



# SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETICS

2022-23 Report

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## 2022-2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

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### ALL-AMERICANS

# 40

### ALL-CONFERENCE HONOREES

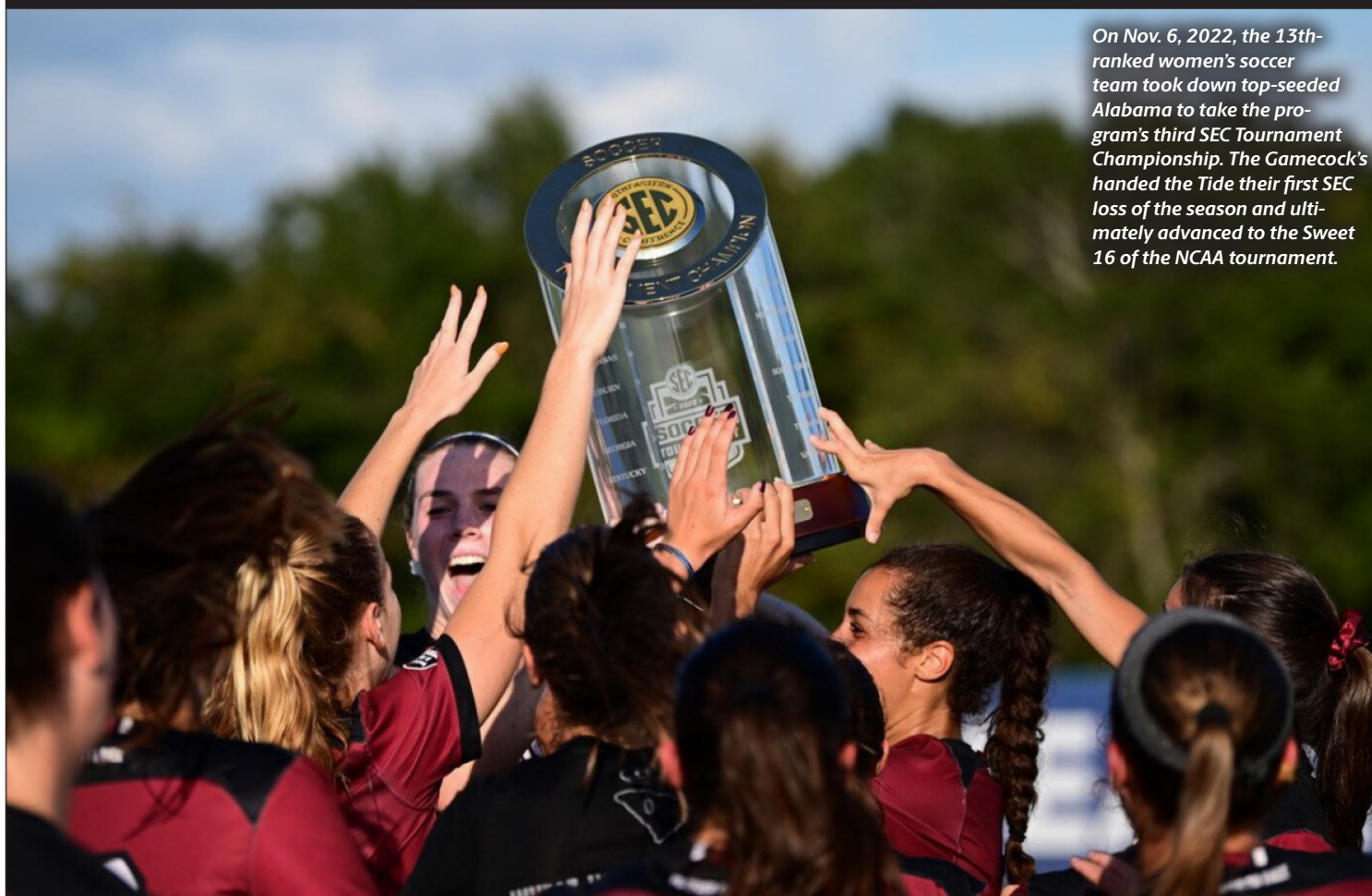
## GAMECOCKS IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

Baseball: 13th  
Women's Basketball: 3rd

Beach Volleyball: 17th  
Equestrian: 7th

Football: 23rd  
Women's Golf: 4th

Women's Soccer: 9th  
Men's Tennis: 8th



*On Nov. 6, 2022, the 13th-ranked women's soccer team took down top-seeded Alabama to take the program's third SEC Tournament Championship. The Gamecock's handed the Tide their first SEC loss of the season and ultimately advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.*

## INDIVIDUAL MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

### ETHAN PETRY - BASEBALL

Perfect Game National Freshman of the Year

### ALIYAH BOSTON - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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.

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

SEC Diver of the Year

### JOSH GOFFI - MEN'S TENNIS

ITA Carolina Region Coach of the Year

### JENNA HAMPTON - VOLLEYBALL

SEC Libero of the Year





# GAMECOCK GALA HONOREES

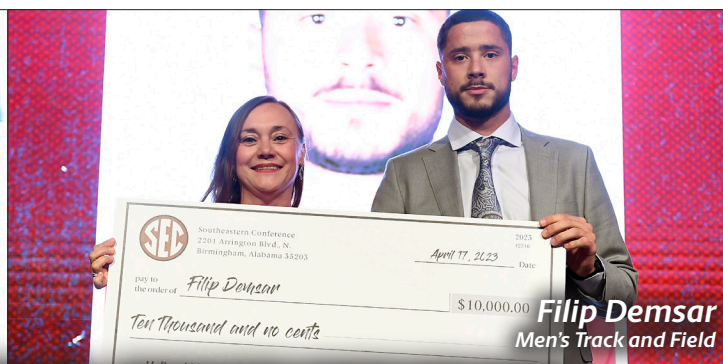


## 2022-23 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

**ALIYAH BOSTON**  
Women's Basketball



**Trinity Hammerschmidt**  
Equestrian



**Filip Demsar**  
Men's Track and Field

### SEC H. BOYD MCWHORTER AWARD NOMINEES



**Jordan Allen**  
Equestrian

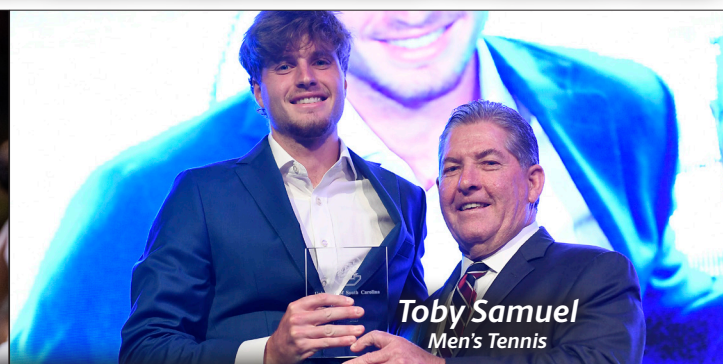


**Wesley Sweatt**  
Baseball

### SEC BRAD DAVIS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES



**Aliyah Boston**  
Women's Basketball



**Toby Samuel**  
Men's Tennis

### ATHLETES OF THE YEAR





# GAMECOCK GALA HONOREES



*Equestrian*

**IMPACT TEAM OF THE YEAR**



*Alysia Johnson  
Women's Track and Field*

**DODIE ACADEMIC MVP**



*Jenna Hampton  
Volleyball*

**NEW STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**



*Raven Johnson  
Women's Basketball*

**FEMALE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**



*Ethan Petry  
Baseball*

**MALE CO-FRESHMEN OF THE YEAR**



*Nick Emmanwori  
Football*



*Louise Rydqvist  
Women's Golf*

**SCHOLAR ATHLETES OF THE YEAR**



*Filip Demsar  
Men's Track and Field*



*Kieley Gayle  
Women's Track and Field*

**GAMECOCK LEADERSHIP AWARD**



*Junior Saint Juste  
Men's Soccer*

**GAMECOCK INSPIRATION AWARD**





## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



FALL HONOR ROLL

112

WINTER HONOR ROLL

63

SPRING HONOR ROLL

118

1ST-YEAR HONOR ROLL

131

- Gamecock Athletics celebrated four student-athletes who earned College Sports Communicators Academic All-America honors in 2022-23. The list includes Aliyah Boston (1st team, women's basketball), Connor Thomson (2nd-team, men's tennis), Jylissa Harris (3rd-team, women's soccer) and Sarah Hamner (3rd-team, women's tennis).
- South Carolina led the SEC with 416 student-athletes earning SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition during the 2022-23 academic year.
- The student-athletes at the University of South Carolina ended the Spring 2023 semester with a departmental grade point average (GPA) of 3.39. Except for the COVID-19 Spring 2020 semester, this marks the department's highest GPA on record and the 33rd-consecutive semester with a departmental GPA above 3.0. Women's golf (3.84) earned the highest team GPA in the spring, followed closely by beach volleyball (3.74) and men's soccer (3.72). Overall, 17 of 18 teams earned a GPA of 3.0 or better during the spring semester.
- The department named 92 student-athletes to the President's List for earning a 4.0 GPA, 160 student-athletes to the Dean's List (3.5) and 429 to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll (3.0) in the spring.
- The student-athletes at the University of South Carolina ended the Fall 2022 semester with a departmental grade point average (GPA) of 3.335, the department's sixth-highest GPA in history. Beach volleyball (3.723) earned the highest team GPA, while women's golf (3.702) garnered the second-highest mark and men's soccer (3.682) posted third-highest team GPA within the department.
- The department named 92 student-athletes to the President's List for earning a 4.0 GPA, 160 student-athletes to the Dean's List (3.5) and 429 to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll (3.0) in the fall.
- Gamecock men's soccer finished the academic year with a combined GPA of 3.73, the highest among all NCAA Division I programs. This marks the third time the Gamecocks have led Division I in GPA (2010 and 2013).

## 2022-23 TEAM ACADEMIC AWARDS

### BASEBALL

ABCA Team Academic Excellence Award

### BEACH VOLLEYBALL

American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award

### CROSS COUNTRY

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

### MEN'S GOLF

Golf Coaches Association of America All-Academic Team

### WOMEN'S GOLF

Women's Golf Coaches Association All-Scholar Team GPA Awards

### MEN'S SOCCER

United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award

### MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

CSCAA Scholar All-America Teams

### WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

CSCAA Scholar All-America Teams

### MEN'S TENNIS

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

"I am extremely proud of these accomplishments. The combination of athletics and academic achievements gives them a great foundation for future success in whatever endeavor they choose following their time in college."

**ATHLETICS DIRECTOR RAY TANNER**





# BASEBALL

The Gamecocks advanced to its 14th Super Regional in program history in 2023 after going 3-0 in the Columbia Regional. Carolina defeated Central Connecticut State, N.C. State and Campbell, outscoring its opponents 41-11.

OVERALL RECORD: 42-21  
CONFERENCE: 16-13

## SUCCESS ON THE FIELD



Ethan Petry



Jack Mahoney



Cole Messina



Braylen Wimmer

- The Gamecocks advanced to its 14th Super Regional in program history in 2023 after going 3-0 in the Columbia Regional. Gavin Casas was named the Columbia Regional Most Valuable Player.
- Ethan Petry ended his rookie campaign with a .376 batting average with 10 doubles, 23 home runs and 75 RBI. The Land O'Lakes, Fla., native scored 55 runs and had a .733 slugging percentage. He was named the Perfect Game National Freshman of the Year and was named to the NCBWA All-America First-Team, ABCA All-America second team, Collegiate Baseball All-America third team, was an ABCA All-Atlantic Region first team member and was a Freshman All-American by both Collegiate Baseball and the NCBWA.
- Sophomore Cole Messina also was named to the NCBWA and Perfect Game All-America second team, Collegiate Baseball All-America third team as well as an ABCA All-Atlantic Region second team member. Messina hit .307 with 18 doubles, 17 home runs and 65 RBI in 62 games played this season. He slugged .615 and had a .428 on-base percentage while stealing eight bases.
- Petry and Messina both were named to the All-SEC first team.
- Carolina finished fifth in the country in average attendance, drawing 256,075 fans for an average of 7,113. The Gamecocks had 11 sellouts at Founders Park, the most since 2012.
- Petry broke the freshman home run at Carolina during the regular season, belted 23 round trippers. Carolina had five players with double digit home runs (Gavin Casas, 19; Cole Messina, 17; Braylen Wimmer, 14; Will McGillis, 14).
- Carolina also was fourth in the nation, drawing 380 walks on the season. Carson Hornung led the team with 43 walks, while Gavin Casas (41) and Cole Messina (40) also had 40 or more free passes in 2023.
- Carolina was 5-5 against teams that made the College World Series in 2023. The Gamecocks were 3-2 against Florida, 1-1 against LSU and 1-2 against Tennessee.
- The Gamecocks were ranked as high as No. 3 in the weekly polls aftersweeping Florida on April 20-22.
- The Gamecocks had the third toughest strength of schedule in the nation by Warren Nolan, leading to an RPI of No. 8.

### COACHING STAFF

Mark Kingston	Head Coach
Monte Lee	Associate Head Coach
Justin Parker	Assistant Coach
Scott Wingo	Assistant Coach
Mike Current	Director of Player Development
Ryan West	Director of Operations





# MEN'S BASKETBALL



GG Jackson

The Gamecocks earned their first win at Rupp Arena since 2009 on Jan. 10, 2023, with a 71-68 win over Kentucky. The win was also first-year head coach Lamont Paris' first SEC victory at South Carolina.

OVERALL RECORD: 11-21  
CONFERENCE: 4-14

## SUCCESS ON THE COURT



Meechie Johnson

- Freshman forward Gregory "GG" Jackson II was selected No. 45 overall by the Memphis Grizzlies in the 2023 NBA Draft. The Columbia, S.C., native is the 40th player in program history picked in the NBA Draft.
- Jackson was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team after averaging 15.4 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. He was named CBS Sports/USBWA National Freshman of the Week twice this season. The first recognition was after a 22-point performance in a road win at Georgetown on Dec. 3. His latest acknowledgement was after a 24-point, 9-rebound effort in a win against Eastern Michigan on Dec. 30. Jackson was also named the SEC Freshman of the Week on Nov. 14, with 18 points and 10 rebounds in a win over South Carolina State and 12 points and eight rebounds in a win against Clemson.
- The Gamecocks earned their first win at Rupp Arena since 2009 on Jan. 10, 2023, with a 71-68 win over Kentucky. The win was also first-year head coach Lamont Paris' first SEC victory at South Carolina.
- Carolina also had a win against in-state rival Clemson, 60-58, on Nov. 11, 2022.
- Sophomore Meechie Johnson averaged 12.7 points, 3.7 rebounds and a team-leading 3.5 assists per game in his first season with the Gamecocks.



## COACHING STAFF

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Lamont Paris   | Head Coach      |
| Tanner Bronson | Assistant Coach |
| Tim Buckley    | Assistant Coach |
| Eddie Shannon  | Assistant Coach |





# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

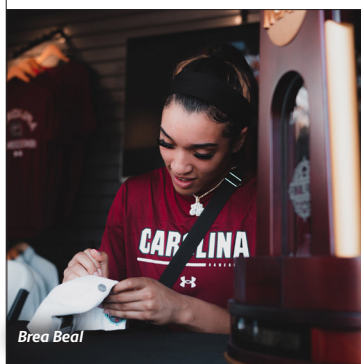
The Gamecocks went to their third-straight NCAA Final Four, setting a program record with 36 wins on the season. South Carolina is just the seventh program to make at least three consecutive Final Four appearances in the history of the NCAA Tournament.

OVERALL RECORD: 36-1  
CONFERENCE: 16-0

## SUCCESS ON THE COURT



Aliyah Boston



Brea Beal



Destanni Henderson

- Boston earned All-America First Team recognition from every outlet that bestows the award. She was named an AP All-American every year of her career, becoming just the fifth player in the history of that award to do so. Zia Cooke claimed third-team All-America recognition from AP and USBWA, while Brea Beal was an AP Honorable Mention All-American.
- Boston claimed Naismith Defensive Player of the Year honors for the second-straight season. She was a finalist for every National Player of the Year award as well.
- In SEC honors, Boston repeated as both the SEC Player of the Year and SEC Defensive Player of the Year. Zia Cooke grabbed a spot on the All-SEC First Team, and Kamilla Cardoso was named to the All-SEC Second Team. Staley was the SEC Coach of the Year. Raven Johnson was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team, and Beal earned a spot on the SEC All-Defensive Team.
- Boston was named a First-Team Academic All-American for the third-straight year. Bree Hall picked up Academic All-District honors for the first time in her career.
- South Carolina became just the third program to have at least five selections in a single WNBA Draft. Boston became the program's second No. 1 overall pick, going to the Indiana Fever. Laeticia Amihere (8th, Atlanta Dream) and Zia Cooke (10th, LA Sparks) gave the Gamecocks three top-10 picks for the second time in program history. Brea Beal (24th, Minnesota Lynx) and Victoria Saxton (25th, Indiana Fever) completed the Gamecocks' draft board.

- South Carolina became just the third program in the history of the AP Poll to hold the No. 1 spot from start to finish in back-to-back seasons. The Gamecocks' 38-week streak at No. 1 is the second-longest in the history of the poll as well.
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- South Carolina repeated as SEC Regular-Season Champion (seventh title in the last 10 seasons) and claimed its seventh SEC Tournament title in the last nine seasons.
- Dawn Staley was the back-to-back National Coach of the Year, claiming honors from the Naismith awards, the USBWA and the WBCA.
- Seniors Aliyah Boston and Zia Cooke were named the best at their positions, picking up Lisa Leslie Center of the Year and Ann Meyers Drysdale Shooting Guard of the Year honors, respectively. Boston became the first male or female to win her positional award all four years of her career.

### COACHING STAFF

Dawn Staley	Head Coach
Lisa Boyer	Associate Head Coach
Fred Chmiel	Assistant Coach
Jolette Law	Assistant Coach







# BEACH VOLLEYBALL



Simone Priebe (L) and Skylar Allen (R)

Senior Skylar Allen – in her fourth season with the Gamecocks – set the program record for career wins on court one as an individual, currently with 57. She also collected her second All-American certificate in the postseason, joined by teammate and partner Simone Priebe.

OVERALL RECORD: 19-12  
CONFERENCE: 0-3

## SUCCESS ON THE SAND



Allison Coens



Hannah Mackenhausen

- Skylar Allen and Simone Priebe were one of 16 total pairs to earn All-America honors by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. It is Allen's second time making the team, for Priebe it is her first. It is just the second time in program history that South Carolina collected a postseason all-American certificate from the sport's governing body.
- Allen and Priebe also earned all-conference honors from the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association. They finished the season with a 20-10 overall record, playing exclusively in the number one position in the lineup. The pair are the first in program history to reach 20 wins on court one in a single season.
- Carolina finished its 10th season as a varsity sport with a 19-12 overall record. Carolina has won at least 60 percent of its matches in 7 of its 10 seasons. The Gamecocks finished the season 17th in the final AVCA Beach Top-20 poll, extending their streak in the poll to 71 in a row.
- With a sweep of Southeastern Louisiana on March 5, junior Hannah Mackenhausen moved to 50 career wins, making her the 11th member of the program to reach the career milestone. On the way to her 50 wins, Mackenhausen carried a .685 win percentage.
- Skylar Allen joined the 50-win club thanks to a sweep of Stephen F. Austin on March 10, recording a career win percentage of .595 on the way to 50. Allen made it to 50 wins the hard way - she was making her 71st start in the No. 1 position when she recorded her 50th career win.
- Kaeli Crews and Hannah Mackenhausen hit a milestone win on March 25 against Houston Christian. The duo are just the fifth Gamecock pair in program history to reach 25 career wins together, and their current total of 28 wins currently ranks fourth.
- South Carolina handed the LMU Lions their first loss of the season and recorded the program's fourth win ever over a team ranked in the top five nationally after winning their March 18th matchup.



Jordan Smith

## COACHING STAFF

Moritz Moritz	Head Coach
RJ Abella	Assistant Coach/ Recruiting Coord.
Shannon Orth	Volunteer Assistant Coach





# EQUESTRIAN



Trinity Hammerschmidt

The Gamecocks were the #7-seed at the NCEA National Championships, competing at Nationals for the first time since 2019.

OVERALL RECORD: 5-9  
CONFERENCE: 1-5

## SUCCESS ON THE FIELD



Emma Lane

- The Gamecocks finished the regular season ranked 7th in the latest National Collegiate Equestrian Association weekly rankings. Carolina finished 5-9 this season after competing in the NCEA Nationals for the first time since 2019.
- South Carolina defeated #3 Georgia, 10-9, on Nov. 12 at One Wood Farm in Blythewood, #7 Baylor, 11-8, on Sept. 29 in Blythewood and beat #10 UT-Martin, 10-9, on Oct. 28, at Martin, Tenn.
- Two Gamecocks earned 2022-23 Ariat All-America Team honors – Trinity Hammerschmidt (second-team in Flat) and Jordan Allen (honorable mention in Fences).
- Seven Gamecocks were recognized with All-SEC honors this season – Natalie Jayne (Freshman Fences Rider of the Year / All-Freshman Team), Trinity Hammerschmidt (Flat), Emma Lane (Reining), Mary Hunter Millet (All-Freshman Team - Flat), Alyssa Jipping (All-Freshman Team - Horsemanship) and Carly Jenkins (All-Freshman Team – Horsemanship).

- Five Gamecocks earned first-team APHA NCEA All-Academic Team, four made the second team and three made honorable mention
- Carolina hosted the SEC Championships at One Wood Farm. Team Most Outstanding Performances during the SECs were Madeline Schaefer (Fences) and Haley Turner (Reining) vs. Auburn and Schaefer (Fences) against Georgia. Schaefer and Turner earned SEC All-Championship Team honors.
- The Gamecocks were the #7-seed at the NCEA National Championships, hosted at the orld Equestrian Center in Ocala, Fla.



Trinity Hammerschmidt

### COACHING STAFF

Boo Major Head Coach  
 Kristen Terebesi Assistant Coach/Jumping Seat  
 Bobbie Piddock Assistant Coach/Western





# FOOTBALL

The Gamecocks defeated No. 5 Tennessee and No. 7 Clemson in the final two games of the regular season, the first time Carolina has posted back-to-back wins over top-10 teams in school history and just the seventh time in history that a school has defeated AP Top-10 opponents in consecutive weeks as an unranked team.



Nate Adkins



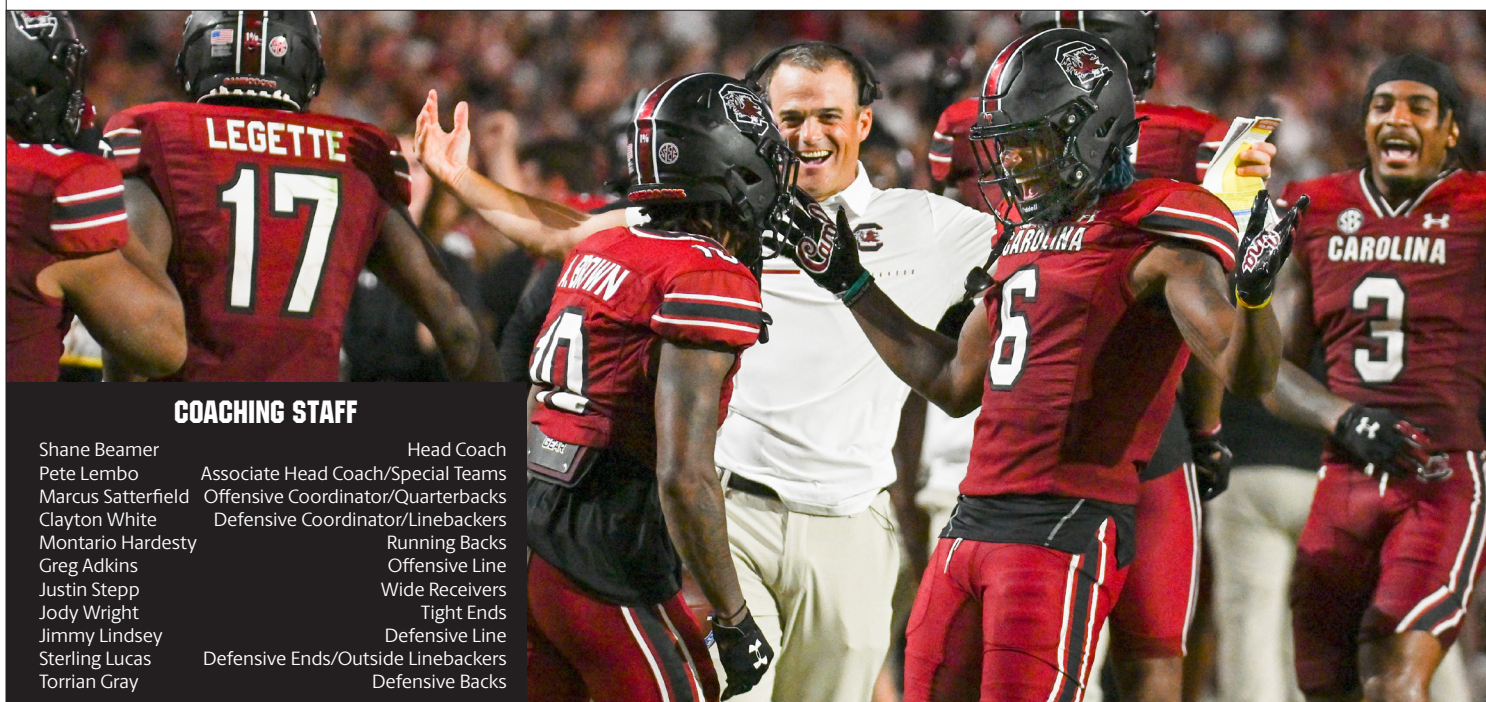
Spencer Rattler

OVERALL RECORD: 8-5  
CONFERENCE: 4-4

## SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

- Senior punter Kai Kroeger has been named to the 2023 Walter Camp Preseason FBS First-Team All-America Team. In 2022, he was named first-team All-America by ESPN.com and by The Athletic, and was second-team All-American according to Walter Camp and AFCA.
- Jovaughn Gwyn, Tyreek Johnson and Tyshawn Wannamaker were named by the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame (NFF) as members of the 2023 NFF Hampshire Society, which is comprised of college football players from all divisions of NCAA, NAIA and sprint football, who each maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better throughout their college careers.
- When the Gamecocks won at Clemson, it snapped the Tigers' 40-game home winning streak and brought the Palmetto Trophy home to Columbia for the first time since 2013.
- The TaxSlayer Gator Bowl, featuring South Carolina and Notre Dame, earned a TV rating of 3.1 with 5.766 million viewers. It was the highest rated non-New Year's Six bowl game of the 2022-23 season. Along with the Tennessee game (2.45 rating/4.867 million viewers), the two games were the 5th and 6th highest rated Gamecock football games of the last 10 seasons.
- The Gamecocks had the nation's top-ranked special teams unit, led by All-America punter Kai Kroeger. Pete Lembo was named the Phil Steele Special Teams Coach of the Year.
- Wide receiver Antwane Wells Jr. and punter Kai Kroeger earned first-team All-SEC honors.
- Safety Nick Emmanwori was a true freshman All-American and earned a spot on the SEC's All-Freshman team.

- The Gamecocks were ranked 23rd in the country in the final Associated Press and USA Today Coaches' polls. It marked the first time since the 2013 season that the Gamecocks finished the season ranked in the top-25 and the 10th time Carolina has finished the season ranked in the final AP poll in 129 seasons of intercollegiate football.
- Shane Beamer won 15 games in his first two seasons, matching Joe Morrison, Steve Spurrier, and Will Muschamp for the most wins by a head football coach in his first two seasons at Carolina.
- The Gamecocks defeated No. 5 Tennessee and No. 7 Clemson in the final two games of the regular season, the first time Carolina has posted back-to-back wins over top-10 teams in school history and just the seventh time in history that a school has defeated AP Top-10 opponents in consecutive weeks as an unranked team.
- The Gamecocks won eight football games in a season for just the 15th time in school history.



## COACHING STAFF

Shane Beamer	Head Coach
Pete Lembo	Associate Head Coach/Special Teams
Marcus Satterfield	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Clayton White	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
Montario Hardesty	Running Backs
Greg Adkins	Offensive Line
Justin Stepp	Wide Receivers
Jody Wright	Tight Ends
Jimmy Lindsey	Defensive Line
Sterling Lucas	Defensive Ends/Outside Linebackers
Torrian Gray	Defensive Backs





# 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.



Nathan Franks

SEC FINISH: 14TH  
NCAA REGIONAL: N/A

## SUCCESS ON THE COURSE

- South Carolina won the Palmetto Intercollegiate title for the second straight year, March 6-7, at the Palmetto Golf Club in Aiken, S.C. Sophomore Nathan Franks shot a 4-under-par 206 and placed tied for second in the 54-hole tournament.
- Franks was named the SEC Golfer of the Week for his efforts at the Palmetto as well as a fourth place tied finish at the General Hackler Championship in Myrtle Beach, March 13-14.
- Sophomore Nathan Franks was named to the CSC Academic All-District team.
- Sophomore Gene Zeigler was named SEC Golfer of the Week on Nov. 2. It's the first career player of the week honor for the Florence, S.C. native. He shares the award this week with Vanderbilt's Gordon Sargent and Georgia's Maxwell Ford. Zeigler is fresh off his first collegiate win at the Daniel Island Intercollegiate. He led the tournament wire-to-wire. Zeigler was the only player under par in the 104-man field, posting a 54-hole score of 214 (-2).



Gene Zeigler

### COACHING STAFF

Bill McDonald	Head Coach
Brady Gregor	Assistant Coach





# WOMEN'S GOLF



Louise Rydqvist



Mathilde Claisse



Hannah Darling and Kalen Anderson

South Carolina finished in the top 5 in every tournament they played this season (12 tournaments), placing second five times.

SEC CHAMPIONSHIP: 7TH  
NCAA REGIONAL: 2ND  
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP: 4TH

## SUCCESS ON THE COURSE

- Coach Kalen Anderson's squad finished the season ranked 4th in the nation in the Golfstat Rankings. In the individual rankings, sophomore Hannah Darling was 8th in the nation, senior Mathilde Claisse 39th, sophomore Louise Rydqvist 67th, senior Justine Fournand 78th and freshman Mia Lussand 113th.
- The Gamecocks finished second in the NCAA Athens Regional and went on to place fourth in the NCAA Championships at Scottsdale, Ariz. Carolina fell to Southern Cal in the first round of match play.
- Carolina finished in the top 5 in every tournament they played this season (12 tournaments), placing second five times.
- Sophomore Hannah Darling was named a Golfweek First Team All-American and senior Mathilde Claisse was named a Golfweek Honorable Mention All-American.
- Hannah Darling was a first-team All-America selection by the Women's Golf Coaches Association while Louise Rydqvist and Mathilde Claisse were honorable mention selections.
- Hannah Darling was named first-team All-SEC by the league's coaches while Mia Lussand earned Freshman All-SEC honors.
- The Gamecocks finished second at the Darius Rucker Intercollegiate, the Windy City Collegiate Classic, the Cactus Cup and the Liz Murphey Collegiate Classic. Carolina has finished in the top 5 in seven of its eight tournaments this season.
- Individually, Carolina has placed seven golfers in the Top 5 of tournaments, led by Hannah Darling's three and Mathilde Claisse's two. Justine Fournand and Louise Rydqvist have one each.

## COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Kalen Anderson	Head Coach
Michael Roters	Assistant Coach





# MEN'S SOCCER



Adam Luckhurst

South Carolina finished the regular season leading the nation in average attendance with 2,839 fans per game.

OVERALL RECORD: 5-9-2  
CONFERENCE: 1-5-2

## SUCCESS ON THE FIELD



- The Gamecocks finished the season 5-8-4 under second year head coach Tony Annan and qualified for the Sun Belt Conference tournament in its first season in the league.
- South Carolina finished the regular season leading the nation in average attendance with 2,839 fans per game.
- Six players were named to the 2022 Academic All-District® Men's Soccer Team; Parker League, Brian Banahan, and Logan Frost each earned their second All-District honor, while Henry Weigand, Peter Clement, and Adam Luckhurst each earned their first selection.
- Adam Luckhurst became the first player since 2018 to record a goal and two assists in a match when he did so against Winthrop.

- Luckhurst led the team with five goals and four assists.
- Rocky Perez and Bryce Griffith were named to the Wolstein Classic All-Tournament Team.
- Freshman goalkeeper Ben Alexander was named to the Canadian U-20 team, where he started three matches during the 2022 Concacaf Men's U-20 Championship.
- Signee Luke Brennan signed a professional contract with Atlanta United.



## COACHING STAFF

Tony Annan	Head Coach
Alec Purdie	Assistant Coach
Will Lukowski	Assistant Coach





## WOMEN'S SOCCER



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: 15-4-5  
SEC: 6-3-1

### SUCCESS ON THE FIELD



Brianna Behm

- The Gamecocks finished with their 18th winning season under head coach Shelley Smith, the 10th consecutive season with 12+ wins.
- South Carolina's appearance in the NCAA Tournament was its 10th straight, and the seventh season having advanced to the Sweet 16.
- Carolina finished 9th in the final United Soccer Coaches poll and 12th in the NCAA RPI.
- The 2nd-seeded Gamecocks defeated top-seeded Alabama, 1-0, on Nov. 6 to win the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Pensacola, Fla. Heather Hinz was named the tournament MVP, while Jyllissa Harris, Samantha Chang, Catherine Barry, and Hinz were named to the All-Tournament team.
- Junior Cat Barry and 5th year senior Jyllissa Harris were named First Team All-SEC selections, in addition to Shae O'Rourke and Gracie Falla earning spots on the SEC All-Freshman team.

- Harris earned second-team All-America honors by the United Soccer Coaches. As a Gamecock, Harris became the program leader in all-time starts (105 consecutive games) and games played (107, No. 3 in the NCAA). She led the team in minutes as a non-goalie (2,177) and finished in the top-10 for career shot % (.208).
- The Gamecocks were 6-1-4 at Stone Stadium. The team tallied 14 shutouts this year and outscored its opponents, 38-14.



### COACHING STAFF

Shelley Smith  
Jamie Smith  
Marnie Merritt

Head Coach  
Associate Head Coach  
Assistant Coach





# SOFTBALL



Jordan Fabian



Haley Simpson

As a 10th seed, South Carolina made history during the SEC Tournament, becoming the lowest seed to ever reach the finals, becoming the first double-digit seed to play in the championship game.

OVERALL RECORD: 40-22  
CONFERENCE: 9-15

## SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

- South Carolina took down 12 nationally ranked opponents.
- The squad played 29 games against top-25 RPI teams are the most by ANY team in the country. As a team, they stole 123 bases, which shattered the program record of 87 from 1995. The 150 attempts also shattered the old record of 99 from 2011.
- Head coach Bev Smith earned her 400th career win against UNC on March 1, becoming the 29th active head coach in Division I to amass 400 career victories while only coaching at one school.
- Donnie Gobourne, Jordan Fabian, and Marissa Gonzalez were named to the SEC All-Tournament Team.
- Gobourne was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Southeast Region Second Team.
- Gobourne was also named to the All-SEC First Team.
- Gobourne threw her first career no-hitter against #17 Auburn on April 29. It was the first no-hitter for Carolina in SEC play since Megan Matthews in 2002.
- Gobourne was selected 17th overall in the Women's Professional Fastpitch Draft on April 17 by the Oklahoma City Spark, the first Gamecock drafted professionally since 2013.
- Riley Blampied, Karsen Ochs, and Leah Powell were named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District@ team.

- The Gamecocks ended their season with 40 wins for the first time since 2018, their second time under head coach Beverly Smith.
- Carolina earns its 23rd all-time bid to the NCAA tournament and its eighth under head coach Beverly Smith.
- The Gamecocks finished the year ranked in the Top 25 in three polls – 20th in Softball America, 23rd in ESPN/USA Softball and 25th in USA Today/NFCA. Carolina had 12 wins this season against teams that finished the season in the Top 25.
- They advanced to the NCAA Regional final for the sixth time under head coach Beverly Smith.
- As a 10th seed, South Carolina made history during the SEC Tournament, becoming the lowest seed to ever reach the finals, becoming the first double-digit seed to play in the championship game.



### COACHING STAFF

Beverly Smith	Head Coach
Josh Bloomer	Assistant Coach
Katie Repole	Assistant Coach
Kevin Maguire	Volunteer Assistant Coach





## SWIMMING AND DIVING



Sophie Verzyl (L) and Brooke Schultz (R)

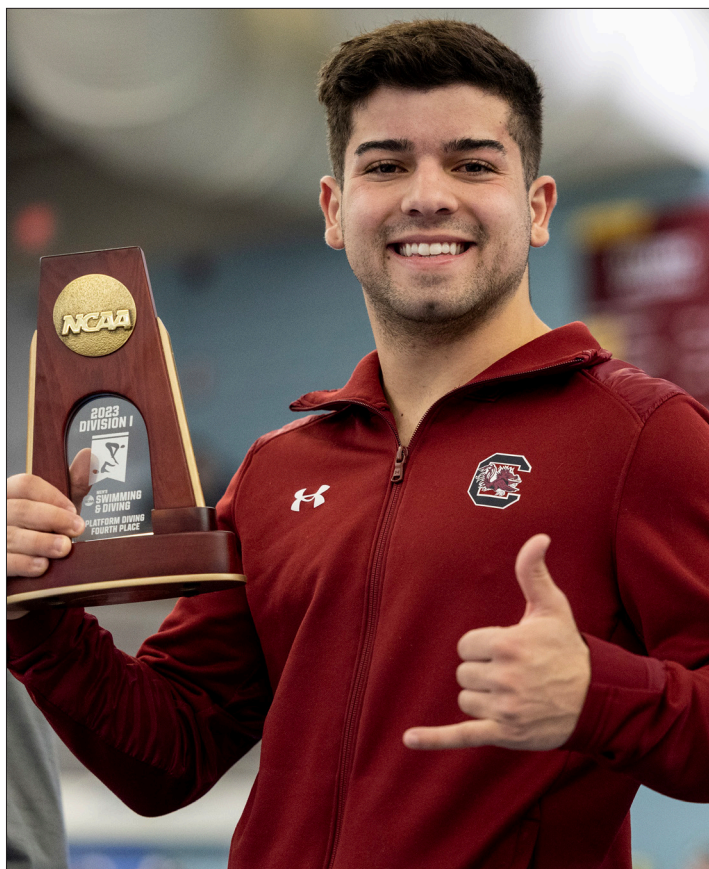
Brooke Schulz swept the springboards at the SEC Championships, the fourth time in her career accomplishing this feat and second time in as many years. She was named the Women's Diver of the Meet.

MEN'S SEC FINISH:	8TH
MEN'S NCAA FINISH:	26TH
WOMEN'S SEC FINISH:	9TH
WOMEN'S NCAA FINISH:	26TH

### SUCCESS IN THE POOL

- South Carolina placed five individuals on the All-SEC Teams – one on the First Team, three on the Second Team, and one on the Freshman Team.

- The Swimming & Diving team earned five medals at the SEC Championships – 2 gold, 2 silver, and one bronze.
- Brooke Schulz swept the springboards at the SEC Championships, the fourth time in her career accomplishing this feat and second time in as many years. She was named the Women's Diver of the Meet for her accomplishments.
- The women's team completed the SEC Championships in 8th place which equals the team's highest finish in program history since Texas A&M and Missouri joined the conference in 2012.
- The men's team finished the SEC Championships in 9th place, scoring 458.5 points, the most points the team has scored since 2020.
- South Carolina had 10 individuals and one relay qualify for the NCAAs, the most the team has had since 2019.
- Brooke Schultz placed ninth on the 1-meter and third on the 3-meter at the NCAAs. She was named an All-American honorable mention on the 1-meter and All-American on the 3-meter.
- Manny Vazquez Bas placed fourth on the platform at the NCAAs, earning All-America status.
- Brooke Schultz was named SEC Diver of the Year, her second consecutive year of earning the title.



Patrick Groters

### COACHING STAFF

Jeff Poppell	Head Coach
Michael Wright	Head Diving Coach
Andy Eaton	Assistant Coach
Robert Pinter	Assistant Coach
Kelly Fertel	Assistant Coach
Duncan Sherrard	Assistant Coach





## MEN'S TENNIS



Connor Thomson

- The men's tennis team achieved the highest ranking in program history this season, climbing up to No. 2 in the ITA Team Rankings. The team spent the entire 2023 season ranked inside the top-10 and finished with a year-end ranking of No. 8, the highest final team ranking since 1989.
- As a team, South Carolina went 22-7 overall including 14 ranked wins with ten of them in the top-25 and five of them in the top-10.
- The Gamecocks advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championships, the furthest a South Carolina team has advanced since 1989. On their journey through the bracket, they took out No. 18 Florida State and upset No. 8 Tennessee in Knoxville.
- Juniors Toby Samuel and Connor Thomson both earned new career-high rankings this season, Samuel as high as No. 3 in the nation and Thomson as high as No. 5. Samuel ended the season ranked No. 10 in the country while Thomson finished at No. 17.



### COACHING STAFF

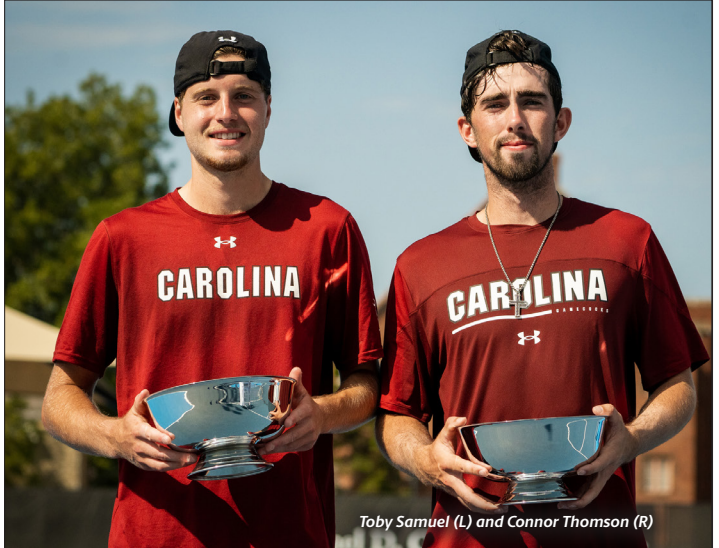
Josh Goffi  
Andrew Adams

Head Coach  
Assistant Coach

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OVERALL RECORD: 22-7  
CONFERENCE: 8-4

### SUCCESS ON THE COURT



Toby Samuel (L) and Connor Thomson (R)

- In the fall, Samuel and Thomson became the program's first ITA All-American Championship title holders after winning the doubles competition. Their win propelled them up to be the No. 1 doubles pair in the nation where they spent all but one week of the season. They held onto the No. 1 spot in the final doubles rankings, giving the program its first final No. 1 ranking in singles or doubles.
- Samuel and Thomson were both named ITA All-Americans in both singles and doubles at the conclusion of the season, becoming the fourth and fifth players in program history to boast that accomplishment.
- Thomson was named an Academic All-American by the College Sports Communicators, just the fourth in program history earn that accolade and the second to ever be named a Singles, Doubles, and Academic All-American.
- Head Coach Josh Goffi was named the Wilson/ITA Carolina Region Coach of the Year for the third consecutive year and fourth time of his career.





## WOMEN'S TENNIS

- The women's tennis team won 13 dual matches this season including eight in conference play. Of those eight wins, six of them came consecutively and included a 4-1 upset of then-No. 23 Vanderbilt.
- Senior Ayana Akli earned a new career-high ranking this season, peaking at No. 6 in the ITA Singles Rankings. She ended the season ranked No. 11 in the country.
- The Gamecocks had two players selected to participate in the NCAA Singles Championships. Akli was granted a No. 9-16 seed while sophomore Sarah Hamner earned an at-large bid.
- At the NCAA Singles Championships, Akli made a deep run, taking out three opponents in straight sets to advance to the quarterfinals, the furthest that a Gamecock has ever advanced.
- Akli and Hamner also entered the NCAA Doubles Championship draw together after originally being named fifth alternates for the event. The duo made the most of their opportunity, making a run to the quarterfinals, the furthest a South Carolina pair has advanced since 2019.
- The ITA Awarded both Akli and Hamner All-America honors in doubles for advancing to the quarterfinal and Akli also received the title in singles for her tournament run.
- Hamner was named an Academic All-American by College Sports Communicators for her success both on the court and in the classroom.

*Senior Ayana Akli made a deep run at the NCAA Singles Championships, taking out three opponents in straight sets to advance to the quarterfinals, the furthest that a Gamecock has ever advanced.*

OVERALL RECORD: 13-11  
CONFERENCE: 8-5

### SUCCESS ON THE COURT



Ayana Akli



Sarah Hamner

### COACHING STAFF

Kevin Epley  
Axel Damiens

Head Coach  
Assistant Coach









# VOLLEYBALL



Lauren McCutcheon



Oby Anadi



Jenna Hampton

The team's win over No. 12 Florida on Sept. 25 secured the fifth season in a row with at least one win over a top-25-ranked opponent. It is the longest streak since joining the SEC in 1991.

OVERALL RECORD: 13-15  
CONFERENCE: 7-11

## SUCCESS ON THE COURT

- Jenna Hampton earned the Southeastern Conference Libero of the Year Award. She is the first Gamecock to earn the award from the conference's coaches in program history. Hampton also made the 18-woman All-SEC Team, marking the sixth year in a row for a Gamecock to be recognized on the post-season list but the first time a libero represented the program.
- South Carolina's ranked 21st nationally in blocks per set (2.63), thanks in large part to its middles, Ellie Ruprich and Oby Anadi. Ruprich was a known commodity coming into the season - she is just the third player since 1983 to lead the team in blocks in each of their first three seasons - pacing the team again in 2022 with a career-high 130 total blocks. Anadi exploded in her first full season in the lineup, recording 120 blocks. It's just the fourth time since 1999 that the Gamecocks had two players hit triple-digit blocks in a single season. Since the rally scoring era started in 2001, only the 2005 team's average of 3.02 blocks per set is higher and only in one season (2014) has the team finished with as many games with 10 or more total blocks - both the 2014 and 2022 teams had 14.
- The program improved its streak to 14 seasons in a row earning the AVCA's Team Academic Award, announced on July 13. The Gamecocks have put 10 or more individuals on the SEC's Fall Academic Honor Roll for seven seasons in a row and placed 21 total members on either the Fall or First-Year Academic Honor Rolls in the 2022-23 school year.

- The team's win over No. 12 Florida on Sept. 25 secured the fifth season in a row with at least one win over a top-25-ranked opponent. It is the longest streak since joining the SEC in 1991; the next closest streak was three years, from 2001-03. The team has eight top-25 wins in head coach Tom Mendoza's five-year tenure; prior to his arrival in 2018, the program had just nine ranked wins in total in the 26-year since joining the SEC in 1991, going 9-110 (.076) between 1991-2017.
- Head Coach Tom Mendoza notched his 75th win at South Carolina after a win vs. Missouri on Oct. 2. He is the fourth coach in the program's 49-season history to reach that milestone.



## COACHING STAFF

Tom Mendoza	Head Coach
Shonda Wallace	Assistant Coach
Ethan Pheister	Assistant Coach