2026-27

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UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location ..... Columbia, S.C.
Founded 1801
Enrollment 41,650
Nickname ..... Gamecocks
Colors ..... Garnet (PMS 202C) & Black
Conference ..... Southeastern (SEC)
Athletics Web Address ..... www.GamecocksOnline.com
University Web Address ..... www.sc.edu
President ..... Michael Amiridis
NCAA Representative ..... Dr. Brandon Bookstaver
Athletics Director ..... Jeremiah Donati
Basketball Administrator ..... Tyson Lusk, Executive Associate AD/Chief of Staff

BASKETBALL STAFF/INFORMATION

Head Coach ..... Lamont Paris (Wooster, '96 ; Indiana State, '00)
62-68 (5th season at South Carolina)
149-140 (10th season overall)
Assistant Coach ..... Tanner Bronson (Wisconsin, '08)
Assistant Coach ..... Bob Donewald, Jr. (Western Michigan, '93)
Assistant Coach ..... Steve Smith (Trinity College, '02)
Assistant Coach ..... David McKinley (Ohio, '13)
Assistant Coach ..... Sam Dekker
Director of Player Personnel & Relations ..... Carey Rich (South Carolina, '95)
Director of Basketball Operations ..... Colby Arendale (Chattanooga, '18)
Asst. Director of Basketball Operations ..... Kacey Friedman (South Carolina, '12)
Director of Video Services ..... Roman DiPasquale (Wisconsin '11)
Recruiting & Scouting Assistant ..... Dom Campo (South Carolina, '24)
Strength & Conditioning Coach ..... Scott Greenawalt (Muskingum College, '98)
Athletic Trainer ..... Mark Rodger (Buffalo, '01)
Athletics Communications & PR ..... David Fox (Western Carolina, '14)
Graduate Assistant ..... Cooper Keyes (South Carolina, '26)
Home Arena ..... Colonial Life Arena
Capacity 18,000

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS/PR

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BASKETBALL HISTORY

First Year of Basketball 1908
All-Time Record ..... 1,530-1,364-1 (.528)
Overall Postseason Record ..... 30-21 (.588)
NCAA Tournament Appearances 10 (1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1989, 1997, 1998, 2004, 2017, 2024)
NCAA Tournament Record 8-11
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance ..... 2024, Round of 64, L vs. Oregon, 87-73
NIT Appearances 12 (1969, 1975, 1978, 1983, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2016)
NIT Record 22-10
Last NIT Appearance ..... 2016, L vs. Georgia Tech, 83-66
Conference Championships/Titles .....
SoCon Regular Season (1927, 1933, 1934. 1945); SoCon Tournament Champion (1933); ACC Regular Season (1970); ACC Champion (1971); SEC Regular Season (1997); SEC East Divison Co-Champions (2009)

TEAM INFORMATION

2025-26 Record 13-19
Southeastern Conference Record/Finish 4-14/14th
SEC Tournament Record 0-1
Postseason .....
Letterwinners Returning/Lost 3/10
Starters Returning/Lost 0/5
Newcomers ..... 12 (nine transfers, three freshmen)
Roster Breakdown ..... 5 fifth years, 2 seniors, 5 sophomores, 3 freshmen

RETURNING TEAM STATS

Percentage of Scoring 178/2,398 (7.4%)
Percentage of Field Goals Made 66/805 (8.2%)
Percentage of 3-Point Field Goals Made 28/256 (10.9%)
Percentage of Free Throws 18/532 (3.4%)
Percentage of Rebounding 97/1,042 (9.3%)
Percentage of Offensive Rebounding 40/296 (13.5%)
Percentage of Assists 14/426 (3.3%)
Percentage of Steals 12/176 (6.8%)
Percentage of Blocks 12/76 (15.8%)
Percentage of Minutes 662/6,475 (10.2%)

2026-27 SOUTH CAROLINA MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Returning Letterwinners (3)

#13 Grant Polk
#14 Eli Sparkman
#20 Hayden Assemian

Guards (7)

#1 Marcus Johnson
#4 Shane Blakeney
#8 Kory Mincy
#13 Grant Polk
#14 Eli Sparkman
#15 Ford Wilder
#25 Davion Hannah

Forwards (8)

#7 Jakub Nečas
#12 Nasir Hines
#17 Mathias Alessanco
#19 Hugo López
#20 Hayden Assemian
#21 Juan Fernández
#23 Camden Heide
#32 Aleksas Bieliauskas

By Height

#14 Eli Sparkman (6-0)
#8 Kory Mincy (6-1)
#1 Marcus Johnson (6-2)
#15 Ford Wilder (6-4)
#4 Shane Blakeney (6-5)
#13 Grant Polk (6-6)
#20 Hayden Assemian (6-6)
#25 Davion Hannah (6-6)
#23 Camden Heide (6-7)
#17 Mathias Alessanco (6-8)
#19 Hugo López (6-9)
7 Jakub Nečas (6-10)
#12 Nasir Hines (6-10)
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#32 Aleksas Bieliauskas (6-11)

Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown // Last School
17	Mathias Alessanco	F	6-8	235	FR	HS	Joinville, Brazil // RWE (Overtime Elite)
20	Hayden Assemian	F	6-6	228	SO	1L	Greenville, S.C. // Moravian Prep (Hudson, N.C.)
32	Aleksas Bieliauskas	F	6-11	250	SO	TR	Kaunas, Lithuania // Wisconsin
4	Shane Blakeney	G	6-5	197	5th	TR	Rock Hill, S.C. // Drexel
21	Juan Fernández	F	6-11	220	5th	--	Sante Fe, Argentina // Bàsquet Girona
25	Davion Hannah	G	6-6	190	SO	TR	Milwaukee, Wisc. // Alabama
23	Camden Heide	F	6-7	215	5th	TR	Wayzata, Minn. // Texas
12	Nasir Hines	F	6-10	200	SO	TR	Cleveland, Ohio // Palm Beach State College
1	Marcus Johnson	G	6-2	185	FR	HS	Cleveland, Ohio // Garfield Heights
19	Hugo López	F	6-9	210	5th	--	Madrid, Spain // Movistar Estudiantes
8	Kory Mincy	G	6-1	185	SR	TR	East Point, Ga. // George Mason
7	Jakub Nečas	F	6-10	240	SR	TR	Blansko, Czech Republic // Duquesne
13	Grant Polk	G	6-6	200	SO	1L	Gainesville, Va. // St. Albans (Washington, D.C.)
14	Eli Sparkman	G	6-0	172	5th	3L	Cleveland, Tenn. // Baylor School (Chattanooga, Tenn.)
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Pronunciation Guide

#7 **yah-KOOB NAY-chess**
#8 Kory **MIN-see**
#17 **mah-CHEE-us ah-less-AHN-kno**
#19 **OOO-goh** Lopez
#20 Hayden **UH-simeon**
#23 Camden **HIGH-dee**
#25 **DAY-vee-ON** Hannah
#32 **uh-LEK-sus beh-LOW-skus**