



# SEC Women's Basketball

*The Nation's Premier Women's Basketball Conference*

With **NINE** national championships, 12 runner-up finishes, a nation-leading 38 Final Four appearances and 132 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 147-49 (.750) non-conference record during the 2017-18 season.
- Since the 1990 season, the SEC has compiled a 4093-1222 (.770) 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 28 of 37 NCAA Final Fours, an accomplishment unmatched by any other league. The next closest is the Big East with 22 and the ACC with 21.
- Overall, SEC squads have filled 38 of the 148 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 21 appearances in a nation-high 18 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 422 NCAA Tournament games against 225 losses (.652) for an average of 11.4 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 37-year history.
- The Southeastern Conference had nine teams earn bids to the 2016 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. This was 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 11 times (1986, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2003, 2004, 2009, 2013, 2014, & 2018).

• The SEC is one of a handful of leagues to have won three national tournament titles with nine NCAA, two WNIT and four NWIT. Along with the nine NCAA championships; 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.

• The SEC led the nation in women's basketball attendance for the fourth consecutive season in 2018. A total of 1,035,689 fans passed passing through its turnstiles during home games and conference tournament action. It's the third time the SEC had over a million fans in a season. In 2015, 1,011,451 fans attended an SEC game while in 2016, 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 67 student-athletes named as a First-Team All-America selection. Those 67 have been named a total of 107 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 75 players named first-team a total of 132 times.
- The SEC has had at least one student-athlete named as a First-Team All-America selection in each of the last nine seasons.
- The league has had seven Honda Sports Awards winners in Katrina McClain, Georgia (1987); Bridgette Gordon, Tennessee (1989); Chamique Holdsclaw, Tennessee (1997 and 1998); Candace Parker, Tennessee (2007 and 2008) and A'ja Wilson, South Carolina (2018).
- Tennessee's Chamique Holdsclaw was named the winner of the Honda-Broderick Cup, as the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year, in 1998.
- Eight 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), Candace Parker, Tennessee (2008) and A'ja Wilson, South Carolina (2018).
- SEC teams have provided 159 All-Region performers, including 34 Most Outstanding Players.
- There have been 44 Final Four All-Tournament Team members 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 19 former student-athletes make 2018 WNBA opening day rosters.
- Overall, the SEC has had 149 former players go on to play in the league.
- In this year's WNBA draft, a total of seven SEC women's basketball players were taken.
- Since the inaugural WNBA draft in 1997, the SEC has had 156 former players drafted for the professional league, including six No. 1 picks.
- The SEC has had a first round pick every year except one (2014).
- Over the last nine WNBA Drafts, 51 SEC players have heard their names called. Seventeen of those were selected in the first round and six were the No. 1 overall pick.
- Overall, the SEC has had 143 former players go on to play in the league.
- The last three WNBA MVPs hail from the SEC (Sylvia Fowles: 2015, 2017; Candace Parker: 2016).

## 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

## 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 seven in the final Associated Press poll and six 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 80 of the 111 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 673 consecutive weeks in the AP poll.
- Since, 1982, league teams have been ranked in the AP poll 3,340 times, including 1,624 Top 10 appearances and 840 Top 5 appearances.
- Overall, the league teams have been ranked 749 consecutive weeks, with teams ranked a total of 3,844 times. The SEC has 1,701 Top 10 appearances and 891 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.