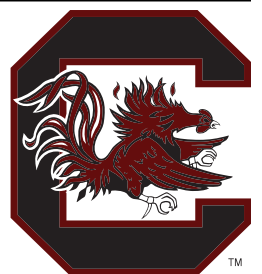




Information

South Carolina Athletics has a tremendous following, both in the stands and in the press box. The Athletics Communications staff is ready and able to assist you in your coverage of Gamecock Football.





- ◆ As South Carolina's flagship university, UofSC has more nationally-ranked programs than any other school in the state. In fact, U.S. News alone ranks 56 of UofSC's academic programs as among the best in the nation and ranks UofSC as No. 22 flagship university in the nation.
- ◆ South Carolina has been recognized by Kiplinger's, Forbes and U.S. News as a best value public university.
- ◆ The South Carolina Honors College was ranked the nation's best public university honors college by Public University Press.
- ◆ The university's Columbia campus has 300 degree programs through its 14 degree-granting colleges and schools.
- ◆ U.S. News has ranked UofSC the No. 1 public university for its first-year student programs, in recognition of the university as a national model for a preeminent student experience.
- ◆ A model for student success initiatives, UofSC Columbia exceeds national graduation rate by nearly 20 percent.
- ◆ South Carolina provides more opportunities for African-American and minority students than any other institution in South Carolina, leading in both enrollment and graduation.
- ◆ The university system and alumni pump \$5.5 billion into South Carolina's economy every year.
- ◆ South Carolina is an engine of economic and social progress, ranking among the top U.S. universities for providing upward mobility to its students, according to the Brookings Institution.
- ◆ The Darla Moore School of Business undergraduate and MBA international business programs were ranked No. 1 by U.S. News in 2020.
- ◆ In 2020, as for the previous seven years, the National Academy of Inventors named UofSC as a leading generator of patents, putting UofSC in the top one percent worldwide.
- ◆ Students at the University of South Carolina have earned 957 national fellowships and scholarships valued at more than \$30 million since 1994. The university has graduated 10 Truman Scholars and 10 Rhodes Scholars.

University History

The University of South Carolina is a globally recognized, high-impact research university committed to a superior student experience and dedicated to innovation in learning, research and community engagement. Founded in 1801, the university offers more than 300 degree programs and is one of a group of public universities to receive both the top-tier research designation and the community engagement designation from the Carnegie Foundation. More than 52,000 students are enrolled at one of 20 locations throughout the state, including the research campus in Columbia.

- ◆ UofSC is accelerating economic innovation, creating student opportunity and driving research leadership through its vital business partnerships with IBM, Boeing, Samsung, Fluor and Nephron Pharmaceuticals. For example, at the Center for Applied Innovation and Advanced Analytics, university and private-sector researchers develop cutting-edge technology for a host of real-world applications.
- ◆ Committed to access and affordability, UofSC established Palmetto College, offering convenient campus locations and online bachelor's degree completion programs. The university's On Your Time initiative gives students greater flexibility to graduate sooner and pursue internship and study abroad opportunities.
- ◆ Committed to research excellence and community engagement, South Carolina is one of only a handful of public universities to receive both the Carnegie top-tier research university and community engagement designations.
- ◆ UofSC has the state's most comprehensive suite of health disciplines, including medicine, public health, pharmacy, nursing and social work. Its online nursing graduate program is ranked No. 2, and its exercise science doctoral program is No. 1.
- ◆ UofSC's student-athletes are leaders on and off the field: In 12 of the past 14 semesters, South Carolina has led the SEC in the number of athletes on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.
- ◆ South Carolina is an engine of opportunity for S.C. students; two-thirds of all students in the University of South Carolina system are in-state students.



University Mission Statement

The University's mission is threefold: the education of the state's diverse citizens through teaching, research and creative activity, and service.



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BOB CASLEN

University President

Second Year at South Carolina

Robert L. "Bob" Caslen Jr., a retired lieutenant general and the former superintendent and president of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, was named the 29th president of the University of South Carolina in 2019.

"I am coming to South Carolina because of my love of the next generation of men and women who are going to be the leaders and contributors in service to their communities," Caslen said upon his hiring. "I want to give back to this next generation."

Caslen was a popular leader with the cadets at West Point, who nicknamed the superintendent "Supe Daddy" and joined him for early-morning physical training workouts each Wednesday. His exercise regimen continues, with Caslen doing an hour of CrossFit-type training six days each week, beginning at 5:30 a.m.

During his time at West Point, the academy was recognized as the nation's No. 1 public college by U.S. News and World Report and Forbes magazines. Through the establishment of Centers of Excellence at West Point, Caslen developed an integration between Army applied problem sets and West Point research and intellectual capital. He created the Army Cyber Institute to build skills and leaders, and he won the support of Army leadership and Congress to make more than \$2 billion in capital improvements at the campus.

After a 43-year military career, Caslen retired from the Army in 2018. He then became the senior counsel to the president at the University of Central Florida with the task to drive organizational, regulatory and cultural change at UCF and served as interim chief financial officer.

Caslen believes in building diverse, inclusive teams as a way to get the best outcomes. His record includes a demonstrated commitment to diversity, and during his tenure at West Point he appointed the first woman to serve as the commandant of cadets, the first woman to serve as a dean at West Point and the first African American female cadet to serve as first captain of the Corps of Cadets.

"I am honored to lead this great institution. I fully recognize the challenges the board addressed to get to this point, and I am grateful for their support and confidence," Caslen said. "I will work tirelessly to listen to all of our students, faculty, staff, board members, and all our constituents to understand their concerns and issues, and I will actively seek their advice."

All four of his grandparents were born in Italy, but the family name was shortened to Caslen after his family arrived at Ellis Island. Caslen's father fought in World War II and later became a school principal until a family vacation to Vermont convinced him to purchase a ski lodge there. Caslen grew up in Vermont, where he worked in his family's business and was on the high school ski and football teams. From there, he was recruited to play football at West Point.

"It was an interesting time in our country's history. I graduated from high school in 1971. The Vietnam War was still going on. My high school teachers all found ways not to go to Vietnam. They were trying to talk me out of going to West Point. But I was attracted to the opportunities. I was attracted to this thing about being part of something bigger than myself," he says.

He went to the academy, thinking if he didn't like West Point after two years, he could leave without the service commitment.

"When I got down there, I found myself loving the camaraderie, the close-knit association among the students, and I decided to stay the four years, knowing I had a five-year commitment. I had absolutely no intent whatsoever to stay in the military after five years," he says. "The reason I stayed in is I fell in love with the Army. It pulled on my heartstrings. I loved being around these young men and women. That brotherhood and sisterhood was about as close-knit as you could imagine."

After graduation, he embarked on a military career that included stints as the chief of the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq, where he was the senior military commander in Iraq after the drawdown of U.S. and allied forces in 2011. He had been stationed at the Pentagon in Washington during the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001.

"I remember looking at the Pentagon burning, and I realized life as we know it is going to change significantly," he says. "A couple of months later, I was in Afghanistan."

Along with his bachelor's degree from West Point, Caslen holds a Master of Business Administration degree in finance from Long Island University and a Master of Science degree in industrial engineering from Kansas State University.

Caslen and his wife, Shelly, have been married for 43 years and they have three sons, all involved in public service. One is a firefighter and first responder in Savannah, Georgia; another is an FBI special agent stationed in Washington; and the third is a graduate of West Point and an Army captain. They have four grandchildren.





RAY TANNER

Athletics Director

25th Year at South Carolina

University of South Carolina Athletics Director Ray Tanner is in his ninth year guiding the Gamecocks' athletics programs. After a long and highly successful career as Carolina's baseball coach, Tanner officially began his new duties on Aug. 2, 2012.

On April 29, 2019, Tanner was awarded a contract extension by the USC Board of Trustees, keeping him in the athletics director chair until 2024.

In addition to his athletics director duties, Tanner has taken an active role on campus, taking a leadership position with the University's response to the recent COVID-19 pandemic as well as serving in a formal capacity as a student mentor at South Carolina.

Tanner's tenure is the third longest as athletics director in Gamecocks history, behind only Rex Enright (13 years) and Mike McGee (12 years).

Under Tanner's watch, Gamecock student-athletes have achieved tremendous success in intercollegiate athletic competition, in the classroom and in the community.

Gamecock student-athletes excel in the classroom. They have posted a cumulative 3.0 grade point average or better in 27-consecutive semesters. More than 1,700 Gamecock student-athletes have earned SEC Academic Honor Roll status since 2015, the most in the league during that time. The departmental GPA of 3.700 in Spring 2020 was a school record, topping the previous mark of 3.338 set in Spring 2019.

Under Tanner's watch, the Gamecocks have won two national championships (2014 equestrian, 2017 women's basketball), 15 SEC regular season and tournament championships and have posted three of the top six finishes in the Learfield IMG College Directors' Cup All-Sports Standings in school history. In 2016-17, the Gamecocks placed 21st and followed that up in 2017-18 with a 26th place finish before logging a 22nd place finish in 2018-19.

As either the head baseball coach or athletics director, 20 of South Carolina's 27 SEC regular season and tournament championships and four of the Gamecocks' seven national championships have come under Tanner.

For each of the past five years, Carolina has claimed the Certified SC Grown Palmetto Series, sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture. The series consists of athletic, community service and academic points in head-to-head matchups against Clemson. South Carolina has never lost the series to the Tigers since it became a sponsored event.

During Tanner's first eight years as the athletics director, the Gamecocks have had 34 teams finish in the Top 10 and 72 finish in the Top 25. During the 2019-20 school year, including sport seasons that were stopped due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Carolina had four teams ranked in the Top 10 and six teams in the Top 25. Women's basketball concluded the season ranked number one in the nation, while equestrian finished fourth, women's soccer was sixth, women's golf seventh, softball was 15th and men's tennis was 23rd.

In September 2014, Tanner spearheaded the development of "The Gamecock Student-Athlete Promise," a document that showcases the depth and breadth of the commitments the South Carolina Athletics Department has made to its student-athletes.

As part of the document, USC became the first school in the SEC to guarantee four-year scholarships for all qualifying sports. It also offers former student-athletes the opportunity to return to campus to complete their undergraduate degree as part of the "Gamecock Degree Completion Program."

In fulfilling The Promise, the Gamecock athletics department launched "Beyond Sports," a professional development and internship summer program for student-athletes, who wish to get "real world" experience in their field of study.

As part of giving Gamecock student-athletes a "championship experience" at USC, the commitment to develop the finest facilities in the nation continues.

Since taking on the athletics director role, every athletics program at USC has been the beneficiary of either a new or significantly upgraded practice or competition facility. These include such projects as Cyndi and Kenneth Long Family Football Operations Center, Springs-Brooks Plaza and the Bignon Game Day Center, Jerri and Steve Spurrier Football Indoor Practice Facility, USC Soccer Complex, Wheeler Beach Volleyball facility, Carolina Softball Stadium, practice courts, training rooms and weight rooms for basketball and volleyball, and locker rooms in Carolina Natatorium. Carolina hosted the 2017 SEC Outdoor Track & Field Championships at the newly-renovated Cregger Track.

The 2020 football season will see a \$22.5 million renovation to Williams-Brice Stadium. The project includes upgrades in premium seating for the East Side, West Side and South Lower as well as a new "2001 Club" which is next to the team entrance onto the field.

Tanner has pushed initiatives meant to recognize and honor South Carolina athletics history and great moments. In 2019-20, South Carolina retired four jerseys during ceremonies for each sport including baseball's Earl Bass, track and field's Miki Barber and Terrence Trammell and softball's Trinity Johnson.

Tanner has negotiated contracts for Gamecock Athletics that have created additional exposure and revenue for the department.

As part of a 10-year agreement with IMG, a new center-hung scoreboard and 360 degree LED ribbon board was added to Colonial Life Arena in 2018. South Carolina's IMG marketing arrangement, finalized in 2016, was ranked as the seventh-largest in college athletics by the Portland Business Journal.

The Gamecocks have a 10-year contract with Under Armour as its official outfitter, which was signed in 2016. At the time of its commencement, the contract was one of the 10 largest in college athletics, ranked by Forbes magazine.

During Tanner's tenure, revenues and expenses for Gamecock athletics have increased more than 52 percent. While the costs of sustaining a major college athletics department is increasing, Tanner has balanced the ledger while continuing to build first-class facilities, recruiting and maintaining outstanding coaches and student-athletes and giving Gamecock student-athletes a "championship experience."

Tanner served on the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee for four years and was its chair for two seasons.

A dedicated community leader whose charitable organization, The Ray Tanner Foundation, has made a difference in many South Carolina families, a three-time National Coach of the Year and Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year, Tanner completed 16 years as head coach at the University of South Carolina, establishing one of the premier programs in college baseball prior to being named AD. He led the Garnet & Black to two NCAA Division I Baseball Championships, a pair of national runner-up finishes, six College World Series appearances, three SEC championships, six SEC Eastern division titles, a SEC tournament crown and 13 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

Tanner gained valuable experience at an international level in his association with USA Baseball. He served five stints with Red, White and Blue, including in 2003 as head coach for the USA National Baseball Team. He was named the U.S. National Coach of the Year for his work that season.

Tanner was named the South Carolina head coach June 14, 1996, after nine successful seasons as head coach at his alma mater, North Carolina State. He will celebrate his 25th year at South Carolina during the 2021-22 academic year.

Tanner has a bachelor's degree in recreational administration from NC State (1980) and a master's of public affairs, public administration (1983).

Born Donald Ray Tanner, Jr., March 25, 1958, in Smithfield, NC, Tanner grew up in Benson, NC. He is married to the former Karen Donald, a native of Charleston, SC. The Tanners have two daughters, Bridgette Grace ("Gracie") and Margaret Pearl ("Maggie") and one son, Joseph Luke ("Luke").



Ray Tanner
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Attention Boosters

The University of South Carolina Office of Compliance Services is committed to a comprehensive compliance program that educates everyone about the importance of adhering to NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules. We strive to create a “compliance conscience” within the University and throughout the community.

The commitment to compliance ensures institutional control over the department of athletics and furthers the mission of the University of South Carolina. The existence of a successful compliance program depends on the willingness of coaches, administrators, staff, student-athletes and boosters to be cognizant of NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules.

What is Compliance?

At South Carolina, the Office of Compliance Services works within the department of athletics and the University to ensure South Carolina’s compliance with all applicable rules. In doing so, the compliance staff is charged with the following tasks:

- Educating administrators, coaches, staff, prospects, student-athletes and boosters about NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules;
- Developing monitoring systems to ensure compliance with these rules. These systems are designed to monitor rules pertaining to recruiting, academic eligibility, financial aid, awards, extra benefits, ethical conduct, amateurism, agents, employment, occasional meals, and the playing and practice seasons for each sport; and
- Investigating and reporting violations of NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules to the appropriate governing authority.

Are You a Booster?

You are a booster if you are or ever have:

- Been a member of a booster organization that supports University of South Carolina athletics;
- Made any financial contributions to any area the University of South Carolina;
- Made any annual or lifetime membership commitment to a booster organization;

- Been involved with the recruitment of a prospect;
- Provided benefits to an enrolled student-athlete or his/her relatives or friends;
- Been involved in promoting South Carolina’s athletic program;
- Provided or helped to arrange employment for student-athletes;
- Been a season ticket holder.

Prospective Student-Athletes

A prospective student-athlete (prospect) is a student who has:

- Started classes for the ninth grade, or
- Ever received any financial assistance or other benefit prospective students do not generally receive.

An individual remains a prospect until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):

- The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term (including summer) of a four-year collegiate institution’s regular academic year.
- The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term.

Remember a prospect remains a prospect even after signing a National Letter of Intent with the University of South Carolina.

Extra Benefits

A recruiting inducement or extra benefit is any special arrangement by a University of South Carolina employee or booster to provide a prospect, a student-athlete, or their relatives or friends a benefit not expressly authorized by the NCAA. Examples of impermissible extra benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Free or reduced cost services, rentals, or purchases of any type (e.g., meals, drinks, clothing, laundry, haircuts, legal fees, tattoos, car repairs, free upgrades on products or services, etc.)
- Gifts of any kind, including special occasions (birthdays, holidays, graduation, etc.)
- VIP access to bars, clubs, events, etc.

- Free or reduced cost housing for any length of time
- Loans (including co-signing)
- Cash or like items
- Use of an automobile or transportation
- An employment arrangement for a prospect or student-athlete’s relatives
- Entertainment
- Use of your telephone or credit card
- Providing a meal in your home
- Academic assistance of any kind (e.g., tutoring, editing papers/projects, assistance in completing classwork, use of computer, etc.)
- Any tangible items, including merchandise

What are the Consequences?

South Carolina is responsible for the actions of its boosters. If a booster provides an impermissible benefit to a prospect, a student-athlete, or their relatives or friends, South Carolina may be subject to penalties, even if the student-athlete has completed his or her eligibility. The prospect or student-athlete who accepts an impermissible benefit jeopardizes his or her eligibility for intercollegiate competition. A booster who provides an impermissible benefit may be disassociated from the University’s athletics program. Disassociation results in a loss of all benefits or privileges offered by the department of athletics and may involve other penalties as appropriate.

GOT QUESTIONS? ASK COMPLIANCE.

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University of South Carolina Athletics Village



NOTE: The media policies listed here are under “normal” circumstances. Due to COVID-19, adjustments will have to be made. More information will be provided when it becomes available.

The University of South Carolina understands the importance of assisting the media in providing coverage of the institution, its athletics programs, administrators, coaches and student-athletes. Our goal is to disseminate information as widely, uniformly and fairly as possible using normally accepted media standards. To this end, the best attempt will be made to fill reasonable requests by recognized media outlets. Members of the media are encouraged to work with the South Carolina Athletics Communications and Public Relations staff to assist in that endeavor. **It is not permissible for media members to contact any athletics department administrator, associate, coach or student-athlete directly without working through the communications department.**

Press Credentials

Working press credentials for the 2020 South Carolina home football games must be requested online through www.sportssystem.com/clients/seccredentials. Credential requests must come from the sports editors and the sports directors only.

It is not possible to accommodate all requests. No one under 18 years of age will be issued a credential without prior approval.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Associate Director of Athletics Communications and Public Relations Kent Reichert at 803-777-5257 or by email at kentr2@mailbox.sc.edu. Requests for season passes should be submitted no later than August 7. Requests for single games should be made no later than seven (7) days prior to game day and will be approved the week of the game. Once approved, **ALL** credentials must be picked up on game day at Media Will Call, located on the west side of the stadium by the press elevators. Media Will Call will open three (3) hours prior to kick-off. A photo ID must be presented to receive the press credential. Photographers must have appropriate equipment on hand to receive a sideline photo vest. (see Sideline Policy).

Note: Credentials will be considered only for those media members on specific assignment for a specific media outlet that meets the criteria below. Credentials are non-transferable and may be revoked at any time.

The granting and number of credentials for daily **NEWSPAPERS** will be based on the newspaper's circulation on a space available basis.

Those newspapers publishing more than twice a week, but less than six, will have priority after those in the daily newspaper category.

WEBSITES that meet one of the following criteria will be issued a maximum of three (3) season approved press box credentials, which includes the videographer, and two (2) season field passes to be used for still photography.

1. Is the official website of the home or visiting school or its conference;
2. Is the official online service of a national over-the-air or cable television network;
3. Has a "national affiliate agreement" with or is an officially licensed site of a national or local news

gathering organization and has at least one full-time employee dedicated to writing for the site; or

4. Is a local news gathering organization that has at least two full-time employees and is owned by a media company with multiple assets.

Websites that are an extension of a non-digital local media outlet (newspaper, radio, television) will not be issued credentials independent of their originating organization.

Sport-specific websites with more than two full-time writers will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

No credentials will be issued to any website that is not deemed by the Athletics Communications department to have adequate editorial oversight. Credentials will not be approved to anyone who writes or posts under an alias.

TELEVISION stations will be issued a maximum of two (2) season approved press box credentials. However, press box seating is not guaranteed for both credentials. Television stations will receive a maximum of two (2) field passes.

Local **RADIO** stations will be granted one (1) season approved press box credential for a full-time host of a daily sports show that is a minimum of 30 minutes in length. In addition, one (1) press box credential will be distributed per station for the sports director. Field passes will not be issued to radio stations. Non-daily local radio sports shows and out-of-market radio stations that have a daily sports show will be granted a maximum one (1) credential on a game-by-game space available basis to the show's host or the station's sports director only.

STUDENT MEDIA outlets for the home and visiting schools will be issued credentials in accordance with the policy for their format (newspaper, website, radio, television). To be considered student media, the outlet must be sanctioned as such by the university, have full-time university staff overseeing the training of staff or be governed by a university-appointed board, and receive some portion of its funding from student fees.

PHOTO WIRE SERVICES that distribute nationally and retain all rights for sale and usage of any image taken at the event will be issued one (1) season field pass with an option for a second on a game-by-game, space-available basis. Any wire service that sells/shares its images for non-editorial uses must provide the University of South Carolina Athletics Communications and Public Relations department with a statement indicating how it ensures that non-editorial clients use its images within NCAA regulations.

All other credential requests, including weekly newspapers, magazines, specialty publications, etc. will be considered on a game-by-game and case-by-case basis at the discretion of Steve Fink, Assistant AD/Communications. All credential policies are subject to change, and final approval of all credentials is at the discretion of the Assistant AD/Communications.

Non-affiliated bloggers, podcast staff and freelance photographers will not be credentialed.

Media outlets that cover the visiting school will be considered using the credential criteria established and in consultation with that school's media relations staff.

Sideline Policy

The University of South Carolina adheres to the NCAA and SEC guidelines regarding media representatives on the sidelines:

1. Accredited photographers must check in at Media Will Call and present photo ID. Those photographers working on the sidelines will be issued a vest. The vest must be worn at all times on the sidelines. No other type of photo or media credential will allow an individual access to the sidelines during the game. The vest must be returned to the South Carolina communications staff.

2. Only working photographers/videographers with professional-grade cameras will be allowed on the field. A cell phone is not considered appropriate equipment. Those without proper equipment or not shooting the game will be escorted from the sidelines regardless of credential. "Runners" will not be issued a sideline pass.

3. Working photographers/videographers are permitted to shoot in the designated area (between the two marked dotted lines outside the 25-yard lines). All other media representatives on the field must stand behind the designated area to ensure that photographers/videographers have the appropriate space to work. Media will not be allowed to shoot from either end zone.

4. Photographers are encouraged to use the photo work room, located on the field level of Williams-Brice Stadium. Wired and wireless internet are available. While security in this area is provided, the University of South Carolina is not responsible for the loss of any items.

5. According to NCAA policies, the presence of any type of photographer/videographer in the bench area is strictly prohibited with the exception of one (1) institutional videographer in the football bench area. According to the NCAA Football Rules and Interpretations Manual (Rule 1, Section 2, Article 4b): "the team area shall be limited to squad members in full uniform and a maximum of 60 other individuals directly involved in the game. The 60 individuals not in full uniform shall wear special team area credentials." (Rule 1, Section 2, Article 4e): "No media personnel, including journalists, radio and television personnel, or their equipment, shall be in the team area or coaching box, and no media personnel shall communicate in any way with persons in the team area or coaching box."

The SEC also prohibits photographers/videographers from stopping and shooting from behind the bench area or into the bench area. The bench area at Williams-Brice Stadium is defined by the area between the 25-yard lines and covered with a white tarp.

6. Photographers and videographers are considered working members of the media and they are to refrain from cheering or talking to players, coaches or officials.

7. Any individual regularly violating the sideline policy is subject to having their credential revoked. Revocation of the credential would be to the individual, not the outlet.

Weekly South Carolina Football Media Availability

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Practice is scheduled for 5 pm. Head coach Will Muschamp holds a teleconference at 6:30 p.m. ET. No player availability.	The team is scheduled for its NCAA-mandated off day. No media availability for coaches or players.	Practice is scheduled for 9 am. Selected players will be available following practice. All requests must be in to Steve Fink by 5 p.m. Sunday. Coach Muschamp holds a 12:30 pm press conference.	Practice is scheduled for 9 am. There is no post-practice availability. Coach Muschamp is on the SEC conference call at 12:10 p.m. ET.	Practice is scheduled for 9 am. There is no post-practice availability. Coach Will Muschamp's weekly radio show is from 7-8 p.m. ET from Wild Wing Cafe in the Vista.	Head coach Will Muschamp, offensive and defensive coordinators and selected players are available for network television only.	Coach Muschamp and selected players will be available in Media Interview Room following the game. The Gamecocks' locker room is closed.



SEC Internet Real Time Policy

By acceptance and use of an SEC media credential, the holder agrees to the following conditions for any and all athletic events hosted by the SEC and its member institutions:

1. The SEC and its member institutions grant a media organization a limited license to use certain gathered information on the media organization's own Internet or online site beginning at the start of an athletic event and up to the conclusion of such event, all subject to the following limitations and conditions:

(a) No more than 10 still photographs may be used for news coverage of the game and other editorial purposes during the event.

(b) Videotape may only be shown as part of a single, non-archived, online "simulcast" of a television station's regularly-scheduled news program.

(c) While a game is in progress, the use of statistical information is time-delayed and limited in amount so that an organization's Internet or online game coverage does not undercut the authorized and rights-paying fee organization's rights to play-by-play accounts of the game and/or exclusivity as to such rights.

2. Any proposed media use on an Internet or online site of the game information that is more detailed and/or more than described above will require separate written authorization by the SEC and/or its member institutions. However, such written authorization will not permit the use of game information in entertainment contexts and will not authorize game coverage that, due to immediacy of detail, constitutes or approaches a play-by-play account of a game.

3. Should any of these conditions be breached, the SEC and/or its member institutions will issue a written warning for the first violation. If this violation occurs during the last game of the institutions' regularly scheduled season, the media organization may not be credentialed for the SEC Championship. A second violation of this policy will result in revocation of credentials to cover future football games hosted by the SEC and/or its member institutions.

Press Box

South Carolina's press box (P-2 level) has seats for 144 members of the media, along with radio booths, coaches' booths, scoreboard, replay, public address and stadium operations/security booths. Located just above the press level is the photo deck. All members of the media covering the game are invited to a catered meal, which is served beginning two hours prior to kickoff. The television booth is located on the P-1 level.

Wireless internet is available for use. Wired outlets for photographers and videographers are available in the back of the press box.

The Athletics Communications and Public Relations department supplies quarterly play-by-plays and quickie stats, halftime statistics, final team and individual statistics and coaches and players quotes. An inside public address announcer also keeps the media informed of play-by-play, records and game notes.

The South Carolina press box is for the working media only. In accordance with the Football Writers Association of America, no cheering will be allowed.

In-Game Statistics

Media should utilize StatBroadcast for all the latest live statistical information during games. Visit gamecocks.statbroadcast.com for live scoring of all home football games. The password will be provided on game day.

Postgame Interviews

The press box elevator will be held at press level midway through the fourth quarter for anyone attending postgame press conferences. South Carolina's postgame press conferences take place

in the Media Interview Room, located underneath the stands on the west side of Williams-Brice Stadium. The visitors' locker room and postgame interview room are located under the west stands at the north end. The Gamecock locker room will be closed following the game. Coach Muschamp will be available in the postgame interview room approximately 10 minutes after the game. Selected student-athletes will also be brought to the interview room following the cool-down period. Admittance to postgame interviews is by credential only. The South Carolina press conference will be televised live to the press box. **No interviews, other than those conducted by the rightsholders, should be conducted on the field following the game.**

Media Parking

Media parking is available in the Key Road parking lot, located southeast of Williams-Brice Stadium. Please contact Associate Director of Athletics Communications and Public Relations Kent Reichert at 803-777-5257 or by email at kentr2@mailbox.sc.edu for any parking needs. Parking passes will be distributed in advance via the method indicated on the credential application.

Satellite Truck Parking

Limited parking is available for TV station live/satellite trucks, and those vehicles will need to be approved prior to game day. Please contact Kent Reichert at least three days prior to the game to schedule live/satellite truck parking.

Visiting Radio

The visitor's radio network must be designated by the opponent's athletic director. The visiting radio booth is located at the far north end of the P-2 level. Any non-designated stations will be admitted on a space-available basis. The Gamecock Sports Network will be handled by Learfield/IMG College. Stations requesting information regarding the network should contact: Liz McMillan, Executive Director, Learfield/IMG College, (803) 777-8254.

Football Video Services

For information on receiving mid-week or postgame press conference videos, please contact Director of Athletics Communications and Public Relations Matt Freed at 803-777-9917 or at mfreed@mailbox.sc.edu. Login information to the department's media FTP site will be provided. Please credit GamecocksOnline when using footage from the FTP site.

Live Broadcasts

It is not permissible for any non-rightsholder to broadcast over the air, stream over the internet (audio or video), or transmit in any other way, including social media apps, any live event without the consent of the University of South Carolina Athletics Department. Live events include varsity contests, press conferences (including but not limited to weekly scheduled and postgame press conferences) and any other group media availability. Exceptions may be made for any major news-breaking event and will be communicated prior to the event. No television live shots, with the exception of the rightsholder, may take place inside the stadium beginning 30 minutes prior to kickoff until the broadcast is concluded.

Audio/Video Event Archiving

It is not permissible for any non-rightsholder to archive audio or video Event content that exceeds five (5) minutes in length. Events are defined as varsity contests, press conferences and any other group media availability. Archiving may not begin until the conclusion of the entire event. WNKT-FM is the only radio station that can carry press conferences live and/or archived in their entirety.

Non-Rightsholder Radio Appearances

South Carolina coaches will be limited to one appearance from one member of a sport's coaching staff per week on any radio station or any radio show that is aired as part of a state-wide, regional or national network in the Columbia market. The length of the interview should be no more than one segment, defined as "commercial-break to commercial-break." In addition, the same member of a sport's coaching staff or administrator cannot make appearances in consecutive weeks on the same radio station. Media outlets in which the institution or the SEC is contractually affiliated is exempt from this language. Exceptions can be made in the occurrence of a major "breaking news" event. Please work through the team's communications and public relations contact to help coordinate any request.

Game Day Media Availability

No University of South Carolina Athletics staff member may appear live on a non-rightsholder radio show on the same day as any USC contractual programming, including live game action or coaches' call-in shows, without prior consent of Athletics Communications.

Radio/TV Appearances

South Carolina student-athletes may not participate in any live radio or television show other than during a regularly scheduled newscast and for no longer than four minutes, post-game interview times, conference media days and structured media opportunities during NCAA championships, without the consent of the South Carolina Athletics Communications. This policy is in effect year-round and does not apply to institutional networks. It does apply to internet chat rooms that are sponsored by a media outlet for the sole purpose of conducting Q&A sessions with the viewing public concerning the student-athlete's athletic career.

SEC Weekly Teleconference

The SEC hosts a weekly press teleconference featuring the head coach from every team each Wednesday from Aug. 28 to Nov. 20. To participate, please contact the SEC Media Relations office at (205) 458-3010 for the telephone number and passcode.

11:00 a.m. ET	Ed Orgeron, LSU
11:10 a.m. ET	Kirby Smart, Georgia
11:20 a.m. ET	Dan Mullen, Florida
11:30 a.m. ET	Derek Mason, Vanderbilt
11:40 a.m. ET	Nick Saban, Alabama
11:50 a.m. ET	Jeremy Pruitt, Tennessee
12:00 p.m. ET	Sam Pittman, Arkansas
12:10 p.m. ET	Will Muschamp, South Carolina
12:20 p.m. ET	Lane Kiffin, Ole Miss
12:30 p.m. ET	Jimbo Fisher, Texas A&M
12:40 p.m. ET	Mark Stoops, Kentucky
12:50 p.m. ET	Mike Leach, Mississippi State
1:00 p.m. ET	Elijah Drinkwitz, Missouri
1:10 p.m. ET	Gus Malzahn, Auburn

Student-Athlete Interview Policy

All interviews must be coordinated through the Athletics Communications department. This allows the staff to arrange the interview when it best suits the student-athlete's and the reporter's schedules. Please contact the communications department well in advance to make your interview requests. **Media are not permitted to contact student-athletes on their own at any time.**

Cell phone numbers for student-athletes will not be provided to the media. Should you need to conduct a telephone interview with a student-athlete, a call will be placed to you from the student-athlete at a mutually agreeable time.



Gamecock Sports Marketing, a partnership between the University of South Carolina Athletics Department and the country's leaders in the collegiate sports marketing industry, Learfield/IMG College, is the originating medium for radio coverage of the South Carolina Gamecocks.

2020 is the fourth year of a 10-year agreement between the University and Learfield/IMG College that runs through 2026. The extension adds to an agreement between the University of South Carolina and IMG that dates back to 2003. 2020 also marks the fourth year of a five-year extension with Cumulus Media for WNKT-FM (107.5 The Game) to continue as the official flagship station of Gamecock Athletics through 2022.

Gamecock Sports Marketing is responsible for the overall management of the athletics program's corporate partnership effort, which includes producing, selling and distributing the Gamecock Radio Network (live play-by-play and call-in shows) and coaches television shows, print advertising in various athletics department publications, and selected signage in university athletic facilities.

The Gamecock Sports Network from Learfield/IMG College counts two dozen affiliate stations for the 2020-21 season. For Sirius/XM subscribers, follow the Gamecock Radio Twitter page for weekly updates on channel information for Gamecock broadcasts.

Todd Ellis, the all-time leading passer in Gamecock history, is in his 29th season with the network and his 18th as the play-by-play voice of Carolina football. Ellis previously served as sideline reporter for the radio network and as a color analyst and play-by-play announcer for Comcast Sports Southeast for Gamecock telecasts. Ellis has also hosted the coaches television show and served on CBS's bowl game radio coverage. He hosts the Will Muschamp Television Show and Carolina Calls with Will Muschamp, the Coach's weekly radio call-in show. Ellis set more than 20 school passing marks during his career (1986-89) while throwing for 9,953 yards.

Tommy Suggs, a former standout Gamecock quarterback, is back for his 48th year as color analyst for the radio network. Suggs played for Carolina from 1968-70 and is regarded as one of the school's all-time premier signal-callers. He led the Gamecocks to the 1969 ACC championship and Peach Bowl berth and was named MVP of the 1970 Blue-Gray All-Star Classic. Suggs was inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989 and is also a member of the state of South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2012, friends and colleagues of Tommy and Jane Suggs established the Tommy Suggs Endowed Quarterback Scholarship to honor his long-time commitment to the University and Gamecock Athletics. The scholarship is awarded to a quarterback each year and was the first endowed scholarship for the football program.

Former Gamecock and NFL standout offensive tackle **Jamar Nesbit** returns for his second season as the sideline reporter. Nesbit was a three-time All-SEC performer in the late 1990s and spent 11 years in the NFL with the Carolina Panthers and New Orleans Saints. He was inducted into the Carolina Hall of Fame in 2017.

Liz McMillan serves as the Executive Director of Gamecock IMG Sports Marketing in Columbia, while **Darren McPhail** is the General Manager. **David Spence** is the spotter and **Doug Adams** is the statistician.

Greg Brannon returns for his second season as the Network Host, participating throughout the six-hour gameday broadcast. **Chris Miller** assists in the first two hours of the pregame show and teams with Brannon to handle the majority of the postgame show, which airs from the Hilton Hotel in downtown Columbia following home games. On road contests, Brannon and Miller handle their on-air responsibilities from the studios of the Rock Hill affiliate, WRHI.

The **Will Muschamp Television Show** airs at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays on Fox Sports Southeast, WACH-FOX in Columbia, WPDE in Florence and WCIV in Charleston.

The weekly **Carolina Calls** show airs Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. on the flagship station of the Gamecocks, WNKT-FM, across the Palmetto State on the Gamecock Radio Network and over the Internet at GamecocksOnline.com.



Todd Ellis and Tommy Suggs have shared the radio booth calling Gamecock Football for over a quarter of a century.

Longest Active Football Radio Announcers

Announcer	School	Years*
Bill Hillgrove	Pittsburgh	51
Tommy Suggs	South Carolina	47
Don Fischer	Indiana	47
Joe Starkey	California	46
Dave Nitz	Louisiana Tech	45
Frank Hoffman	Louisiana-Monroe	44
George Blaha	Michigan State	42

*Thru 2019

Gamecock Television History

South Carolina Football's first televised contest was a local telecast of a game against Marquette in Milwaukee, Wis., on November 5, 1949. The first Gamecock home game to be televised was against North Carolina in Carolina (now Williams-Brice) Stadium, on November 7, 1953.

Carolina Football Radio Affiliates

Abbeville	WZLA-FM	92.9	Hilton Head	WVSC-FM	99.1
Aiken/Edgefield	WKSX-FM	92.7	Hilton Head	WVSC-FM	106.5
Allendale	WDOG-FM	93.5	Lake City	WHYM-AM	1260
Camden	WPUB-FM	102.7	Myrtle Beach	WMIR-FM	93.9
Camden	WCAM-AM	1590	Newberry	WKDK-AM	1240
Charleston	WWIK-FM	98.9	Rock Hill	WRHM-FM	107.1
Chesterfield	WVSZ-FM	107.3	Rock Hill	WVSZ-FM	107.3
Columbia	WNKT-FM	107.5	Seneca	WSNW-AM	1150
Florence	WFRK-FM	93.5	Seneca	WSNW-FM	94.1
Florence	WHYM-AM	1260	Spartanburg	WSPG-AM	1400
Gaffney	WZZQ-AM	1500	Spartanburg	WSPG-FM	98.3
Gaffney	WZZQ-FM	104.3	Sumter	WIBZ-FM	95.5
Greenville	WROO-FM	104.9	Union	WBCU-AM	1460
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Williams-Brice Stadium Facts

Built during the Great Depression with help from federal Works Progress Administration (WPA) funds, the stadium was completed in 1934 and was known as Carolina Municipal Stadium. The original seating was 17,600 and included seating along the sidelines only.

During the 1940s and 1950s, endzone seating was added which turned the stadium into a bowl and increased capacity to over 40,000.

Martha Williams-Brice's husband, Thomas H. Brice, was a Gamecock football letterman from 1922-24, and her family operated the Williams Furniture Company in Sumter. She left a substantial inheritance from the furniture fortune to her nephews, Thomas W. and Philip L. Edwards, much of which they passed on to the University of South Carolina. That included a bequest from her estate for stadium renovations in the early 1970s which included the addition of over 14,000 seats, an Astroturf playing surface and a west upper deck. This brought the seat count up to 54,000. The name was officially changed from Carolina Stadium to Williams-Brice Stadium in dedication ceremonies during the Sept. 9, 1972 opener with Virginia.

The east upper deck was added in 1982 and capacity grew to 72,400.

In the 1990s, the Kay and Eddie Floyd Building was added behind the north endzone and suites, clubs and a new press box were added on the west side. This was quickly followed by a south upper deck which increased total seat count to over 80,000.

Added in 2012 was a \$6.5 million state-of-the-art videoboard that sits above the north stands. It measures 36' x 124'.

In 2015, the \$14.5 million Springs Brooks Plaza transformed the entire circumference of Williams-Brice Stadium into an aesthetically-pleasing footprint.

- First game as Carolina Stadium: Oct. 6, 1934 (USC 22, VMI 6)
- Dedicated as Williams-Brice Stadium: Sept. 9, 1972 (UVA 24, USC 16)
- Capacity: 77,559
- Stadium Record: 301-195-14 (.604)
- When the Gamecocks take the field on gameday, Williams-Brice Stadium is packed with approximately 80,000 screaming Gamecock fans, making it more populated than all but four cities in the state of South Carolina.
- Williams-Brice Stadium is recognized as one of the finest facilities in all of college football. Carolina annually ranks among the nation's leaders in attendance, and Gamecock fans are regarded as some of the most loyal in the country.
- South Carolina established a school record for football season tickets sold in 2005, selling 62,604 season tickets, surpassing the previous mark of 62,103 set in 2002. The numbers do not include student tickets and tickets contractually obligated to visiting teams.
- South Carolina ranked 15th in the nation in attendance in 2019, averaging 77,962 fans for seven games at Williams-Brice Stadium.

HOME OF THE GAMECOCKS





The Cyndi and Kenneth Long Family Football Operations Center provides the Gamecocks' program with a recruiting center, locker room, weight room, athletic training room, coaches' offices, meeting rooms, dining room, equipment room and player lounges; all in one convenient location. It opened in January 2019 and is adjacent to the Jerri and Steve Spurrier Indoor Practice Facility and outdoor practice fields.





SPURRIER INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY

The Jerri and Steve Spurrier Indoor Practice Facility opened in 2015 at the west end of Gamecock Park. The state-of-the-art facility houses a full indoor field adjacent to the new practice fields. The graphics honor the retired numbers of the program, along with major award winners and Gamecock Greats. Two full-length grass football fields run adjacent to the indoor facility, giving the team the opportunity to change practice sites as quickly as the weather.





Nickname: The Fighting Gamecocks

The University of South Carolina is the only major college athletic program in the country that uses "Fighting Gamecocks" as its official nickname and mascot. The University's athletic teams have been known as Gamecocks since the early 1900s.

At the turn of the 20th century, after struggling for more than decade under numerous nicknames, the school's football team was the impetus of the new moniker. In 1903, Columbia's morning newspaper, The State, shortened the name to one word and Carolina teams have been Gamecocks ever since.

Those early teams must have been a feisty and spirited group. A gamecock, of course, is a fighting rooster known for its spirit and courage. A cock fight, which was a popular sport throughout the United States in the 19th century, would last until the death of one of the combatants. Cock fighting has been outlawed by most states for humanitarian reasons, but it is still held surreptitiously in many areas.

The State of South Carolina has long been closely connected with the breeding and training of fighting gamecocks. General Thomas Sumter, famed guerrilla fighter of the Revolutionary War, was known as "The Fighting Gamecock."

The South Carolina Mascot

Beginning in 1971, John Nelson, an undergraduate biology student, began attending games in a Gamecock costume. He was known as "The Rooster". This evolved to Big Spur, who appeared during the 1970s and was a bit intimidating.

At the 1980 Homecoming game, the current version of Cocky, by Robert Lane, made his debut as Big Spur's son. Cocky became the University of South Carolina's official mascot after this appearance and has maintained this role ever since.

Cocky soon won the hearts of Gamecock fans and is one of the most recognizable figures in college athletics. In 1986, he was chosen as America's First "National Mascot" by the Universal Cheerleading Association, Ford Motor Company and American Airlines. That same year, Cocky brought home his first UCA Mascot Championship. He continued his success by capturing his second championship in 1994 and also won the Capital One mascot championship in 2003.

One of Cocky's trademarks is his 2001 Magic Box entrance. The spectacular entrance can be seen at every home football game. The Magic Box entrance is one of many things that Cocky does to get the crowd pumped up and cheering for the Gamecocks. Cocky can be seen pepping the crowd up at a variety of athletics events and also makes numerous community service appearances throughout the year.



"2001"

The South Carolina Gamecocks feature perhaps the most unique and electrifying pregame entry in all of college football. In fact, Sporting News rated USC's "2001" as the most exciting pregame entry in all of college football. As the minutes wind down on the game clock prior to the opening kickoff, the Gamecocks leave the locker room following final pregame instruction from their coaching staff and assemble in the tunnel in the southwest corner of Williams-Brice Stadium. Then, as the crowd of more than 80,000 begins its roar of anticipation, the first notes of the theme song from "2001-A Space Odyssey" blare over the stadium sound system. As the music continues, the enthusiasm of the crowd is feverish. Finally, at just the exact moment, in perfect coordination with the music, the Gamecocks hit the field running.

Sandstorm

Visit Williams-Brice Stadium a few hours before kickoff on any gameday and one will see a series of white towels being distributed at seats throughout the stadium. A visitor may pause and wonder upon seeing this activity but Gamecock fans know exactly why the towels are there. A sandstorm is coming...

"Sandstorm" is an instrumental piece by Finnish DJ and record producer Darude that was originally released in the late 1990s. The piece was played during the South Carolina-Ole Miss game in 2009 and was instantly embraced by the student body. Since then, it has been incorporated into football opening game festivities, is heard after football scores and is used at other sports venues as a rally cry for fans and players alike. A sequence of up and down motions are executed in unison as the music starts and these ultimately culminate in a flurry of waving white towels as the song progresses. Chants of "USC" are also repeated in rhythm with the music. What began as a celebration tune toward the end of a big game has become one of the most loved traditions at University of South Carolina athletics events.

Gamecock Walk

Approximately two hours and 20 minutes prior to every home game, the Carolina team buses drop the players off on the Garnet Way in Gamecock Park. Through a throng of Gamecock fans and well-wishers along with the Carolina Marching Band, the team walks on the Garnet Way, crosses Bluff Road and the stadium tarmac and heads to the locker room, located in the southwest corner of Williams-Brice Stadium, to prepare for the game ahead.

School Colors

Garnet and Black were adopted near the turn of the century as the official colors of the University of South Carolina athletic teams. The colors are the dominant ones on the gamecock, which is the University's official mascot.

The Cockaboos Railroad

What is perhaps the most unique form of tailgating and featured throughout the years in numerous magazines and television shows, the Cockaboos Railroad has made its way to Columbia and University of South Carolina football. Twenty-two cabooses line a railroad track just outside of Williams-Brice Stadium - but these rail cars don't move and they certainly aren't something you would see passing by on the rear end of a train.

In the late 1980s, a local businessman and his wife dreamt up a highly unique concept of combining tailgating for University of South Carolina football games with an abandoned set of railroad tracks running along the south end of the Williams-Brice Stadium property. In 1990, the beautifully-designed Cockaboos Railroad began catering to the serious Gamecock tailgater with amenities never before associated with in tailgating: running water, cable television, air conditioning, and heating, and a living room highlight each and every Cockaboos.

The Carolina Cockaboos are stationary and many are wired with closed-circuit television to watch Gamecock away games if making the trip is not feasible.

The Cockaboos Railroad - it's different, it's unique, and it's exciting; and there's nothing else like it in the nation.



Alma Mater: "We Hail Thee Carolina"

Set to the tune of Robert Burns' "Flow Gently, Sweet Afton", the alma mater was written in 1911 by George A. Wauchope, an English professor at the university. At the time, several songs submitted as candidates for the alma mater were collectively placed in a songbook and sung at chapel; however, Wauchope's emerged as the most popular and later became the official alma mater.

The first stanza of the alma mater is sung at all athletics events and the custom of raising one's right hand with fingers cupped as if offering a toast is visible among fans when the phrase "Here's a Health, Carolina" is sung at the end.

*We hail thee, Carolina, and sing thy high praise;
With loyal devotion, remembering the days;
When proudly we sought thee, thy children to be:
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!*

Fight Song: "The Fighting Gamecocks Lead the Way"

The lyrics listed below comprise the official university fight song entitled "The Fighting Gamecocks Lead the Way". The song's tune is from the musical "How Now, Dow Jones" and the original song in the musical was titled "Step to the Rear". The music was chosen as the fight song by former football coach and Athletics Director, Paul Dietzel, who also wrote the lyrics. The song is played by the school band during athletics events to motivate players and inspire fans, many of whom throw a hearty fist pump when they hear "Go Cocks!" toward the end of the song.

<i>Hey, Let's give a cheer, Carolina is here, The Fighting Gamecocks lead the way. Who gives a care, If the going gets tough, And when it is rough, That's when the 'Cocks get going.</i>	<i>Hail to our colors of garnet and black, In Carolina pride have we. So, Go Gamecocks Go - FIGHT! Drive for the goal - FIGHT! USC will win today - GO COCKS! So, let's give a cheer, Carolina is here. The Fighting Gamecocks All The Way!</i>
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 Conference Sun Belt
 President Dr. David A. DeCenzo
 Athletics Director Matt Hogue
 Stadium Brooks Stadium
 Capacity 20,000
 Surface Artificial Turf (Teal "Surf Turf")

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 Overall Record 68-51 (10 years)
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Team Information

2019 Overall Record 5-7
 2019 Conference Record 2-6
 2019 Bowl Appearance N/A

 Letterman Returning (O/D/S) 45 (22/19/4)
 Letterman Lost (O/D/S) 20 (11/9/0)
 Starters Returning (O/D/S) 19 (10/6/3)
 Starters Lost (O/D/S) 8 (3/5/0)

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2020 Schedule

September 5 at South Carolina
 September 12 at Eastern Michigan
 September 19 vs. Duquesne
 September 26 vs. Kansas
 October 3 vs. Arkansas State
 October 10 OPEN
 October 17 at Louisiana
 October 24 vs. Georgia Southern
 October 29 at Georgia State
 November 7 vs. South Alabama
 November 14 at Troy
 November 21 vs. Appalachian State
 November 28 at Texas State



**EAST CAROLINA
PIRATES**
Sept. 12 ♦ Columbia, S.C.

General Information

Location Greenville, N.C.
 Founded 1907
 Enrollment 28,718
 Colors Purple and Gold
 Conference American Athletic
 Chancellor (Interim) Dr. Ron Mitchelson
 Athletics Director Jon Gilbert
 Stadium Dowdy- Ficklen Stadium
 Capacity 50,000
 Surface Natural Grass

Coaching Information

Head Coach Mike Houston
 Alma Mater (Year) Mars Hill (1994)
 Record at School (Years) 4-8 (2nd season)
 Overall Record (Years) 84-33 (10th season)
 Assistant Coaches:
 Def. Coord./Inside Linebackers Blake Harrell
 Off. Coord./Quarterbacks Donnie Kirkpatrick
 Special Teams/DEs/OLBs Bryon Thweatt
 Outside Receivers Drew Dudzik
 Cornerbacks Steve Ellis
 Inside Receivers/Tight Ends Fonel Mines
 Offensive Line Steve Shankweiler
 Running Backs De'Rail Sims
 Defensive Tackles Roy Tesh
 Safeties Tripp Weaver
 Football Office Phone 252-737-4568

Team Information

2019 Overall Record 4-8
 2019 Conference Record 1-7
 2019 Bowl Appearance N/A

 Lettermen Returning (O/D/S) 41 (20/18/3)
 Lettermen Lost (O/D/S) 19 (10/8/1)
 Starters Returning (O/D/S) 15 (8/5/2)
 Starters Lost (O/D/S) 9 (3/6/0)

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2020 Schedule

August 29 Marshall
September 12 at South Carolina
 September 19 Norfolk State
 September 24 UCF
 October 3 at Georgia State
 October 10 at USF
 October 17 Navy
 October 24 OPEN
 October 30 at Tulsa
 November 7 Tulane
 November 12 at Cincinnati
 November 21 at Temple
 November 28 SMU



**MISSOURI
TIGERS**
Sept. 19 ♦ Columbia, S.C.

General Information

Location Columbia, Mo.
 Founded 1839
 Enrollment 30,046
 Colors Old Gold and Black
 Conference Southeastern
 President Dr. Mun Y. Choi
 Athletics Director Jim Sterk
 Stadium Memorial Stadium/Faurot Field
 Capacity 62,621
 Surface Field Turf

Coaching Information

Head Coach Eliah Drinkwitz
 Alma Mater Arkansas Tech (2004)
 Record at School 0-0 (1st year)
 Overall Record 11-1 (1 year)
 Assistant Coaches:
 Defensive Coordinator/Safeties Ryan Walters
 Special Teams Coordinator Erik Link
 Defensive Line Brick Haley
 Wide Receivers/Quarterbacks Bush Hamdan
 Tight Ends Casey Woods
 Defensive Backs Charlie Harbison
 Defensive Backs David Gibbs
 Offensive Line Marcus Johnson
 Linebackers DJ Smith
 Running Backs Curtis Luper
 Football Office Phone 573-882-2213

Team Information

2019 Overall Record 6-6
 2019 Conference Record 3-5
 2019 Bowl Appearance N/A

 Letterman Returning (O/D/S) 42 (17/23/2)
 Letterman Lost (O/D/S) 17 (9/7/1)
 Starters Returning (O/D/S) 10 (7/3/0)
 Starters Lost (O/D/S) 14 (4/8/2)

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2020 Schedule

September 5 Central Arkansas
 September 12 Vanderbilt
September 19 at South Carolina
 September 26 Eastern Michigan
 October 3 at Tennessee
 October 10 at BYU
 October 17 Georgia
 October 24 Kentucky
 October 31 OPEN
 November 7 at Mississippi State
 November 14 at Florida
 November 21 Louisiana
 November 28 vs Arkansas (Kansas City)



KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Sept. 26 ♦ Lexington, Ky.

General Information

Location Lexington, Ky.
 Founded 1865
 Enrollment 30,000
 Colors Blue and White
 Conference Southeastern
 President Dr. Eli Capilouto
 Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart
 Stadium Kroger Field
 Capacity 61,000
 Surface UBU Speed Series Synthetic Turf

Coaching Information

Head coach Mark Stoops
 Alma Mater Iowa (1989)
 Record at School 44-44 (7 years)
 Overall Record 44-44 (7 years)
 Assistant Coaches:
 Wide Receivers Jovon Bouknight
 Safeties Frank Buffano
 Defensive Backs Steve Clinkscale
 Asst. HC-Offense/Running Backs Eddie Gran
 Co-Offensive Coord./QBs Darin Hinshaw
 Associate HC/Tight Ends Vince Marrow
 Offensive Line John Schlarman
 Defensive Line Anwar Stewart
 Inside Linebackers Jon Sumrall
 Defensive Coordinator/OLBs Brad White
 Football Office Phone 859-257-3611

Team Information

2019 Overall Record 8-5
 2019 Conference Record 3-5
 2019 Bowl Appearance Belk Bowl
 Kentucky 27, Virginia Tech 20
 Letterman Returning (O/D/S) 46 (24/20/2)
 Letterman Lost (O/D/S) 11 (4/5/2)
 Starters Returning (O/D/S) 18 (9/7/2)
 Starters Lost (O/D/S) 9 (3/4/2)

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2020 Schedule

September 3 Eastern Michigan
 September 12 at Florida
 September 19 Kent State
September 26 South Carolina
 October 3 at Auburn
 October 10 Eastern Illinois
 October 17 Vanderbilt
 October 24 at Missouri
 October 31 OPEN
 November 7 at Tennessee
 November 14 Mississippi State
 November 21 Georgia
 November 28 at Louisville



FLORIDA GATORS

Oct. 3 ♦ Gainesville, Fla.

General Information

Location Gainesville, Fla.
 Founded 1853
 Enrollment 56,079
 Colors Blue and Orange
 Conference Southeastern
 President Dr. W. Kent Fuchs
 Athletics Director Scott Stricklin
 Stadium Ben Hill Griffin Stadium
 Capacity 88,548
 Surface TifTuf Bermuda Grass

Coaching Information

Head Coach Dan Mullen
 Alma Mater Ursinus College (1994)
 Record at School 21-5 (2 years)
 Overall Record 90-51 (11 years)
 Assistant Coaches:
 Defensive Coordinator Todd Grantham
 Co-Offensive Coord./WRs Billy Gonzales
 Co-Offensive Coord./O-Line John Hevesy
 Quarterbacks Brian Johnson
 Running Backs/Special Teams Greg Knox
 Linebackers Christian Robinson
 Tight Ends Tim Brewster
 Cornerbacks Torrian Gray
 Safeties Ron English
 Defensive Line David Turner
 Football Office Phone 352-692-4100

Team Information

2019 Overall Record 11-2
 2019 Conference Record 6-2
 2019 Bowl Appearance Orange Bowl
 Florida 36, Virginia Tech 28
 Letterman Returning (O/D/S) 42 (19/22/1)
 Letterman Lost (O/D/S) 25 (15/8/2)
 Starters Returning (O/D/S) 14 (7/6/1)
 Starters Lost (O/D/S) 11 (5/5/1)

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2020 Schedule

September 5 Eastern Washington
 September 12 Kentucky
 September 19 South Alabama
 September 26 at Tennessee
October 3 South Carolina
 October 10 LSU
 October 17 at Ole Miss
 October 24 OPEN
 October 31 vs Georgia (Jacksonville)
 November 7 at Vanderbilt
 November 14 Missouri
 November 21 New Mexico State
 November 28 at Florida State



TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

Oct. 10 ♦ Columbia, S.C.

General Information

Location Knoxville, Tenn.
 Founded 1794
 Enrollment 28,321
 Colors Orange and White
 Conference Southeastern
 Chancellor Donde Plowman
 Athletics Director Phillip Fulmer
 Stadium Neyland Stadium
 Capacity 102,455
 Surface Natural Grass-Bermuda Tifway 419

Coaching Information

Head Coach Jeremy Pruitt
 Alma Mater Alabama (1996)
 Record at School 13-12 (2 years)
 Overall Record 13-12 (2 years)
 Assistant Coaches:
 Defensive Coordinator/DBs Derrick Ansley
 Co-Def. Coord./Def. Line Jimmy Brumbaugh
 Offensive Coordinator Jim Chaney
 Outside Linebackers Shelton Felton
 Offensive Line Will Friend
 Running Backs Jay Graham
 AHC/Passing Game Coord./WR Tee Martin
 Inside Linebackers Brian Niedermeyer
 Tight Ends Joe Osovet
 Quarterbacks Chris Weinke
 Football Office Phone 865-974-1234

Team Information

2019 Overall Record 8-5
 2019 Conference Record 5-3
 2019 Bowl Appearance Taxslayer Gator Bowl
 Tennessee, 23, Indiana 22
 Letterman Returning (O/D/S) 52 (22/28/2)
 Letterman Lost (O/D/S) 15 (8/5/2)
 Starters Returning (O/D/S) 18 (8/8/2)
 Starters Lost (O/D/S) 6 (3/3/0)

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2020 Schedule

September 5 Charlotte
 September 12 at Oklahoma
 September 19 Furman
 September 26 Florida
 October 3 Missouri
October 10 at South Carolina
 October 17 OPEN
 October 24 Alabama
 October 31 at Arkansas
 November 7 Kentucky
 November 14 at Georgia
 November 21 Troy
 November 28 at Vanderbilt



**TEXAS A&M
AGGIES**
Oct. 24 ♦ Columbia, S.C.

General Information

Location College Station, Texas
 Founded 1876
 Enrollment 69,228
 Colors Maroon and White
 Conference Southeastern
 President Michael K. Young
 Athletics Director Ross Bjork
 Stadium Kyle Field
 Capacity 102,733
 Surface Grass

Coaching Information

Head Coach Jimbo Fisher
 Alma Mater Salem University (1990)
 Record at School 17-9 (2 years)
 Overall Record 100-32 (10 years)
 Assistant Coaches:
 Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks... Darrell Dickey
 Defensive Coordinator/Safeties Mike Elko
 Tight Ends James Coley
 Wide Receivers Dameyune Craig
 Offensive Line Josh Henson
 Defensive Ends Terry Price
 Defensive Line Elijah Robinson
 Running Backs Tommie Robinson
 Defensive Backs TJ Rushing
 Linebackers Tyler Santucci
 Football Office Phone 979-845-5129

Team Information

2019 Overall Record 8-5
 2019 Conference Record 4-4
 2019 Bowl Appearance Texas Bowl
 Texas A&M 24, Oklahoma State 21
 Letterman Returning (O/D/S) 72 (36/30/6)
 Letterman Lost (O/D/S) 21 (10/10/1)
 Starters Returning (O/D/S) (8/9/0)
 Starters Lost (O/D/S) (3/2/2)

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2020 Schedule

September 5 Abilene Christian
 September 12 North Texas
 September 19 Colorado
 September 26 vs Arkansas (Arlington, Texas)
 October 3 at Mississippi State
 October 10 Fresno State
 October 17 at Auburn
October 24 at South Carolina
 October 31 OPEN
 November 7 Ole Miss
 November 14 Vanderbilt
 November 21 at Alabama
 November 28 vs LSU



**VANDERBILT
COMMODORES**
Oct. 31 ♦ Nashville, Tenn.

General Information

Location Nashville, Tenn.
 Founded 1873
 Enrollment 6,886
 Colors Black and Gold
 Conference Southeastern
 Chancellor Daniel Diermeier
 Athletics Director Dr. Candice Lee
 Stadium Vanderbilt Stadium
 Capacity 39,773
 Surface Artificial (FieldTurf)

Coaching Information

Head Coach Derek Mason
 Alma Mater Northern Arizona (1992)
 Record at School 27-47 (6 years)
 Overall Record 27-47 (6 years)
 Assistant Coaches:
 Offensive Coordinator/QBs Todd Fitch
 Defensive Coordinator/Safeties Ted Roof
 Special Teams/Tight Ends... Devin Fitzsimmons
 Wide Receivers Tony Ball
 Defensive Line Jovan Haye
 Cornerbacks Aaron Henry
 Running Backs Tim Horton
 Secondary Marc Mattioli
 Offensive Line Pete Rossomando
 Outside Linebackers Kenechi Udeze
 Football Office Phone 615-322-3565

Team Information

2019 Overall Record 3-9
 2019 Conference Record 1-7
 2019 Bowl Appearance N/A
 Letterman Returning (O/D/S) 53 (19/30/4)
 Letterman Lost (O/D/S) 20 (13/6/1)
 Starters Returning (O/D/S) 16 (4/11/1)
 Starters Lost (O/D/S) 8 (7/0/1)

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2020 Schedule

September 5 Mercer
 September 12 at Missouri
 September 19 at Kansas State
 September 26 Colorado State
 October 3 at Georgia
 October 10 Ole Miss
 October 17 at Kentucky
 October 24 OPEN
October 31 South Carolina
 November 7 Florida
 November 14 at Texas A&M
 November 21 Louisiana Tech
 November 28 Tennessee



**GEORGIA
BULLDOGS**
Nov. 7 ♦ Columbia, S.C.

General Information

Location Athens, Ga.
 Founded 1785
 Enrollment 38,920
 Colors Red and Black
 Conference Southeastern
 President Jere W. Morehead
 Athletics Director Greg McGarity
 Stadium Sanford Stadium
 Capacity 92,746
 Surface Natural Grass-Bermuda Tifway 419

Coaching Information

Head Coach Kirby Smart
 Alma Mater Georgia (1998)
 Record at School 44-12 (4 years)
 Overall Record 44-12 (4 years)
 Assistant Coaches:
 Defensive Coord./OLBs Dan Lanning
 Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks... Todd Monken
 Special Teams Coordinator Scott Cochran
 Assoc. HC/Offensive Line Matt Luke
 Pass Game Coord./WRS Cortez Hankton
 Tight Ends Todd Hartley
 Run Game Coord./Running Backs... Dell McGee
 Co-Defensive Coord./ILBs Glenn Schumann
 Defensive Line Tray Scott
 Defensive Backs Charlton Warren
 Football Office Phone 706-542-1515

Team Information

2019 Overall Record 12-2
 2019 Conference Record 7-1
 2019 Bowl Appearance Allstate Sugar Bowl
 Georgia 26, Baylor 14
 Letterman Returning (O/D/S) 54 (21/31/2)
 Letterman Lost (O/D/S) 30 (17/11/2)
 Starters Returning (O/D/S) 12 (2/8/2)
 Starters Lost (O/D/S) 14 (9/3/2)

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2020 Schedule

September 7 vs. Virginia (Atlanta)
 September 12 East Tennessee State
 September 19 at Alabama
 September 26 UL-Monroe
 October 3 Vanderbilt
 October 10 Auburn
 October 17 at Missouri
 October 24 OPEN
 October 31 vs Florida (Jacksonville)
November 7 at South Carolina
 November 14 Tennessee
 November 21 at Kentucky
 November 28 Georgia Tech



LSU TIGERS

Nov. 14 ♦ Baton Rouge, La.

General Information

Location Baton Rouge, La.
Founded 1860
Enrollment..... 29,865
Colors Purple and Gold
Conference Southeastern
President (interim)..... Tom Galligan
Athletics Director..... Scott Woodward
Stadium..... Tiger Stadium
Capacity 102,321
Surface Natural Grass

Coaching Information

Head Coach..... Ed Orgeron
Alma Mater (Year)..... Northwestern State (1984)
Record at School (Years) 40-9 (4 years)
Overall Record (Years) 56-36 (8 years)
Assistant Coaches:
Offensive Coordinator Steve Ensminger
Defensive Coordinator Bo Pelini
Passing Game Coordinator..... Scott Linehan
Safeties Bill Busch
Offensive Line..... James Cregg
Running Backs..... Kevin Faulk
Defensive Line..... Bill Johnson
AHC/Wide Receivers Mickey Joseph
Special Teams Coordinator..... Greg McMahon
Cornerbacks..... Corey Raymond
Football Office Phone:..... 225-578-1151

Team Information

2019 Overall Record 15-0
2019 Conference Record 8-0
2019 Bowl Appearance CFP National Championship
LSU 42, Clemson 25
Letterman Returning (O/D/S) 44 (18/23/3)
Letterman Lost (O/D/S) 27 (14/11/2)
Starters Returning (O/D/S) 11 (3/5/3)
Starters Lost (O/D/S) 15 (8/6/1)

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2020 Schedule

September 5..... UT San Antonio
September 12..... Texas
September 19..... at Rice
September 26..... Ole Miss
October 3..... Nicholls
October 10..... at Florida
October 17..... at Arkansas
October 24..... Mississippi State
October 31..... OPEN
November 7..... Alabama
November 14..... South Carolina
November 21..... at Auburn
November 28..... at Texas A&M



WOFFORD TERRIERS

Nov. 21 ♦ Columbia, S.C.

General Information

Location Spartanburg, S.C.
Founded 1854
Enrollment..... 1,750
Colors Old Gold and Black
Conference Southern
President Dr. Nayef H. Samhat
Athletics Director..... Richard Johnson
Stadium..... Gibbs Stadium
Capacity 13,000
Surface Natural Grass (Bermuda)

Coaching Information

Head Coach..... Josh Conklin
Alma Mater (Year)..... Dakota State (2003)
Record at School (Years) 17-8 (2 years)
Overall Record (Years) 17-8 (2 years)
Assistant Coaches:
Offensive Coordinator/QBs..... Wade Lang
Defensive Coordinator/ILB..... Sam Siefkes
Wide Receivers..... Freddie Brown III
Tight Ends..... B.J. Connolly
Defensive Backs..... Rob Greene
Offensive Line..... Trey Johnson
Running Backs..... Dane Romero
Defensive Line..... Allen Smith
Outside LBs/Special Teams Mitch Doolittle
Assistant Defensive Backs Paul Holmes
Football Office Phone 864-597-4095

Team Information

2019 Overall Record 8-4
2019 Conference Record..... 7-1
2019 FCS Playoffs 1st Round
Kennesaw State 28, Wofford 21
Letterman Returning (O/D/S) 47 (22/22/3)
Letterman Lost (O/D/S) 23 (13/9/1)
Starters Returning (O/D/S) 11 (2/7/2)
Starters Lost (O/D/S) 14 (9/4/1)

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2020 Schedule

September 5..... at Furman
September 12..... The Citadel
September 19..... Mercer
September 26..... at Samford
October 3..... South Carolina State
October 10..... at Chattanooga
October 17..... VMI
October 24..... OPEN
October 31..... at Western Carolina
November 7..... at Gardner-Webb
November 14..... East Tennessee State
November 21..... at South Carolina



CLEMSON TIGERS

Nov. 28 ♦ Clemson, S.C.

General Information

Location Clemson, S.C.
Founded 1889
Enrollment..... 25,822
Colors Tiger Orange and Regalia
Conference Atlantic Coast
President Dr. James P. Clements
Athletics Director Dan Radakovich
Stadium..... Memorial Stadium
Capacity 81,500
Surface Bermuda Grass

Coaching Information

Head Coach..... Dabo Swinney
Alma Mater Alabama (1993)
Record at School 130-31 (12 years)
Overall Record 130-31 (12 years)
Assistant Coaches:
Offensive Coordinator/RBs..... Tony Elliott
AHC/Defensive Coord./LBs..... Brent Venables
Assoc. HC/Special Teams/TEs..... Danny Pearman
Defensive Tackles/Recruiting..... Todd Bates
Offensive Line..... Robbie Caldwell
Safeties Mickey Conn
Cornerbacks..... Mike Reed
Passing Game Coord./QBs..... Brandon Streeter
Defensive Ends..... Lemanski Hall
Wide Receivers..... Tyler Grisham
Football Office Phone..... 864-656-2796

Team Information

2019 Overall Record 14-1
2019 Conference Record..... 8-0
2019 Bowl Appearance..CFP National Championship
LSU 42, Clemson 25
Letterman Returning (O/D/S) 61 (28/30/3)
Letterman Lost (O/D/S)..... 23 (11/10/2)
Starters Returning (O/D/S) 13 (6/5/2)
Starters Lost (O/D/S)..... 11 (5/6/0)

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2020 Schedule

September 3..... at Georgia Tech
September 12..... Louisville
September 19..... Akron
September 26..... Virginia
October 2..... at Boston College
October 10..... at Florida State
October 17..... NC State
October 24..... Syracuse
October 31..... OPEN
November 7..... at Notre Dame
November 14..... The Citadel
November 21..... at Wake Forest
November 28..... South Carolina



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"The purpose of the SEC is to assist its member institutions in the maintenance of programs of intercollegiate athletics which are compatible with the highest standards of education and competitive sports."

The SEC

Since its formation in 1933, the SEC has directed and organized interscholastic athletic competitions, conducted tournaments and prescribed eligibility rules for student-athletes. The Conference also facilitates and assists its member institutions in maintaining intercollegiate athletic programs compatible with the highest standards of education and competitive sports. The Southeastern Conference crowns champions in 21 sports - 12 women's sports and nine men's sports.

National Champions since 1992

Since it expanded in 1992, the SEC has the most football national championships (AP, USA Today) with 14, including 10 titles in the last 14 seasons. During that time, the SEC has had more teams (5) with national titles than any other conference.

SEC: Florida (1996, 2006, 2008), LSU (2003, 2007, 2019), Tennessee (1998), Alabama (1992, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017), Auburn (2010)

Big 12: Texas (2005), Oklahoma (2000), Nebraska (1994, 1995, 1997)

Big Ten: Ohio State (2002, 2014), Michigan (1997)

Pac-12: Southern California (2003, 2004)

ACC: Florida State (1993, 1999, 2013), Clemson (2016, 2018)

Big East: Miami, Fla. (2001)

SEC Topps in Fan Support

The SEC has led the nation in total attendance in football every year since 1981 and since 1988, the SEC has led the nation in average attendance. Over 7.4 million fans witnessed first-hand, the excitement of SEC football in 2019. The average capacity of the 14 SEC stadiums during the last 10 years has been over 97 percent. Every year since 1988, the SEC has had at least four teams ranked in the top 10 in average attendance.



SEC West

Alabama Crimson Tide
 Arkansas Razorbacks
 Auburn Tigers
 LSU Tigers
 Ole Miss Rebels
 Mississippi State Bulldogs
 Texas A&M Aggies

SEC East

Florida Gators
 Georgia Bulldogs
 Kentucky Wildcats
 Missouri Tigers
 South Carolina Gamecocks
 Tennessee Volunteers
 Vanderbilt Commodores





September 5

Coastal Carolina at South Carolina

Alabama vs Southern California (Arlington)
Nevada at Arkansas
Alcorn State at Auburn
Eastern Washington at Florida
Eastern Michigan at Kentucky
UTSA at LSU
Ole Miss vs Baylor (Houston)
New Mexico at Mississippi State
Central Arkansas at Missouri
Charlotte at Tennessee
Abilene Christian at Texas A&M
Mercer at Vanderbilt

September 7

Georgia vs Virginia (Atlanta)

September 12

East Carolina at South Carolina

*Kentucky at Florida
*Vanderbilt at Missouri
Georgia State at Alabama
Arkansas at Notre Dame
Auburn vs North Carolina (Atlanta)
East Tennessee State at Georgia
Texas at LSU
Southeast Missouri State at Ole Miss
Mississippi State at NC State
Tennessee at Oklahoma
North Texas at Texas A&M

September 19

*Missouri at South Carolina

*Georgia at Alabama
*Auburn at Ole Miss
*Arkansas at Mississippi State
South Alabama at Florida
Kent State at Kentucky
LSU vs Rice (Houston)
Furman at Tennessee
Colorado at Texas A&M
Vanderbilt at Kansas State

September 26

*South Carolina at Kentucky

*Ole Miss at LSU
*Arkansas vs Texas A&M (Arlington)
*Florida at Tennessee
Kent State at Alabama
Southern Miss at Auburn
Louisiana-Monroe at Georgia
Tulane at Mississippi State
Eastern Michigan at Missouri
Colorado State at Vanderbilt

October 3

*South Carolina at Florida

*Kentucky at Auburn
*Vanderbilt at Georgia
*Alabama at Ole Miss
*Texas A&M at Mississippi State
*Missouri at Tennessee
Charleston Southern at Arkansas
Nicholls at LSU

October 10

*Tennessee at South Carolina

*Alabama at Arkansas
*LSU at Florida
*Auburn at Georgia
*Ole Miss at Vanderbilt
Eastern Illinois at Kentucky
Missouri at BYU
Fresno State at Texas A&M

October 17

*Mississippi State at Alabama
*LSU at Arkansas
*Texas A&M at Auburn
*Vanderbilt at Kentucky
*Florida at Ole Miss
*Georgia at Missouri

October 24

*Texas A&M at South Carolina

*Mississippi State at LSU
*Kentucky at Missouri
*Alabama at Tennessee
UConn at Ole Miss

October 31

*South Carolina at Vanderbilt

*Tennessee at Arkansas
*Florida vs Georgia (Jacksonville)
*Auburn at Mississippi State

November 7

*Georgia at South Carolina

*Arkansas at Auburn
*Alabama at LSU
*Missouri at Mississippi State
*Kentucky at Tennessee
*Ole Miss at Texas A&M
*Florida at Vanderbilt

*SEC Game

November 14

*South Carolina at LSU

*Ole Miss at Arkansas
*Missouri at Florida
*Tennessee at Georgia
*Mississippi State at Kentucky
*Vanderbilt at Texas A&M
UT Martin at Alabama
UMass at Auburn

November 21

Wofford at South Carolina

*Texas A&M at Alabama
*LSU at Auburn
*Georgia at Kentucky
Louisiana-Monroe at Arkansas
New Mexico State at Florida
Georgia Southern at Ole Miss
Alabama A&M at Mississippi State
Louisiana at Missouri
Troy at Tennessee
Louisiana Tech at Vanderbilt

November 26

*Mississippi State at Ole Miss

November 28

South Carolina @ Clemson

*Auburn at Alabama
*Arkansas at Missouri
*LSU at Texas A&M
*Tennessee at Vanderbilt
Florida at Florida State
Georgia Tech at Georgia
Kentucky at Louisville

December 5

SEC Football Championship Game (Atlanta)





2020 SEC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

(Tentative and Subject to Change)

Date Team	Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	Nov. 21	Nov. 28
ALABAMA	SOUTHERN CAL Arlington	GEORGIA STATE Tuscaloosa	GEORGIA Tuscaloosa	KENT STATE Tuscaloosa	OLE MISS Oxford	ARKANSAS Fayetteville	MISSISSIPPI STATE Tuscaloosa	TENNESSEE Knoxville		LSU Baton Rouge	UT MARTIN Tuscaloosa	TEXAS A&M Tuscaloosa	AUBURN Tuscaloosa
ARKANSAS	NEVADA Fayetteville	NOTRE DAME South Bend	MISSISSIPPI STATE Starkville	TEXAS A&M Arlington	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN Fayetteville	ALABAMA Fayetteville	LSU Fayetteville		TENNESSEE Fayetteville	AUBURN Auburn	OLE MISS Fayetteville	LOUISIANA-MONROE Fayetteville	MISSOURI Kansas City
AUBURN	ALCORN STATE Auburn	NORTH CAROLINA Atlanta	OLE MISS Oxford	SOUTHERN MISS Auburn	KENTUCKY Auburn	GEORGIA Athens	TEXAS A&M Auburn		MISSISSIPPI STATE Starkville	ARKANSAS Auburn	UMASS Auburn	LSU Auburn	ALABAMA Tuscaloosa
FLORIDA	EASTERN WASHINGTON Gainesville	KENTUCKY Gainesville	SOUTH ALABAMA Gainesville	TENNESSEE Knoxville	SOUTH CAROLINA Gainesville	LSU Gainesville	OLE MISS Oxford		GEORGIA Jacksonville	VANDERBILT Nashville	MISSOURI Gainesville	NEW MEXICO STATE Gainesville	FLORIDA STATE Tallahassee
GEORGIA	VIRGINIA Atlanta (Sept. 7)	EAST TENNESSEE Athens	ALABAMA Tuscaloosa	LOUISIANA-MONROE Athens	VANDERBILT Athens	AUBURN Athens	MISSOURI Columbia		FLORIDA Jacksonville	SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia	TENNESSEE Athens	KENTUCKY Lexington	GEORGIA TECH Athens
KENTUCKY	EASTERN MICHIGAN Lexington	FLORIDA Gainesville	KENT STATE Lexington	SOUTH CAROLINA Lexington	AUBURN Auburn	EASTERN ILLINOIS Lexington	VANDERBILT Lexington	MISSOURI Columbia		TENNESSEE Knoxville	MISSISSIPPI STATE Lexington	GEORGIA Lexington	LOUISVILLE Louisville
LSU	UTSA Baton Rouge	TEXAS Baton Rouge	RICE Houston	OLE MISS Baton Rouge	NICHOLLS STATE Baton Rouge	FLORIDA Gainesville	ARKANSAS Fayetteville	MISSISSIPPI STATE Baton Rouge		ALABAMA Baton Rouge	SOUTH CAROLINA Baton Rouge	AUBURN Auburn	TEXAS A&M College Station
OLE MISS	BAYLOR Houston	SEMO Oxford	AUBURN Oxford	LSU Baton Rouge	ALABAMA Oxford	VANDERBILT Nashville	FLORIDA Oxford	UCONN Oxford		TEXAS A&M College Station	ARKANSAS Fayetteville	GEORGIA SOUTHERN Oxford	MISSISSIPPI STATE Oxford (Nov. 26)
MISSISSIPPI STATE	NEW MEXICO Starkville	NC STATE Raleigh	ARKANSAS Starkville	TULANE Starkville	TEXAS A&M Starkville	ALABAMA Tuscaloosa	ALABAMA Tuscaloosa	LSU Baton Rouge	AUBURN Starkville	MISSISSIPPI STATE Starkville	KENTUCKY Lexington	ALABAMA A&M Starkville	OLE MISS Oxford (Nov. 26)
MISSOURI	CENTRAL ARKANSAS Columbia	VANDERBILT Columbia	SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia, S.C.	EASTERN MICHIGAN Columbia	TENNESSEE Knoxville	BYU Provo	GEORGIA Columbia	KENTUCKY Columbia		MISSISSIPPI STATE Starkville	FLORIDA Gainesville	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE Columbia	ARKANSAS Kansas City
SOUTH CAROLINA	COASTAL CAROLINA Columbia	EAST CAROLINA Columbia	MISSOURI Columbia, S.C.	KENTUCKY Lexington	FLORIDA Gainesville	TENNESSEE Columbia		TEXAS A&M Columbia	VANDERBILT Nashville	GEORGIA Columbia	LSU Baton Rouge	WOFFORD Columbia	CLEMSON Clemson
TENNESSEE	CHARLOTTE Knoxville	OKLAHOMA Norman	FURMAN Knoxville	FLORIDA Knoxville	MISSOURI Knoxville	SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia		ALABAMA Knoxville	ARKANSAS Fayetteville	KENTUCKY Knoxville	GEORGIA Athens	TROY Knoxville	VANDERBILT Nashville
TEXAS A&M	ABILENE CHRISTIAN College Station	NORTH TEXAS College Station	COLORADO College Station	ARKANSAS Arlington	MISSISSIPPI STATE Starkville	FRESNO STATE College Station	AUBURN Auburn	SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia		OLE MISS College Station	VANDERBILT College Station	ALABAMA Tuscaloosa	LSU College Station
VANDERBILT	MERCER Nashville	MISSOURI Columbia	KANSAS STATE Manhattan	COLORADO Nashville	GEORGIA Athens	OLE MISS Nashville	KENTUCKY Lexington		SOUTH CAROLINA Nashville	FLORIDA Nashville	TEXAS A&M College Station	LOUISIANA TECH Nashville	TENNESSEE Nashville

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