



SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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SOUTH CAROLINA VS CLAYTON STATE (EXH) • OCTOBER 28, 2024 • 7 PM ET • COLUMBIA, SC • COLONIAL LIFE ARENA

GAMECOCKS

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Ranking: 1/1 (AP/Coaches)

Head Coach: Dawn Staley

Record at SC: 440-106 (17th)

Career Record: 611-186 (25th)

Top Ret. Scorer: Fulwiley (11.7)

Top Ret. Reb.: Watkins (7.4)



VS



LAKERS

0-0, 0-0 PBC

Ranking: N/A

Head Coach: Kaleena Coleman

Record at CSU: 170-110 (11th)

Career Record: Same

Top Ret. Scorer: Jada Waite (15.1)

Top Ret. Reb.: Jada Alston (3.0)

THE SERIES

South Carolina Record: 0-0

H: 0-0 A: 0-0 N: 0-0

Current Streak: First Meeting

HOW TO FOLLOW

TV: None

Radio: None

Live Stats: GamecocksOnline.com

GAMECOCK NOTABLES

- Tonight's game marks the first time South Carolina has played two exhibition games in a season. This is the Gamecocks' first exhibition game against Clayton State and the third time they've played an exhibition against a team from Georgia.
- Since 2009-10, South Carolina is 16-0 in exhibition games against colleges, winning those games by an average of 54.3 points.
- South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley is entering her 25th season as a head coach and her 17th leading the Gamecocks. She has led South Carolina to seven 30-win seasons since 2015-16, including the last three seasons capped by the 2023-24 undefeated run to the National Championship. The Gamecocks are 109-3 over the last three seasons.
- The Gamecocks shot 52.6 percent from the field in their exhibition game, including 64.3 percent in the third quarter (9-of-14). Chloe Kitts and Joyce Edwards each posted a double-double in the game with Edwards' 19 points leading the offense.
- South Carolina's 2024-25 schedule includes 12 games against teams ranked in the preseason national polls. Five of those games are in non-conference action against teams in the top 11.
- SEC coaches and media picked the Gamecocks to repeat as league champions this season. It marks the fourth time in the last five years South Carolina was predicted to claim the SEC title. Both groups voted Te-Hina Paopao on the Preseason All-SEC First Team and MiLaysia Fulwiley and Raven Johnson the second team.
- South Carolina Athletics announced last week that it will retire the jersey of A'ja Wilson on Feb. 2 prior to the Gamecocks' game against Auburn. It will be the second women's basketball jersey retirement in the last two seasons and will bring the program's total number of retired jerseys to five – #13 Martha Parker, #14 Shannon Johnson, #25 Tiffany Mitchell, #53 Sheila Foster.
- The Gamecocks' first SEC Player of the Year Tiffany Mitchell, who had her jersey retired last fall, will be inducted into the South Carolina Letterman's Association Hall of Fame this Friday (Nov. 1). Jocelyn Penn, who played basketball for the Gamecocks 1999-2003 and was part of the program's first NCAA Elite Eight team, will also be inducted.

2024-25 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Last School
0	Te-Hina Paopao	G	5-9	Sr.	Oceanside, Calif./Oregon
1	Maddy McDaniel	G	5-9	Fr.	Upper Marlboro, Md./Bishop McNamara
2	Ashlyn Watkins	F	6-3	Jr.	Columbia, S.C./Cardinal Newman
5	Tessa Johnson	G	6-0	So.	Albertville, Minn./Saint Michael Albertville
8	Joyce Edwards	F	6-3	Fr.	Camden, S.C./Camden
12	MiLaysia Fulwiley	G	5-10	So.	Columbia, S.C./W.J. Keenan
15	Adhel Tac	F	6-5	R-Fr.	Grand Prairie, Texas/South Grand Prairie
20	Sanja Feagin	F	6-3	Sr.	Ellenwood, Ga./Forest Park
21	Chloe Kitts	F	6-2	Jr.	Oviedo, Fla./DME Academy
23	Bree Hall	G	6-0	Sr.	Dayton, Ohio/Wayne
25	Raven Johnson	G	5-9	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake
30	Maryam Dauda	F	6-4	Jr.	Bentonville, Ark./Arkansas
35	Sakima Walker	C	6-5	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio / Northwest Florida State

Head Coach: Dawn Staley

Assoc. Head Coach: Lisa Boyer

Assistant Coaches: Jollette Law, Winston Gandy, Mary Wooley, Khadijah Sessions

Sports Performance Coach: Molly Binetti

Athletic Trainer: Craig Oates

SCHEDULE/RESULTS

St. Jude® Tip Off Classic
Oct. 15 at Memphis (Exh.) (ESPN+) W, 106-63
Oct. 28 Clayton State (Exh.) 7 p.m.

Naismith Hall of Fame Series (Las Vegas)
Nov. 4 vs. Michigan (TNT) 7:30 p.m.

Ally Tipoff (Charlotte, NC)
Nov. 10 vs. NC State (ESPN) 3 p.m.

Nov. 14 Coppin State 7 p.m.
Nov. 17 East Carolina 2 p.m.
Nov. 20 at Clemson TBD
Nov. 24 at UCLA TBD

Elevance Health Fort Myers Tipoff
Nov. 28 vs. Iowa State in Fort Myers (FOX) 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 30 vs. Purdue in Fort Myers (WSN) 11 a.m.

SEC-ACC Challenge
Dec. 5 Duke (ESPN) 9 p.m.

Hoopfest Women's Basketball Classic (Fort Worth, TX)
Dec. 8 vs. TCU 7 p.m.

Dec. 15 USF 2 p.m.
Dec. 19 Charleston Southern 7 p.m.
Dec. 29 Wofford 2 p.m.
Jan. 2 at Missouri* 7 p.m.
Jan. 5 at Mississippi State* 2 p.m.
Jan. 9 Texas A&M* 5 p.m.
Jan. 12 Texas* 1 p.m.
Jan. 16 at Alabama* 7 p.m.
Jan. 19 Oklahoma* 3 p.m.
Jan. 23 LSU* 8 p.m.
Jan. 27 at Tennessee* 7 p.m.
Feb. 2 Auburn* Noon
Feb. 6 at Georgia* 6 p.m.
Feb. 9 at Texas* 2 p.m.
Feb. 13 Florida* 7 p.m.
Feb. 16 UConn 1 p.m.
Feb. 20 Arkansas* 7 p.m.
Feb. 23 at Vanderbilt* 3 p.m.
Feb. 27 at Ole Miss* 9 p.m.
Mar. 2 Kentucky* TBD
Mar. 5-9 at SEC Tourn. in Greenville, SC TBD

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**Te-Hina Paopao**5-9 • Sr. • G • Oceanside, CA
tuh-HEE-nuh POW-pow

Great court vision and decision-maker ... chose to return for a fifth college season ... led NCAA in 3-pt % last season ... 2nd-team All-American, 2nd-team All-SEC ... Preseason All-SEC First Team.

2023-24	Career*	Career Highs
PPG 11.0	12.0	Pt: 28 vs. Stan., 3/2/23*
APG 3.7	3.6	Rb: 9 vs. Stan., 2/15/21*
FG% .461	.431	Ast: 10 vs. USD, 3/23/23*
3FG% .468	.408	Stl: 4 vs. Sea., 11/12/22*
FT% .848	.863	3FG: 7 vs. Stan., 3/23/23**

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**Sania Feagin**6-3 • Sr. • F • Ellenwood, Ga.
suh-NYE-uh FAY-ghin

Physical inside player, stretching offensive range, growing confidence ... career-high stats last season ... led U.S. to FIBA 3x3 U23 World Cup gold medal, winning MVP honors.

2023-24	Career	Career Highs
PPG 6.7	4.6	Pt: 16 at Ky., 2/25/24
RPG 3.8	2.6	Rb: 10 v. Presb., 3/22/24
BPG 0.6	0.6	Blk: 5 at Ky., 2/25/24
FG% .550	.571	Stl: 2 v. LSU, 3/10/24*
FT% .683	.669	Ast: 4 at Ky., 2/25/24*

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**Maddy McDaniel**

5-9 • Fr. • G • Upper Marlboro, MD

Court vision ... good shooter who can get to the rim as well ... makes good decision in the moment for team's success ... McDonald's All-American ... No. 14 player in Class of 2024.

Season	Career*	Career Highs
PPG —	—	Pt: —
RPG —	—	Rb: —
APG —	—	Ast: —
FG% —	—	Stl: —
FT% —	—	3FG: —

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**Chloe Kitts**

6-2 • Jr. • F • Oviedo, FL

Tenacious, physical ... 6 double-doubles last season, including National Championship game ... 19 double-digit scoring games last season.

2023-24	Career*	Career Highs
PPG 9.1	6.6	Pt: 21 v. Presb., 3/22/24*
RPG 5.9	4.5	R: 14 v. Morg.St., 12/6/23
APG 1.4	1.1	Blk: 5 v. Mizzou, 2/8/24
FG% .544	.525	Ast: 5 at Ky., 2/25/24*
FT% .689	.673	Stl: 2 v. Ala., 2/22/24*

2

**Ashlyn Watkins**6-3 • Jr. • F • Columbia, S.C.
ASH-lynn

Strong, effortlessly athletic ... 2nd-team All-SEC ... 17th in NCAA in bpg last season ... 9.0 rebounds per NCAA Tournament game last season ... currently suspended from team activities.

2023-24	Career*	Career Highs
PPG 9.2	7.3	Pt: 21 at Ark., 2/29/24
RPG 7.4	5.4	Rb: 20 v. NCST, 4/5/24
BPG 2.4	1.7	Blk: 6 at Fla., 1/4/24*
FG% .550	.554	Ast: 4 v. Presb., 3/22/24*
FT% .556	.527	Stl: 4 at Tenn., 2/15/24*

23

**Bree Hall**

6-0 • Sr. • G • Dayton, Ohio

Tough defender ... explosive to the rim ... solid shooter ... has delivered late in big games ... career best shooting percentages last season.

2023-24	Career	Career Highs
PPG 9.2	5.7	Pt: 21 at Mizzou, 1/11/24
RPG 2.9	2.1	Rb: 7 v. Mizzou, 2/8/24*
APG 1.5	0.6	A: 4 vs. UNC, 3/24/24
FG% .440	.406	Stl: 3 at LSU, 1/25/24
FT% .385	.363	3FG: 4 at Mizz., 1/11/24*

5

**Tessa Johnson**

6-0 • So. • G • Albertville, MN

Multi-level scoring threat ... NCAA Final Four All-Tournament Team ... poured in 10.2 points per NCAA Tournament game ... 10 double-figure scoring games last season.

2023-24	Career	Career Highs
PPG 6.6	6.6	Pt: 19 v. Iowa, 4/7/24
APG 1.1	1.1	Rb: 7 v. Md., 11/12/23
FG% .447	.447	Ast: 5 v. Mizzou, 2/8/24
3FG% .432	.432	Stl: 3 v. Ala., 2/22/24*
FT% .863	.863	3FG: 4 at Ark., 2/29/24

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**Raven Johnson**

5-9 • R-Jr. • G • Atlanta, Ga.

Great instincts ... quick with the ball and good decision-maker ... 2nd-team All-SEC (2024 and preseason 2025) ... 2nd in NCAA in assist-to-turnover ratio last season (3.09).

2023-24	Career*	Career Highs
PPG 8.1	6.0	Pt: 18 v. SDSU, 11/20/23
RPG 5.2	3.8	Rb: 15 at Tenn., 2/15/24
APG 4.8	4.0	A: 17 v. Clems., 11/16/23
FG% .443	.414	Stl: 5 v. MVSU, 11/24/23*
FT% .612	.627	Blk: 2 v. Iowa, 4/7/24*

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**Joyce Edwards**

6-3 • Fr. • F • Camden, SC

Has the gift of size, speed, skill and feel for the game ... 2x National Player of the Year ... unanimous All-American ... 2x state champion and 3x state player of the year ... No. 3 player in Class of 2024.

Season	Career*	Career Highs
PPG —	—	Pt: —
RPG —	—	Rb: —
BPG —	—	Blk: —
FG% —	—	Ast: —
FT% —	—	Stl: —

30

**Maryam Dauda**6-4 • Jr. • F • Bentonville, AR
MARE-ee-um DOW-duh

Keeps defenders off balance ... great footwork inside ... effective outside shooter ... 17 double-figure scoring games last season at Arkansas ... led SEC in blocks per game in league play (2.75).

2023-24*	Career*	Career Highs
PPG 10.1	6.7	Pt: 22 at Tulsa, 3/21/24*
RPG 6.3	4.5	Rb: 13 v. MissSt., 1/11/24*
BPG 2.2	1.4	Blk: 10 at Ala., 1/14/24*
FG% .455	.444	Ast: 5 at Ala., 1/14/24
FT% .756	.752	Stl: 4 v. UGa., 1/7/24*

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**MiLaysia Fulwiley**5-10 • So. • G • Columbia, SC
my-LAY-zhuh full-WHY-lee

A "generational player" per Staley who soaks up coaching ... SEC All-Freshman Team, SEC Tournament MVP ... top returning scorer from last season ... Preseason All-SEC Second Team.

2023-24	Career	Career Highs
PPG 11.7	11.7	Pt: 24 v. LSU, 3/10/24
RPG 2.9	2.9	Rb: 9 v. UNC, 3/24/24*
APG 2.2	2.2	A: 6 v. Morg. St., 12/6/23*
FG% .438	.438	Stl: 6 v. Mizzou, 2/8/24*
FT% .782	.782	3FG: 5 v. Presb., 3/22/24*

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**Sakima Walker**6-5 • Sr. • C • Columbus, OH
suh-KEY-muh

Scorer, rebounder, rim defender ... can be a physical presence inside ... played in 31 games last season, scoring in double figures twice ... 2023 NJCAA National Champion and Player of the Year.

2023-24	Career*	Career Highs
PPG 2.0	3.0	Pt: 13 v. Wag., 12/18/21*
RPG 1.3	1.9	Rb: 8 v. SHU, 12/20/20*
BPG 0.4	0.4	Blk: 3 v. Ala., 2/22/24*
FG% .512	.546	A: 2 v. Hamp., 12/18/20*
FT% .739	.632	Stl: 3 v. CCSU, 12/14/21*

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**Adhel Tac**6-5 • Fr. • F • Grand Prairie, TX
uh-DELL TACK

Interior presence ... high motor ... can impact the game in multiple ways ... enrolled in Jan. 2024 after season-ending injury (her 2nd in as many seasons) ... ranked No. 28 in Class of 2024.

Season	Career*	Career Highs
PPG —	—	Pt: —
RPG —	—	Rb: —
BPG —	—	Blk: —
FG% —	—	Ast: —
FT% —	—	Stl: —

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**Dawn Staley**At SC: 440-106 (17th season)
Career: 612-186 (25th season)

- 3 National Championships, including 10th undefeated title season in NCAA history (2024)
- 6 Final Fours in last nine NCAA Tournaments
- 8 SEC Regular-Season Championships
- 8 SEC Tournament Championships
- 9th in winning percentage (.767) among active NCAA Div. I coaches with at least 10 years of experience and 11th all-time
- 12 Gamecocks were on WNBA rosters in 2024, the second-most of any program in the country

* indicates includes games at previous NCAA Div. I institution
* indicates has happened multiple times, most recent listed

QUICK FACTS

The University

Location: Columbia, S.C.

Founded: 1801

Enrollment: 38,300

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: 612-186 (25th season)

School Record: 440-106 (17th season)

Assoc. Head Coach, Alma Mater:

Lisa Boyer, Ithaca, 1979 (16th season)

Assistant Coaches, Alma Mater:

Jolette Law, Iowa, 1990 (7th season)

Winston Gandy, Maryland, 2003 (2nd season)

Mary Wooley, USC Aiken, 2002 (2nd season)

Khadajah Sessions, South Carolina, 2016 (2nd season)

Team Information

2023-24 Record: 38-0

Home: 17-0 Away: 12-0 Neutral: 9-0

SEC Record (Finish): 16-0(1st)

Home: 8-0 Away: 8-0

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/2

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1

Program History

First Year of Women's Basketball: 1974-75

All-Time Record: 1,020-535 (51st season)

All-Time SEC Record: 263-232 (34th season)

NCAA Appearances (Last): 20 (2024)

NCAA Tournament Record: 50-17

2024 NCAA Result: National Champion

WNIT Appearances (Last): 4 (2011)

WNIT Record: 3-4

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A Perennial Power

South Carolina women's basketball had been a national power for more than a decade under head coach Dawn Staley, including seven 30-win seasons in the last 10 campaigns. The Gamecocks have played in six Final Fours in the last nine NCAA Tournaments, including the last four, with National Championships in 2017, 2022 and 2024. They have been ranked in every AP Poll since Dec. 10, 2012, including a top-10 spot every week since the start of the 2019-20 season. The Gamecocks have amassed 84 AP No. 1 rankings all-time, the third-most by a program in the history of that poll (2nd is Tenn., 112).

Under head coach Dawn Staley's leadership, 11 Gamecocks have earned All-America status, three have earned SEC Player of the Year honors and 22 have picked up All-SEC recognition at least once.

In the last nine seasons, 14 Gamecocks have been selected in the WNBA Draft, including 10 first-round picks, highlighted by two No. 1 overall picks in the last six years. In the 2024 season, 12 Gamecocks were on a WNBA roster, the second most of any program in the country. Three Gamecocks have been named WNBA Rookie of the Year and one is a three-time WNBA MVP and two-time WNBA Defensive Player of the Year.

Looking Back at Memphis

South Carolina traveled to Memphis, Tenn., to play in the inaugural Hoops for St. Jude® Tip Off Classic on Oct. 15, and came away with a 106-63 win over the hometown Memphis Tigers.

The Gamecocks established their lead in the first quarter (25-11) with a solid defensive effort, allowing just 27.3 percent shooting, and stretched in the third (32-18) behind 64.3 percent shooting from the field and 93.3 percent accuracy from the free throw line in the period.

Freshman Joyce Edwards had a 10-point, 10-rebound double-double by halftime in just 11 minutes on the court. She finished the game shooting 6-of-11 (.545) and grabbing six offensive boards as part of her 19-point, 12-rebound effort.

Junior Chloe Kitts also delivered a double-double with 15 points and 13 boards in just under 20 minutes of play.

As importantly, South Carolina fans donated over \$15,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital® as part of the event.

Exhibition Action

Since the rule change to allow exhibition games between colleges went into effect for the 2009-10 season, South Carolina is 16-0 in exhibition games, including two against NCAA Div. I opponents.

This season's exhibition at Memphis was the

IN THE STALEY ERA (17th season)

Wins

30-Win Seasons	7
25-Win Seasons	12
20-Win Seasons	13
Winning Seasons	14

National Rankings

Weeks in the AP Top 25	233
Weeks in the AP Top 10	188
Weeks in the AP Top 3	117
Weeks at AP No. 1	84

Postseason

NCAA Tournament Appearances	12
NCAA Sweet 16s	11
NCAA Final Fours	6
National Championships	3

In the SEC

Regular-Season Championships	8
Regular-Season Top 3 Finishes	12
Tournament Championships	8

Gamecocks' first exhibition game on the road. And, this is the first time South Carolina has played two exhibition games in a season.

Preseason Predictions

As the reigning national champion, the Gamecocks are atop both preseason polls by a near unanimous decision, claiming 27 No. 1 votes in both the Associated Press Poll (30 voters) and the USA Today Coaches Poll (31 voters).

The Gamecocks were also selected to repeat as SEC Regular-Season Champions by both the media and league coaches in preseason voting. Both groups tapped senior guard Te-Hina Paopao with Preseason First-Team All-SEC honors and gave second-team recognition to guards Raven Johnson the MiLaysia Fulwiley.

Ranking Review

South Carolina opens this season atop both national polls. It marked the 84th time the Gamecocks were No. 1 in the AP Poll – the third-most of any program in that poll's history (2nd is Tennessee, 112).

The Gamecocks have the longest active streak of weeks in the AP Top 10 at 97, beginning with the 2019-20 preseason poll. Their 228 straight appearances in the AP Poll, dating back to Dec. 10, 2012, marks the second-longest active streak in the nation and the ninth longest all-time (8th place, Notre Dame, 234).

In the USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll, South Carolina

TEAM THEME: UNCOMMON

South Carolina women's basketball has been UNCOMMON since Staley's arrival as she brought her reputation as an elite international player and coach to a program that had been mired in the highly competitive SEC. From day one, her approach to everything from team meals and travel to building the fan base through one-on-one interactions had not been seen before in Columbia.

Today, South Carolina women's basketball is the benchmark for the sport with three National Championships, including two in the last three seasons, and Staley is widely considered the voice and vision for her sport. But, what makes the program UNCOMMON goes beyond the tangible measures of success.

Staley has built a program based on players trusting the process, sacrificing for the good of the team and understanding that commitment will lead them to realize their individual dreams as well as the team's goals. Those actions come from the feeling, the culture of a program based on love and embracing the joy of being part of it.

As always, the FAMS are a key part of this season's theme. They are UNCOMMON in their commitment to supporting the program from Columbia to Paris and every stop in between, building their vacation plans and days off work around the Gamecocks' schedule.

CURRENT STREAKS

	Total	Home	Road	Neut.
Overall	W38	W59	W32	W9
SEC	W47	W39	W23	–
Non-Conference	W22	W28	W11	W9
Ranked Teams	W11	W12	W9	W7

has been in the top 10 since claiming the No. 10 spot in the 2019-20 preseason poll.

The Staley File

In her 25th season as a head coach, Dawn Staley has a .767 (612-186) winning percentage, which ranks ninth in the nation among active head coaches and 11th all-time.

The unanimous 2020 National Coach of the Year, Staley became the first person to win both Naismith Player of the Year and a Naismith Coach of the Year. In 2024, she became the first men's or women's coach to earn Naismith Coach of the Year in three straight seasons. Staley is also the first Black head coach to win multiple national championships in men's or women's basketball. She has been named national coach of the year by at least one organization five times, including four of the last five years.

In her 16 seasons with the Gamecocks, Staley is the program's all-time winningest coach (440) with a program-record 13 postseason appearances. She accounts for all six of the Gamecocks' Final Four appearances (2015, 2017, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024) and the only NCAA National Championships in program history (2017, 2022, 2024).

Staley won her 600th career game as a head coach with a 72-44 win over Alabama (Feb. 22, 2024), needing just 104 games to go from her 500th win (vs. Mercer, Mar. 21, 2021) to the 600th.

Staley's eight SEC regular-season championships trail only Pat Summitt's 16 in league history, and her seven SEC Coach of the Year awards trails Summitt's league record by just one. Staley's 199 SEC regular-season wins are the most among active league coaches and third all-time – behind just Summitt (Tennessee, 306) and Andy Landers (Georgia, 273). Her 12.4 SEC wins per season is the best in league history among coaches with more than three years in the league, and her .783 SEC winning percentage (199-55) is second only to Summitt (.874).

Serious Scheduling

South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley has never been afraid to challenge her team to prepare it for the rigors of March and April. This season is no different.

The Gamecocks' 30-game regular-season schedule includes 12 games against teams in the Preseason Top 25, including four against teams in the top five and four others against top-10 foes. Five of those 12 games are against non-conference opponents that are all in the top 11.

Over the last 10 seasons, South Carolina has played an average of 9.6 regular-season games against ranked foes.

Three teams matched this season for the high-water mark of 12 – 2019-20 (11-1), 2017-18 (6-6), 2015-16 (11-1). Each of those years four of the 12 games were non-conference matchups. The 2021-22 Gamecocks went a perfect 11-0 against their regular-season ranked opponents, including six such non-conference wins.

Newcomer News

South Carolina added four newcomers to this season's roster, including redshirt-freshman Adhel Tac who was part of the Class of 2024 but enrolled in January while recovering from a season-ending injury. The trio of freshmen made up the No. 2 signing class in the nation according to ESPN, led by the class' No. 3 player Joyce Edwards.

Three of the four played in the Memphis exhibition game. In addition to Joyce Edwards' impressive double-double, Maryam Dauda added nine points in her 14 minutes on the court, and Adhel Tac went 3-of-6 from the field for six points to do with five rebounds in less than eight minutes of play.

Everybody's All-American

The Gamecocks' 13-woman roster includes 10 McDonald's All-Americans – Maryam Dauda, Joyce Edwards, Sania Feagin, MiLaysia Fulwiley, Bree Hall, Raven Johnson, Tessa Johnson, Maddy McDaniel, Te-Hina Paopao and Ashlyn Watkins.

At South Carolina, Staley has coached 26 McDonald's All-Americans, including 20 who joined the Gamecocks as freshmen.

WNBA Pipeline

With 12 alumnae playing in the WNBA in 2024, South Carolina had the second-most players in the league of any college program.

Since the first Staley-trained Gamecock was drafted in 2015 (Aleighsa Welch), a total of 15 South Carolina players have been taken in the WNBA Draft with 11 of those going in the first round, including two No. 1 overall picks.

In proof Staley sends players to the league ready, six Gamecocks have earned All-Rookie Team honors, including three WNBA Rookies of the Year – Allisha Gray (2017), Aja Wilson (2018), Aliyah Boston (2023).

Great Gamecock Fans

South Carolina fans have led the nation in average attendance in each of the last 10 seasons with an eye on tying Tennessee for the NCAA-record streak of 11 seasons after selling out of season tickets for the first time in program history – 13,046.

The Gamecocks have had at least one sellout of their 18,000-seat Colonial Life Arena for eight straight seasons (excluding COVID-limited 2020-21 season) dating back to the first ever sellout of 18,000 on Feb. 8, 2016. Last season's five sellouts are the most in a single season in program history.

Excluding the COVID limited season of 2020-21, South Carolina has drawn at least 10,000 fans 126 consecutive regular-season games beginning on Jan. 2, 2015.

2023-24 AWARDS

MiLaysia Fulwiley

Preseason All-SEC Second Team (Media, Coaches)

Raven Johnson

Preseason All-SEC Second Team (Media, Coaches)

Te-Hina Paopao

Preseason All-SEC First Team (Media, Coaches)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Associated Press Poll (Preseason)

1. South Carolina	0-0
2. UConn	0-0
3. Southern Cal	0-0
4. Texas	0-0
5. UCLA	0-0
6. Notre Dame	0-0
7. LSU	0-0
8. Iowa State	0-0
9. NC State	0-0
10. Oklahoma	0-0
11. Duke	0-0
12. Baylor	0-0
13. Kansas State	0-0
14. Ohio State	0-0
15. North Carolina	0-0
16. West Virginia	0-0
17. Louisville	0-0
18. Maryland	0-0
19. Florida State	0-0
20. Ole Miss	0-0
21. Creighton	0-0
22. Kentucky	0-0
23. Nebraska	0-0
24. Alabama	0-0
25. Indiana	0-0

USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll (Preseason)

1. South Carolina	0-0
2. UConn	0-0
3. Southern Cal	0-0
4. Texas	0-0
5. Notre Dame	0-0
6. UCLA	0-0
7. LSU	0-0
8. NC State	0-0
9. Iowa State	0-0
10. Oklahoma	0-0
11. Duke	0-0
12. Baylor	0-0
13. Kansas State	0-0
14. Ohio State	0-0
15. West Virginia	0-0
16. North Carolina	0-0
17. Louisville	0-0
18. Maryland	0-0
19. Florida State	0-0
20. Creighton	0-0
21. Ole Miss	0-0
22. Kentucky	0-0
23. Nebraska	0-0
24. Indiana	0-0
25. Alabama	0-0

LAST EXHIBITION GAME



Official Basketball Box Score - Final
South Carolina at Memphis
10/15/24 FedExForum, Memphis
2024-25 Women's Basketball

Game Time: 8:30 PM
Game Duration: 1:5
Attendance: 8,74

Officials: Kristen Bell, Josh Hall, Natasha Brow

South Carolina - 106 Record: 0-0

NO.	Name	Min	FG		3P		FT		Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
			M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
20	Sania Feagin	F 15:32	4-7	0-0	1-2	3	3	6	3	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	20
21	Chloe Kitts	F 19:53	7-11	0-0	1-2	6	7	13	2	4	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	36
0	Te-Hina Paopao	G 22:49	5-8	2-2	0-0	1	0	1	1	0	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19
23	Bree Hall	G 21:18	3-7	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
25	Raven Johnson	G 29:50	3-6	0-1	2-2	2	5	7	1	3	8	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	41
12	MiLaysia Fulwiley	16:12	3-8	0-1	4-4	0	1	1	0	4	10	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	14
5	Tessa Johnson	22:34	3-6	0-2	0-0	0	3	3	0	1	6	3	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	27
8	Joyce Edwards	17:46	6-11	0-1	7-8	6	6	12	2	5	19	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
30	Maryam Dauda	13:49	3-5	1-2	2-2	0	2	2	2	2	9	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
35	Sakima Walker	12:39	1-3	0-0	4-5	2	1	3	1	3	6	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	8
15	Adhel Tac	07:38	3-6	0-0	0-0	2	3	5	2	0	6	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Team									0 4 4					0		1				
Totals			41-78	3-11	21-25	22	36	58	15	26	106	19	12	5	7	2	43			

Technical Fouls::NONE

Shooting By Period			
1 st	FG%	10-21	47.6%
	3PT%	3-7	42.9%
	FT%	2-2	100%
2 nd	FG%	12-22	54.5%
	3PT%	0-1	0.0%
	FT%	1-4	25%
3 rd	FG%	9-14	64.3%
	3PT%	0-0	0.0%
	FT%	14-15	93.3%
4 th	FG%	10-21	47.6%
	3PT%	0-3	0.0%
	FT%	4-4	100%
GM	FG%	41-78	52.6%
	3PT%	3-11	27.3%
	FT%	21-25	84.0%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 3, 1

Memphis - 63 Record: 0-0

NO.	Name	Min	FG		3P		FT		Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
			M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	M-A	OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
7	Hannah Riddick	F 28:14	6-12	0-0	1-2	1	4	5	3	1	13	1	3	0	1	2	-26			
30	Alasia Smith	F 24:31	1-3	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	4	2	3	0	2	1	0	1	-23			
34	Quinzia Fulmore	F 27:10	2-4	0-0	4-4	3	3	6	5	2	8	2	1	0	0	0	-28			
1	Tilly Boler	G 35:58	4-18	3-8	5-6	0	1	1	1	4	16	2	2	1	0	1	-38			
11	Tanyuel Welch	G 26:14	4-11	2-3	2-2	1	2	3	4	1	12	4	2	1	1	2	-23			
10	Bailey Gilmore	12:50	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	-15			
23	Raven Sims	21:01	3-6	0-0	0-3	0	0	0	3	3	6	0	1	0	0	0	-24			
22	Layken Cox	06:02	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	-13			
24	Tamya Smith	11:13	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-17			
21	Latazia Williamson	06:47	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	-8			
Team						4 4 8					0			0						
Totals			22-63	5-13	14-21	10	15	25	26	15	63	9	14	4	2	7	-43			

Technical Fouls::NONE

Shooting By Period			
1 st	FG%	3-11	27.3%
	3PT%	0-1	0.0%
	FT%	5-8	62.5%
2 nd	FG%	7-20	35.0%
	3PT%	2-6	33.3%
	FT%	5-7	71.4%
3 rd	FG%	6-16	37.5%
	3PT%	2-3	66.7%
	FT%	4-4	100%
4 th	FG%	6-16	37.5%
	3PT%	1-3	33.3%
	FT%	0-2	0%
GM	FG%	22-63	34.9%
	3PT%	5-13	38.5%
	FT%	14-21	66.7%

Dead Ball Rebounds: 1, 1

	USC	MEM	Points from			Period by Period Scoring		
Biggest lead	45 (4 th 0:41)	2 (1 st 9:28)	Turnovers	22	10		1 st	2 nd
Best Scoring Run	12 (1 st 6:14)	6 (2 nd 4:03)	Paint	74	26		3 rd	4 th
Lead Changes	1		Second Chance	22	8	USC	25	25
Times Tied	1		Fast Breaks	19	14		32	24
Time with Lead	38:48	00:15	Bench	56	11	MEM	11	21
							18	13
							63	

2023-24 FINAL STATS



2023-24 South Carolina Women's Basketball
Combined Team Statistics
All games

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Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	38-0	17-0	12-0	9-0
CONFERENCE	16-0	8-0	8-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	22-0	9-0	4-0	9-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
South Carolina	798	809	876	764	0	3247
Opponents	534	494	591	530	0	2149

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						
10	CARDOSO, Kamilla	33-32	833:41	25.3	193-325	.594	1-1	1.000	87-132	.659	122	198	320	9.7	65	3	67	51	82	20	474	14.4						
12	FULWILEY, MiLaysia	38-3	700:37	18.4	160-365	.438	47-137	.343	79-101	.782	25	86	111	2.9	82	1	82	64	28	63	446	11.7						
0	PAOPAO, Te-Hina	37-37	1013:21	27.4	146-317	.461	87-186	.468	28-33	.848	9	87	96	2.6	23	0	136	61	7	30	407	11.0						
2	WATKINS, Ashlyn	38-9	780:51	20.5	148-269	.550	0-1	.000	55-99	.556	106	174	280	7.4	88	2	43	58	91	48	351	9.2						
23	HALL, Bree	37-37	967:50	26.2	128-291	.440	50-130	.385	35-50	.700	30	78	108	2.9	46	0	54	41	19	20	341	9.2						
21	KITTS, Chloe	37-31	688:44	18.6	136-250	.544	1-2	.500	62-90	.689	62	158	220	5.9	56	1	50	54	23	16	335	9.1						
25	JOHNSON, Raven	37-35	1034:06	27.9	120-271	.443	28-80	.350	30-49	.612	37	156	193	5.2	44	0	179	58	7	78	298	8.1						
20	FEAGIN, Sania	38-3	575:42	15.2	105-191	.550	1-7	.143	43-63	.683	50	93	143	3.8	70	0	38	42	24	15	254	6.7						
5	JOHNSON, Tessa	35-2	625:09	17.9	76-170	.447	35-81	.432	44-51	.863	11	50	61	1.7	24	0	40	32	3	24	231	6.6						
24	JAH, Sahnja	16-0	146:15	9.1	21-58	.362	3-15	.200	4-12	.333	10	22	32	2.0	17	0	10	8	1	10	49	3.1						
35	WALKER, Sakima	31-1	233:44	7.5	22-43	.512	0-0	.000	17-23	.739	13	26	39	1.3	26	1	3	15	12	8	61	2.0						
Team											78	80	158					11										
Total		38	7600		1255-2550	.492	253-640	.395	484-703	.688	553	1208	1761	46.3	541	8	702	495	297	332	3247	85.4						
Opponents		38	7600		787-2433	.323	213-781	.273	362-527	.687	472	812	1284	33.8	624	12	390	594	120	246	2149	56.6						

Team Statistics

	USC	OPP
Scoring	3247	2149
Points per game	85.4	56.6
Scoring margin	+28.9	-
Field goals-att	1255-2550	787-2433
Field goal pct	.492	.323
3 point fg-att	253-640	213-781
3-point FG pct	.395	.273
3-pt FG made per game	6.7	5.6
Free throws-att	484-703	362-527
Free throw pct	.688	.687
F-Throws made per game	12.7	9.5
Rebounds	1761	1284
Rebounds per game	46.3	33.8
Rebounding margin	+12.6	-
Assists	702	390
Assists per game	18.5	10.3
Turnovers	495	594
Turnovers per game	13.0	15.6
Turnover margin	+2.6	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	0.7
Steals	332	246
Steals per game	8.7	6.5
Blocks	297	120
Blocks per game	7.8	3.2
Winning streak	38	-
Home win streak	17	-
Attendance	273133	75096
Home games-Avg/Game	17-16067	12-6258
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	9-12241

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/06/2023	vs Notre Dame	W	100-71	3203
11/12/2023	Maryland	W	114-76	16007
11/16/2023	Clemson	W	109-40	16820
11/20/2023	South Dakota St.	W	78-38	14799
11/24/2023	Mississippi Val.	W	101-19	14558
11/30/2023	at North Carolina	W	65-58	6319
12/03/2023	at Duke	W	77-61	5607
12/06/2023	Morgan St.	W	104-38	16181
12/10/2023	vs Utah	W	78-69	8428
12/16/2023	Presbyterian	W	99-29	15176
12/19/2023	at Bowling Green	W	93-62	4195
12/30/2023	at East Carolina	W	73-36	5717
01/04/2024	at Florida	W	89-66	4192
01/07/2024	Mississippi St.	W	85-66	15751
01/11/2024	at Missouri	W	81-57	4533
01/15/2024	Kentucky	W	98-36	15929
01/21/2024	at Texas A&M	W	99-64	5924
01/25/2024	at LSU	W	76-70	13205
01/28/2024	Vanderbilt	W	91-74	18000
02/01/2024	at Auburn	W	76-54	4814
02/04/2024	Ole Miss	W	85-56	18000
02/08/2024	Missouri	W	83-45	15236
02/11/2024	UConn	W	83-65	18167
02/15/2024	at Tennessee	W	66-55	11073
02/18/2024	Georgia	W	70-56	18478
02/22/2024	Alabama	W	72-44	16229
02/25/2024	at Kentucky	W	103-55	5626
02/29/2024	at Arkansas	W	98-61	3891
03/03/2024	Tennessee	W	76-68	18000
03/08/2024	vs Texas A&M	W	79-68	8841
03/09/2024	vs Tennessee	W	74-73	12784
03/10/2024	vs LSU	W	79-72	13163
03/22/2024	Presbyterian	W	91-39	11536
03/24/2024	North Carolina	W	88-41	14266
03/29/2024	vs Indiana	W	79-75	13597
03/31/2024	vs Oregon St.	W	70-58	13568
04/05/2024	vs NC State	W	78-59	18284
04/07/2024	vs Iowa	W	87-75	18300