14 wins over ranked opponents topping the charts.

Individually, Aliyah Boston carved her name into the Gamecock record books 17 times last season, including her SEC-record 27 consecutive double-doubles.

On the glass, Boston set new South Carolina marks for offensive rebounds in a game (12 vs. North Carolina, 3/25/22); total rebounds (462), offensive rebounds (150) and defensive rebounds (312) in a season; and in total rebounds (212), rebounding average (13.3), offensive rebounds (59) and defensive rebounds (143) in SEC regular-season games.

Boston's program-record 30 double-doubles last season include a record 16 in SEC action. She moved into the program record for career double-doubles in SEC games (32) as well.

Her program-record 57 blocks in SEC play last season included the program's first double-digit blocks game in SEC action (10 vs. Georgia, 1/21/21).

Offensively, Boston posted the program's best perfect shooting game, going 13-for-13 against NC A&T on Nov. 29, 2021.

Great Gamecock Fans

South Carolina fans have led the nation in average attendance in each of the last eight seasons. With nearly 10,000 season tickets sold this season that streak looks to continue for another year.

The Gamecocks has had at least one sellout of their 18,000-seat Colonial Life Arena for six straight seasons (excluding COVID-limited 2020-21 season).

Excluding the COVID limited-attendance season of 2020-21, South Carolina has drawn at least 10,000 fans 96 consecutive regular-season games beginning on Jan. 2, 2015.

Everybody's All-American

On the Gamecocks' 13-woman roster, nine were McDonald's All-Americans in high school – Brea Beal, Aliyah Boston, Kamilla Cardoso, Zia Cooke, Talaysia Cooper, Sania Feagin, Bree Hall, Raven Johnson and Ashlyn Watkins.

At South Carolina, Staley has coached 20 McDonald's All-Americans, including 16 who joined the Gamecocks as freshmen.

STATS WATCH

With a veteran-laden roster with many who have started a majority of their careers, South Carolina will have several changes to the program's career record lists this season. Below are a few key Gamecocks and stats to watch

Aliyah Boston

- Ranks fourth with 1,129 rebounds with third place at 1,195 (A'ja Wilson)
- Ranks third with 394 offensive rebounds with second place at 427 (Marsha Williams)
- Ranks third with 735 defensive rebounds with second place at a distant 821 (A'ja Wilson)
- Ranks second with 257 blocked shots with first a distant 363 (A'ja Wilson)
- Is second with 60 double-doubles with the record at 72 (Sheila Foster)
- Ranks second with 563 rebounds in SEC games with the record at 599 (Alaina Coates)
- Ranks second with 187 offensive rebounds in SEC games with the record at 190 (Aleighsa Welch)

Victoria Saxton

- Is sixth with 171 blocked shots with fifth place at 177 (Lakesha Tolliver)
- Ranks ninth with 301 offensive rebounds with eighth place at 338 (Ashley Bruner)
- Ranks fifth with 89 blocked shots in SEC games with fourth at 91 (Mikiah Herbert Harrigan)

Zia Cooke

- Has 1,225 field goal attempts with 10th place at 1277 (Jocelyn Penn)
- Has 133 made 3-pointers with 10th place at 135 (Tyasha Harris)
- Has 392 3-point attempts with 10th place at 414 (Destanni Henderson)

THE LAST TIME...

INDIVIDUAL

Scored 50 Points

South Carolina 51, Jocelyn Penn vs. Stetson, 1/4/03
Opponent Never

Scored 40 Points

South Carolina 51, Jocelyn Penn vs. Stetson, 1/4/03
Opponent 46, Cornelia Gayden, LSU, 1/14/95

Scored 30 Points

South Carolina 31, Tea Cooper vs. Drake, 11/28/18
Opponent 31, Paige Bueckers, at UConn, 2/8/21

Grabbed 20 Rebounds

South Carolina 22, Aliyah Boston vs. N. Carolina, 3/25/22
Opponent 24, Teaira McCowan, at Mississippi State, 1/17/19

Grabbed 15 Rebounds

South Carolina 16, Aliyah Boston vs. UConn, 4/3/22
Opponent 18, Kiah Gillespie, Florida State, 3/24/19

Two Players with 20 or More Points

South Carolina Aliyah Boston 20/Victoria Saxton 20 vs. Mercer, 3/21/21
Opponent Hayley Frank 21/Lauren Hansen 21, at Missouri, 12/30/21

Two Players with 10 or More Rebounds

South Carolina Aliyah Boston 22/Victoria Saxton 14 vs. N. Carolina, 3/25/22
Opponent Jakia Brown-Turner 12/Kayla Jones 12, NC State, 12/3/20

Three or More Players with 10 or More Rebounds

South Carolina A. Boston 12/V. Saxton 12/L. Amihire 11/L. Grissett 10 vs. Charleston, 11/25/20
Opponent W. Rolle 12/J. Breland 10/L. Broomfield 10, vs. North Carolina, 12/19/10

Had 10 Assists

South Carolina 10, Destanni Henderson vs. Arkansas, 1/18/21
Opponent 12, Channise Lewis, Maryland, 11/18/18

Had Five Steals

South Carolina 5, Aliyah Boston vs. Arkansas, 3/4/22
Opponent 5, Myah Taylor, Mississippi St, 1/2/22

Had Five Blocked Shots

South Carolina 5, Victoria Saxton at Kentucky, 2/10/22
Opponent 5, Ashten Prechtel, Stanford, 12/21/21

Had 20 Points and 20 Rebounds

South Carolina Aliyah Boston (28 pts/22 reb) vs. N. Carolina, 3/25/22
Opponent Teaira McCowan (26 pts/24 reb) at Mississippi State, 1/17/19

Had a Double-Double

South Carolina Aliyah Boston (11 pts/16 reb) vs. UConn, 4/3/22
Opponent Jenna Staiti (15 pts/10 reb), at Georgia, 2/13/22

Two Players had a Double-Double

South Carolina Aliyah Boston (21 pts/17 reb), Kamilla Cardoso (11 pts/10 reb) vs. Kansas State, 12/3/21
Opponent Lexie Hull (18 pts/13 reb), vs. Stanford, 4/2/21

Three or More Players had a Double-Double

South Carolina L. Amihire (11 pts/11 reb) / A. Boson (11 pts/12 reb) / L. Grissett (13 pts/10 reb) / V. Saxton (19 pts/12 reb) vs. Charleston, 11/25/20
Opponent Shakira Austin (10 pts/16 reb) / Kaila Charles (17 pts/10 reb) / Channise Lewis (10 pts/12 assts), Maryland, 11/18/18

Had a Triple-Double

South Carolina Aliyah Boston (16 pts/11 reb/10 blks) vs. Georgia, 1/21/21
Opponent Never

TEAM

Scored 100 Points

South Carolina 104 vs. Arkansas, 1/18/21
Opponent 103, Clemson, 11/21/03

Won by 30 or More Points

South Carolina 80-50 (30) vs. Creighton, 3/27/22
Opponent 66-34 (32), Georgia, 3/4/11

Overcame More Than 15-Point Deficit to Win

South Carolina 18 (16-34) 6:24 in 2nd qtr. vs. Stanford, 12/21/21*
Opponent 16 (21-37) 1:43 in 2nd qtr. at Tennessee, 2/18/21

Shot 65% or Better from the Field

South Carolina .667 (36-54) at Vanderbilt, 1/18/18
Opponent Never

Shot 60% or Better from the Field

South Carolina .603 (35-58) at Georgia, 1/26/20
Opponent .604 (29-48), Vanderbilt, 1/18/01

Shot 50% or Better from the Field

South Carolina .509 (28-55) vs. Creighton, 3/27/22
Opponent .527 (29-55), vs. Gonzaga, 11/29/20

No Players in Double-Figure Points

South Carolina at Auburn, 1/19/12
Opponent Howard, 3/18/22

Five Players in Double-Figure Points

South Carolina vs. Louisville, 4/1/22
Opponent at Alabama, 1/5/20

More Than Five Players in Double-Figure Points

South Carolina 7 vs. Charleston, 11/25/20
Opponent 6 Maryland, 11/18/18

Faced AP Top-25 Opponent

Win 69-61 vs. No. 17 North Carolina, 3/25/22
Loss 67-75 at No. 21 Tennessee, 2/18/21

Faced AP Top-10 Opponent

Win 66-59 vs. No. 8 Maryland, 12/12/21
Loss 46-54 vs. No. 8 NC State, 12/3/20

Faced AP Top-5 Opponent

Win 64-49 vs. No. 5 UConn, 4/3/22
Loss 65-66 vs. No. 2 Stanford, 4/2/21

Faced AP No. 1 Team

Win Never
Loss 68-93 vs. Baylor, 3/30/19

Overtime Game

Win 58-55 vs. Drexel, 11/28/12
Loss 69-70 at Missouri, 12/30/21

Double-Overtime Game

Win 82-73 at Purdue, 12/16/18
Loss 92-94 at Clemson, 11/19/09

South Carolina Was Ranked (AP Poll)

No. 1 No. 1, 10/18/22 (preseason)
Top 5 No. 5, 3/8/21
Top 10 No. 6, 3/15/21
Top 25 No. 15, 3/19/19

* indicates program record

SOUTH CAROLINA SINGLE-QUARTER RECORDS

TEAM

Scoring

Most

1. vs. Saint Peter's, 11/22/16, 1st qtr. 37
2. vs. Alabama, 2/3/22, 1st qtr. at Vanderbilt, 1/12/20, 3rd qtr. 36
- vs. Alabama State, 3rd qtr. 36
5. vs. App State, 11/17/19, 1st qtr. three other times 35
- 35

Fewest

1. vs. App State, 12/5/18, 4th qtr. 5
2. vs. Oregon State, 3/23/21, 4th qtr. vs. Indiana, 11/28/19, 4th qtr. 6
- vs. St. John's, 11/25/17, 2nd qtr. 6
- vs. Stanford, 3/31/17, 2nd qtr. 6
- vs. UCLA, 12/18/16, 1st qtr. 6

Fewest Allowed

1. vs. Texas, 3/30/21, 4th qtr. at Vanderbilt, 1/14/21, 2nd qtr. 0
- at Ole Miss, 1/30/20, 1st qtr. 0
4. vs. Howard, 3/18/22, 2nd qtr. vs. Howard, 3/18/22, 1st qtr. 2
- vs. UConn, 2/10/20, 1st qtr. 2

Most Allowed

1. vs. Baylor, 12/2/18, 1st qtr. 32
- at Maryland, 11/13/17, 4th qtr. 32
- vs. Kentucky, 2/26/17, 4th qtr. 32
4. vs. Arkansas, 3/8/19, 3rd qtr. vs. Connecticut, 3/26/18, 1st qtr. 30
- vs. Syracuse, 3/25/16, 4th qtr. 30

Margin of Difference

Lead

1. vs. Alabama State, 11/5/19, 3rd qtr. 36-9
2. vs. App State, 11/17/19, 1st qtr. 35-3
3. vs. Charleston, 11/25/20, 3rd qtr. 34-8
- vs. USC Upstate, 11/21/19, 3rd atr. 33-7
- vs. Arkansas, 1/3/16, 2nd qtr. 35-9
5. vs. Saint Peter's, 11/22/16, 1st qtr. 37-12

Points

Field Goals Made

1. at Florida, 2/27/20, 1st qtr. vs. Saint Peter's, 11/22/16, 1st qtr. 15
3. vs. Alabama, 2/3/22, 1st qtr. vs. App State, 11/17/19, 1st qtr. 15
- vs. Notre Dame, 11/26/17, 4th qtr. vs. Arkansas, 1/3/16, 2nd qtr. 14
- 14
- 14
- 14
- 14

Attempts

1. vs. Arkansas, 3/7/20, 4th qtr. 28
2. vs. Howard, 3/18/22, 1st qtr. vs. Arkansas, 1/9/20, 3rd qtr. 25
4. vs. Stanford, 4/2/21, 4th qtr. at Alabama, 1/4/21, 3rd qtr. 24
- vs. South Dakota, 11/28/20, 2nd qtr. vs. Charleston, 11/25/20, 3rd 24
- 24
- 24

Highest Percentage

1. vs. Kentucky, 3/5/16, 4th qtr. 11-13
2. at Kentucky, 1/21/18, 3rd qtr. 9-11
3. vs. Belmont, 3/22/19, 3rd qtr. vs. Quinnipiac, 3/25/17, 3rd qtr. 13-16
- 13-16
- 13-16
5. vs. Charleston, 11/25/20, 2nd qtr. vs. Hampton, 12/16/15, 3rd qtr. 12-15
- 8-10
- .846
- .818
- .813
- .813
- .800
- .800

Lowest Percentage

1. vs. Ole Miss, 3/5/22, 4th qtr. 0-5
2. vs. Georgia, 1/12/17, 2nd qtr. 1-12
3. vs. NC State, 12/3/20, 2nd qtr. 2-19
4. at Iowa State, 12/6/20, 4th atr. 1-9
5. vs. UCLA, 12/18/16, 1st qtr. 2-15
- .000
- .083
- .105
- .111
- .133

Lowest Percentage Allowed

1. vs. Miami (FL), 3/20/22, 2nd qtr. vs. Howard, 3/18/22, 2nd qtr. 0-9
- vs. Clemson, 11/17/21, 2nd qtr. 0-10
- vs. Texas, 3/30/21, 4th qtr. 0-16
- at Vanderbilt, 1/14/21, 2nd qtr. 0-15
- at Ole Miss, 1/30/20, 1st qtr. 0-9
- vs. Purdue, 12/15/19, 4th qtr. 0-8
- .000
- .000
- .000
- .000
- .000
- .000

Highest Percentage Allowed

1. vs. Drake, 11/24/18, 2nd qtr. 11-13
2. at LSU, 1/15/17, 2nd qtr. 9-12
3. vs. Tennessee, 1/14/18, 2nd qtr. vs. Quinnipiac, 3/25/17, 2nd qtr. 8-11
- 8-11
5. vs. Connecticut, 3/26/18, 2nd qtr. at Missouri, 1/7/18, 4th qtr. 10-14
- 5-7
- .846
- .750
- .727
- .727
- .714
- .714

Rebounding

Total

1. vs. Arkansas, 3/7/20, 4th qtr. 28
2. vs. Charleston, 11/25/20, 3rd qtr. 22
3. vs. Howard, 3/18/22, 1st qtr. 21
4. vs. Howard, 3/18/22, 3rd qtr. vs. Howard, 3/18/22, 2nd qtr. 20
- vs. Charleston, 11/25/20, 1st qtr. 20
- at Ohio State, 11/14/16, 1st qtr. 20

Margin

1. vs. Charleston, 11/25/20, 3rd qtr. 22-4
2. vs. Howard, 3/18/22, 2nd qtr. vs. Arkansas, 3/7/20, 4th qtr. 20-4
- 21-5
4. vs. Temple, 12/17/20, 4th qtr. at Alabama, 2/22/16, 4th qtr. 19-4
- 18-3
- +18
- +16
- +16
- +15
- +15

INDIVIDUAL

Scoring

Most

1. Kaela Davis at Auburn, 1/5/17, 1st qtr. 19
2. Aja Wilson vs. Notre Dame, 11/26/17, 4th qtr. 18
3. Alexis Jennings at Florida, 2/17/19, 3rd qtr. 17
4. Aliyah Boston vs. Florida, 12/31/20, 2nd qtr. Herbert Harrigan vs. Texas A&M, 3/1/20, 1st qtr. 15
- Kaela Davis vs. Quinnipiac, 3/25/17, 3rd qtr. 15
- Tina Roy vs. Arkansas, 1/3/16, 3rd qtr. 15

Rebounding

Most

1. Aliyah Boston vs. N. Carolina, 3/25/22, 4th qtr. 9
- LeLe Grissett at Vanderbilt, 1/14/21, 4th qtr. 9
- Aliyah Boston vs. UConn, 2/10/20, 1st qtr. 9
- Aliyah Boston vs. Arkansas, 1/9/20, 1st atr. 9
- Alaina Coates at Arkansas, 2/5/17, 1st qtr. 9
- Alaina Coates at Georgia, 1/26/17, 2nd qtr. 9



Colonial Life Arena

Notables

- 8-Time National Attendance Leader (2015-present)
- NCAA Tournament Host in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- 96 consecutive regular-season games with at least 10,000 fans (Jan. 2, 2015)*
- 6 official sellouts (18,000) since 2015-16 season
- 4 undefeated seasons at home
- Longest home win streak – 45 games (2/24/13-2/4/16)

Great Gamecock Fans

18,000	Tennessee, 2/20/22
18,000	UConn, 2/10/20
18,000	Mississippi State, 3/3/19
18,000	UConn, 2/1/18
18,000	Kentucky, 2/26/17
18,000	UConn, 2/8/16
17,712	Clemson, 11/22/02*
17,156	Kentucky, 1/11/15
16,815	Ohio State, 11/13/15
16,465	Auburn, 1/2/15

*Inaugural Night of Colonial Life Arena

Year-by-Year Record

Year	Record	Pct.	Att. Avg.
2002-03	14-2	.875	3,244
2003-04	5-6	.455	1,828
2004-05	8-9	.471	1,764
2005-06	12-5	.706	1,455
2006-07	15-5	.750	1,845
2007-08	12-6	.667	1,802
2008-09	6-9	.400	2,793
2009-10	7-5	.583	3,442
2010-11	14-5	.737	2,996
2011-12	12-3	.800	3,139
2012-13	12-3	.800	4,082
2013-14	16-0	1.000	6,371
2014-15	16-0	1.000	12,293
2015-16	16-1	.941	14,364
2016-17	15-1	.938	12,277
2017-18	15-2	.882	13,239
2018-19	11-4	.733	11,539
2019-20	15-0	1.000	12,185
2020-21	10-1	.909	3,500*
2021-22	16-0	1.000	12,714
Total	247-67	.787	6,245*
Staley Era	181-34	.842	8,209*

* 2020-21 attendance not counted in average or streaks due to COVID-19 regulation restrictions

In women's basketball, Colonial Life Arena has become one of the most feared places to play as enormous crowds fill the building with passion for the Gamecocks.

The state of South Carolina has rallied around head coach Dawn Staley's program in unprecedented numbers as the Gamecocks have led the nation in average attendance in each of the last seven seasons. The Gamecocks were one of a few programs to finish the 2019-20 season averaging over 10,000 fans and boast six sellouts (18,000) in the last six seasons of full capacity arenas.

Colonial Life Arena is more than just the home of South Carolina men's and women's basketball, though. It is also a thriving entertainment venue that the city of Columbia and its surrounding metropolitan area are able to enjoy throughout the year.

Colonial Life Arena is the largest arena in the state of South Carolina with 18,000 seats, and the 10th-largest on-campus basketball facility in the nation. Located on the beautiful University of South Carolina campus, this one-of-a-kind facility features 41 suites, four entertainment suites, and the Frank McGuire Club, a full-service hospitality room that has a capacity of 300. The state-of-the-art facility also features plush seating, a technologically advanced sound system and a one-of-a-kind selection of unique concession foods that will delight fans of all ages.

In Summer 2017, a 12-display center-hung video board and ribbon boards were added to the arena bowl at a cost of \$4.2 million. The center-hung board features four convex-curved main displays that measure approximately 12' x 20' and can show any combination of live video, instant replays, statistics and game information, graphics and animations, and sponsorship messages.

The Arena has hosted numerous sold out shows, including Barnum and Bailey Circus, Paul McCartney, country superstars Kenny Chesney and Taylor Swift, WWE Wrestling, Kanye West and numerous other acts.

The largest building ever constructed at the University of South Carolina at 342,000 square feet, the Arena has an intimate double-deck design that puts every seat close to the action. The cantilever of the upper deck over the lower deck extends further than any other arena of its size with great sight lines.

Two spacious locker rooms for Gamecock men's and women's basketball include team meeting rooms, recruiting rooms, coaches locker rooms and an athletic training room.

"It is a beautiful thing to see unfold because a lot of people really didn't think it could get done. I tip my hat to Gamecock Nation for making this a wonderful place and creating a home court advantage that allows us to win close basketball games."

– South Carolina Head Coach Dawn Staley



Official Basketball Box Score - Final
Benedict at South Carolina

10/31/22 Colonial Life Arena, Columbia
 2022-23 Women's Basketball

Game Time: 7:00 PM
 Game Duration: 2:00

Officials: Talisa Green, Kylie Galloway, Roy Jackson

Benedict - 32

Record: 0-0

NO. Name		Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-	Shooting By Period
25 Taylor Christmas	F	14:25	1-6	1-5	0-0	0 5 5	5 0	3	0	1	0	1 0	-25	1 st FG% 3-16 18.8%
40 Emiya Gallman	F	33:05	1-3	0-0	1-2	1 0 1	3 1	3	0	3	0	0 1	-66	3PT% 1-9 11.1%
3 Mahogany Randall	G	16:37	1-3	0-1	0-0	0 2 2	3 2	2	0	1	0	0 0	-29	FT% 0-0 0%
4 Jasmine Gholson	G	28:41	1-6	1-6	0-0	0 0 0	1 0	3	1	2	1	0 0	-68	2 nd FG% 4-16 25.0%
5 Leila Henderson	G	21:15	1-9	0-4	0-0	0 1 1	4 5	2	1	3	0	0 0	-46	3PT% 3-12 25.0%
11 Adiyah Owens		34:08	3-21	2-16	0-0	2 4 6	3 3	8	2	5	1	2 3	-85	FT% 3-4 75%
34 Taia Gattis		13:30	0-0	0-0	0-0	1 2 3	2 0	0	0	1	0	2 0	-46	3 rd FG% 4-14 28.6%
2 Shakera Duncan		21:20	3-11	1-5	1-3	0 3 3	3 4	8	0	7	0	0 3	-57	3PT% 1-8 12.5%
10 Sincere Hicks		16:59	0-2	0-0	3-4	0 0 0	0 2	3	1	3	0	0 2	-33	FT% 1-3 33.3%
Team						5 3 8		0		0				4 th FG% 0-15 0.0%
Totals			11-61	5-37	5-9	9 20 29	24 17	32	5	26	2	5 9	-91	3PT% 0-8 0.0%
														FT% 1-2 50%

Technical Fouls: Henderson 2nd 6:36

Dead Ball Rebounds: 3, 1

GM FG% 11-61 18.0%

3PT% 5-37 13.5%

FT% 5-9 55.6%

South Carolina - 123

Record: 0-0

NO. Name		Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds OR DR TOT	Fouls PF FD	TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks BS BA	+/-	Shooting By Period
4 Aliyah Boston	F	19:56	2-6	0-1	4-4	3 4 7	0 4	8	2	0	0	0 1	37	1 st FG% 8-20 40.0%
20 Sania Feagin	F	20:06	8-13	0-0	1-2	8 4 12	2 2	17	1	1	4	1 3	58	3PT% 1-7 14.3%
1 Zia Cooke	G	18:20	6-11	2-6	5-5	1 3 4	1 3	19	2	0	0	0 0	43	FT% 8-10 80%
12 Brea Beal	G	19:01	1-4	1-4	0-0	1 1 2	0 0	3	1	0	2	2 0	29	2 nd FG% 10-24 41.7%
23 Bree Hall	G	24:16	7-11	1-5	4-4	2 2 4	2 2	19	1	2	0	1 0	51	3PT% 3-10 30.0%
15 Laeticia Amihere		20:57	3-7	0-4	5-8	1 5 6	5 6	11	6	3	1	2 0	48	FT% 5-7 71.4%
10 Kamilla Cardoso		21:52	4-7	0-0	2-4	3 5 8	1 2	10	0	0	2	1 1	41	3 rd FG% 16-25 64.0%
2 Ashlyn Watkins		15:32	4-8	0-0	3-4	7 2 9	5 3	11	0	0	2	0 0	40	3PT% 1-5 20.0%
11 Talaysia Cooper		25:08	5-14	0-3	1-2	1 8 9	1 1	11	6	1	6	2 0	61	FT% 6-10 60%
0 Olivia Thompson		14:52	5-9	4-7	0-0	0 2 2	0 0	14	2	0	0	0 0	47	4 th FG% 11-21 52.4%
Team						1 6 7		0		0				3PT% 3-8 37.5%
Totals			45-90	8-30	25-33	28 42 70	17 23	123	21	7	17	9 5	91	FT% 6-6 100%
														GM FG% 45-90 50.0%
														3PT% 8-30 26.7%
														FT% 25-33 75.8%

Technical Fouls: NONE

Dead Ball Rebounds: 4, 0

GM FG% 45-90 50.0%

3PT% 8-30 26.7%

FT% 25-33 75.8%

	BEN	USC
Biggest lead	0 (1 st 10:00)	91 (4 th 0:50)
Best Scoring Run	5(2 nd 9:47)	35(4 th 1:45)
Lead Changes	0	
Times Tied	0	
Time with Lead	00:00	39:44

Points from	BEN	USC
Turnovers	2	39
Paint	6	70
Second Chance	5	27
Fast Breaks	2	45
Bench	19	57

Period by Period Scoring					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT
BEN	7	14	10	1	32
USC	25	28	39	31	123



**2021-22 South Carolina Women's Basketball
Combined Team Statistics
All games**

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Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	35-2	16-0	9-1	10-1
CONFERENCE	15-1	8-0	7-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	20-1	8-0	2-0	10-1

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
South Carolina	693	634	692	599	5	2623
Opponents	451	435	474	509	6	1875

Team Box Score

No.	Player	Total			3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds														
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	Avg	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	Avg	
4	BOSTON, Aliyah	37-37	1056:48	28.6	239-441	.542	14-48	.292	131-170	.771	150	312	462	12.5	51	0	75	57	90	45	623	16.8	
3	HENDERSON, Destanni	34-34	1052:50	31.0	144-357	.403	55-138	.399	49-68	.721	23	84	107	3.1	37	0	133	72	4	46	392	11.5	
1	COOKE, Zia	36-36	975:19	27.1	139-406	.342	45-157	.287	62-88	.705	15	61	76	2.1	33	0	60	76	2	22	385	10.7	
15	AMIHERE, Laeticia	31-3	520:06	16.8	68-156	.436	5-11	.455	54-83	.651	45	68	113	3.6	33	0	37	57	25	19	195	6.3	
5	SAXTON, Victoria	37-37	796:02	21.5	86-171	.503	0-1	.000	43-67	.642	118	98	216	5.8	59	1	43	44	48	26	215	5.8	
10	CARDOSO, Kamilla	32-0	424:16	13.3	68-123	.553	0-0	.000	38-53	.717	61	103	164	5.1	49	0	31	39	46	11	174	5.4	
12	BEAL, Brea	37-37	890:12	24.1	72-189	.381	15-63	.238	28-47	.596	65	121	186	5.0	65	0	47	38	20	26	187	5.1	
24	GRISSETT, LeLe	25-1	308:55	12.4	30-71	.423	1-1	1.000	20-40	.500	29	21	50	2.0	21	0	14	19	8	7	81	3.2	
23	HALL, Bree	36-0	334:05	9.3	32-102	.314	14-46	.304	19-30	.633	12	41	53	1.5	43	0	1	23	1	5	97	2.7	
11	LITTLETON, Destiny	31-0	278:41	9.0	25-70	.357	21-61	.344	9-12	.750	6	33	39	1.3	17	0	7	15	2	9	80	2.6	
2	RUSSELL, Eniya	23-0	177:08	7.7	19-45	.422	5-12	.417	10-17	.588	5	25	30	1.3	18	0	19	16	2	4	53	2.3	
44	RIVERS, Saniya	27-0	351:44	13.0	24-98	.245	1-31	.032	12-24	.500	5	38	43	1.6	37	0	38	27	13	13	61	2.3	
20	FEAGIN, Sania	31-0	132:04	4.3	21-34	.618	0-0	.000	16-28	.571	14	31	45	1.5	19	0	6	18	12	5	58	1.9	
0	THOMPSON, Olivia	13-0	47:14	3.6	3-13	.231	3-13	.231	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0.7	
32	WESOLEK, Elysa	21-0	71:18	3.4	5-12	.417	0-3	.000	3-4	.750	4	9	13	0.6	7	0	4	7	0	0	13	0.6	
25	JOHNSON, Raven	2-0	08:19	4.2	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0	
Team											83	88	171							25			
Total		37	7425		975-2289	.426	179-585	.306	494-731	.676	635	1136	1771	47.9	489	1	515	534	273	239	2623	70.9	
Opponents		37	7425		728-2191	.332	138-518	.266	281-427	.658	368	749	1117	30.2	643	13	335	503	153	229	1875	50.7	

Team Statistics

	USC	OPP
Scoring	2623	1875
Points per game	70.9	50.7
Scoring margin	+20.2	-
Field goals-att	975-2289	728-2191
Field goal pct	.426	.332
3 point fg-att	179-585	138-518
3-point FG pct	.306	.266
3-pt FG made per game	4.8	3.7
Free throws-att	494-731	281-427
Free throw pct	.676	.658
F-Throws made per game	13.4	7.6
Rebounds	1771	1117
Rebounds per game	47.9	30.2
Rebounding margin	+17.7	-
Assists	515	335
Assists per game	13.9	9.1
Turnovers	534	503
Turnovers per game	14.4	13.6
Turnover margin	-0.8	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.7
Steals	239	229
Steals per game	6.5	6.2
Blocks	273	153
Blocks per game	7.4	4.1
Winning streak	6	-
Home win streak	16	-
Attendance	196286	54779
Home games-Avg/Game	16-12268	10-5478
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	11-7376

Team Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
11/09/2021	at NC State	W 66-57	5533
11/12/2021	vs South Dakota	W 72-41	2845
11/17/2021	Clemson	W 76-45	13363
11/20/2021	vs Buffalo	W 88-60	667
11/21/2021	vs Oregon	W 80-63	545
11/22/2021	vs UConn	W 73-57	1171
11/26/2021	Elon	W 79-38	11360
11/29/2021	N.C. A&T	W 79-42	12020
12/03/2021	Kansas St.	W 65-44	11657
12/12/2021	Maryland	W 66-59	12862
12/15/2021	at Duke	W 55-46	5451
12/21/2021	Stanford	W 65-61	13079
12/30/2021	at Missouri	Lot 69-70	6139
01/02/2022	Mississippi St.	W 80-68	11403
01/06/2022	at LSU	W 66-60	9190
01/09/2022	Kentucky	W 74-54	12327
01/13/2022	Texas A&M	W 65-45	12169
01/16/2022	at Arkansas	W 61-52	4265
01/24/2022	Vanderbilt	W 85-30	11329
01/27/2022	Ole Miss	W 69-40	13973
01/30/2022	at Florida	W 62-50	5319
02/03/2022	Alabama	W 83-51	11875
02/10/2022	at Kentucky	W 59-50	4317
02/13/2022	at Georgia	W 72-54	5461
02/17/2022	Auburn	W 75-38	12574
02/20/2022	Tennessee	W 67-53	18000
02/24/2022	at Texas A&M	W 89-48	5883
02/27/2022	at Ole Miss	W 71-57	3221
03/04/2022	vs Arkansas	W 76-54	6880
03/05/2022	vs Ole Miss	W 61-51	9072
03/06/2022	vs Kentucky	L 62-64	7997
03/18/2022	Howard	W 79-21	8478
03/20/2022	Miami (FL)	W 49-33	9817
03/25/2022	vs North Carolina	W 69-61	8811
03/27/2022	vs Creighton	W 80-50	6579
04/01/2022	vs Louisville	W 72-59	18268
04/03/2022	vs UConn	W 64-49	18304