

SEC Women's Basketball

The Nation's Premier Women's Basketball Conference

With **NINE** national championships, 11 runner-up finishes, a nation-leading 37 Final Four appearances and 125 first-team All-America honors, the **SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE** stands firmly as the nation's premier intercollegiate women's basketball conference.

SEC BY THE NUMBERS

- The SEC has posted impressive non-conference records in the last decade. The SEC compiled a 161-48 (.770) non-conference record during the 2015-16 season.
- Since the 1990 season, the SEC has compiled a 3946-1173 (.771) record against other conferences. The league has recorded 150+ wins during 13 seasons and has never recorded a non-conference winning percentage below .723.
- SEC teams have earned appearances in 27 of 36 NCAA Final Fours, an accomplishment unmatched by any other league. The next closest is the Big East with 22 and the ACC with 19.
- Overall, SEC squads have filled 37 of the 144 Final Four berths, including having two Final Four teams in 1988 (Auburn, Tennessee), 1989 (Auburn, Tennessee), 1995 (Georgia, Tennessee), 1996 (Georgia, Tennessee), 1998 (Arkansas, Tennessee), 2004 (LSU, Tennessee), 2005 (LSU, Tennessee), 2007 (LSU, Tennessee), 2008 (LSU, Tennessee), 2017 (Mississippi State, South Carolina).
- SEC teams have made 20 appearances in a nation-high 17 NCAA Championship games, winning nine NCAA Championships (Tennessee: 1987, 1989, 1991, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2007, 2008); South Carolina (2017).
- The league also had the distinction of providing both national finalists three times in its history in 1996 (Tennessee 83, Georgia 65); 1989 (Tennessee 76, Auburn 60); 2017 (South Carolina 67, Mississippi State 55).
- SEC teams have won 408 NCAA Tournament games against 218 losses (.652) for an average of 11.3 NCAA wins per year.
- In addition, all 14 current members have appeared in the NCAA Tournament.
- The SEC has led or shared the pack in NCAA tournament bids 25 times in its 36-year history.
- The Southeastern Conference had nine teams earn bids to the 2016 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. This is the most SEC teams to receive bids to the NCAA tournament in conference history and the second time in NCAA history that one conference has sent nine teams to the tournament. The Big East did so in 2011.
- Until 2004, the SEC was the only conference to ever have eight teams receive NCAA bids. The league has achieved this feat five times, in 1999, 2002, 2012, 2014 and 2017.
- The SEC was also the first league to ever have seven teams invited to the NCAA Tournament and earned this honor a leading 10 times (1986, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2003, 2004, 2009, 2013 & 2014).
- The SEC is one of a handful of leagues to have won three national tournament titles with eight NCAA, two WNIT and four NWIT.

Along with the eight NCAA championships won by Tennessee; Arkansas (1999) and Auburn (2003) captured the current Women's NIT titles. But the first-ever SEC national title belongs to Georgia, winners of the 1981 NWIT which predates the current WNIT tournament. Vanderbilt (1984), LSU (1985) and Kentucky (1990) also won NWIT titles. As members of their previous conferences Arkansas (1987), South Carolina (1979) and Texas A&M (1995) won the WNIT, while Texas A&M (2011) won the NCAA title prior to joining the SEC.

- In 2003, Auburn won the WNIT title with wins over South Alabama, Florida State, Richmond, Creighton and Baylor. In 1999, the Arkansas Lady Razorbacks defeated Wisconsin 76-64 to claim the SEC's first WNIT championship.

- In 1981, Georgia defeated Pittsburg, California and Arizona State (in OT) to capture the NWIT Championship, the first-ever national championship of any kind for the SEC in women's basketball.

- The SEC has led the nation in women's basketball attendance for the third consecutive season. A total of 966,639 fans passed through its turnstiles during home games and conference tournament action. Last season the conference set the all-time attendance high for any conference with 1,108,511 fans. The SEC and the Big 12 Conference remain the only two conferences to host more than 1 million fans during the course of a season.

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

- The SEC has had 64 student-athletes named as a First-Team All-America selection. Those 64 have been named a total of 101 times since the 1982-83 season (first year of SEC sponsorship).
- All-Americans were first named in women's basketball in 1975. Since that time, league schools have had 72 players named first-team a total of 125 times.
- The league has had six Honda Sports Awards winners in Katrina McClain, Georgia (1987); Bridgette Gordon, Tennessee (1989); Chamique Holdsclaw, Tennessee (1997 and 1998); and Candace Parker, Tennessee (2007 and 2008).
- Tennessee's Chamique Holdsclaw was named the winner of the Honda-Broderick Cup, as the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year, in 1998.
- Seven Naismith Player of the Year winners have come from the SEC. They include Saudia Roundtree, Georgia (1996), Chamique Holdsclaw, Tennessee (1998 and 1999), Tamika Catchings, Tennessee (2000), Seimone Augustus, LSU (2005 and 2006) and Candace Parker, Tennessee (2008).
- SEC teams have provided 155 All-Region performers, including 32 Most Outstanding Players.
- Over the past 34 years, 42 Final Four All-Tournament Team members have come from SEC schools.
- In 1996, the entire all-tournament team was made up of SEC players.
- Nine NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners and 31 Academic All-Americans hail from the SEC.

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SEC IN THE WNBA

- The Southeastern Conference had 16 former student-athletes make 2017 WNBA opening day rosters.
- Overall, the SEC has had 143 former players go on to play in the league.
- In this year's WNBA draft, a total of eight SEC women's basketball players were taken.
- Since the inaugural WNBA draft in 1997, the SEC has had 149 former players drafted for the professional league, including five No. 1 picks.

SEC IN USA BASKETBALL

- SEC schools have produced 42 Olympians since 1976, with 38 coming since the SEC began sponsoring women's basketball.

~ 1976 - Cindy Brogdon, Tennessee; Patricia Roberts, Tennessee
~ 1980 - Jill Rankin, Tennessee; Holly Warlick, Tennessee
~ 1984 - Teresa Edwards, Georgia; Lea Henry, Tennessee; Cindy Noble, Tennessee
~ 1988 - Teresa Edwards, Georgia; Katrina McClain, Georgia; Jennifer Gillom, Ole Miss; Bridgette Gordon, Tennessee
~ 1992 - Carolyn Jones, Auburn; Vickie Orr, Auburn; Tammy Jackson, Florida; Teresa Edwards, Georgia; Katrina McClain, Georgia; Daedra Charles, Tennessee
~ 1996 - Ruthie Bolton, Auburn; Teresa Edwards, Georgia; Katrina McClain, Georgia; Nikki McCray, Tennessee; Carla McGhee, Tennessee
~ 2000 - Ruthie Bolton-Holifield, Auburn; Teresa Edwards, Georgia; Chamique Holdsclaw, Tennessee; Nikki McCray, Tennessee; DeLisha Milton, Florida
~ 2004 - Tamika Catchings, Tennessee; Shannon Johnson, South Carolina
~ 2008 - Seimone Augustus, LSU; Tamika Catchings, Tennessee; Sylvia Fowles, LSU; Kara Lawson, Tennessee; DeLisha Milton-Jones, Florida; Candace Parker, Tennessee
~ 2012 - Seimone Augustus, LSU; Tamika Catchings, Tennessee; Sylvia Fowles, LSU; Candace Parker, Tennessee
~ 2016 - Seimone Augustus, LSU; Tamika Catchings, Tennessee; Sylvia Fowles, LSU

- In addition, other USA Basketball rosters include 25 on the National Team, 20 on the U19 World Championship Team, 22 on the U18 National Team, 25 on the Pan American Team, and 47 have been on the World University Game Team.

- While at an SEC school, 13 head coaches have been named to coach, as an assistant or head coach, for USA Basketball teams.

DOMINANCE IN THE POLLS

- Since the SEC began to sponsor women's basketball in 1982, it has failed only three times to place at least four members in each of the final polls (the USA Today/ESPN poll began in 1986).

- Last season, the SEC had four in the final Associated Press poll and in the final USA Today/WBCA poll.

- Twice during the 2016 season the SEC had seven teams ranked in the AP poll. It's the most teams ranked for the league since the week of Dec. 1 in the 2014-15 season.

- The SEC is responsible for 75 of the 106 instances where a conference had at least 7 teams ranked in the AP poll. There have also been 10 weeks where a conference had 8 teams ranked with nine of those 10 being the SEC.

- In terms of rankings, the SEC has the richest history of any conference in the nation, boasting more poll appearances than any other.

- Since the 1982 season, SEC teams have been ranked 654 consecutive weeks in the AP poll.

- Since, 1982, league teams have been ranked in the AP poll 3,227 times, including 1,579 Top 10 appearances and 817 Top 5 appearances.

- Overall, the league teams have been ranked 730 consecutive weeks, with teams ranked a total of 3,725 times. The SEC has 1,656 Top 10 appearances and 878 Top Five appearances overall.

- SEC teams can also boast of 148 No. 1 rankings in the AP Poll.

- The league has had the top three teams in the AP Poll twice. In week three in 2005 and in week eight in 1989.

NCAA NUMBERS DO THE TALKING

NCAA Appearances

SEC	227
ACC	177
Big Ten	155
Pac-12	130
Big 12	128

NCAA Titles

SEC	9
Pac-12	4
Big 12	3
ACC	2
Big Ten	1

NCAA Tournament Wins

SEC	408
ACC	281
Pac-12	195
Big 12	182
Big Ten	178

Final Four Appearances

SEC	37
ACC	19
Pac-12	15
Big Ten	8
Big 12	8