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IN VOLLEYBALL

The Southeastern Conference continues to flourish as a solid and competitive league in women's collegiate volleyball and has made stellar contributions in the sport.

The conference has sent at least two SEC teams to the NCAA Tournament in every season the last 24 years.

The SEC had a team reach the Final Four seven of the 10 seasons in the 1990s with the league having a team advance to the regional final nine of those 10 seasons.

Since 2000, the SEC has had a team reach the Final Four three times and the regional final five times.

The Missouri Tigers won their first SEC title in 2013 in just their second year as a member of the conference, capping off an 18-0 league mark and a perfect 34-0 regular season.

The SEC sent a record eight teams to the NCAA Tournament in 2013: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU, Missouri and Texas A&M.

That total bested the previous record-setting mark of seven teams in 2006. At least three SEC teams have advanced to the NCAA Tournament each season since 2004.

Since the inaugural SEC volleyball championship in 1979-80, many changes have occurred in the conference with volleyball. The addition of Missouri and Texas A&M to the league in 2012 increased the number of SEC institutions sponsoring volleyball to 13.

The SEC, in conjunction with ESPN, announced the creation of the SEC Network, set to launch in August of 2014. SEC volleyball also reaches 73 million homes nationwide on ESPN.

2013 NOTES

- The 2013 season was a record-setting year for volleyball in the Southeastern Conference as the league placed an all-time best eight teams in the NCAA Tournament field. It marked the 24th consecutive season in which the SEC has featured at least two teams in the NCAA Tournament.
- Missouri captured its first SEC volleyball championship in 2013 - just its second year as a member of the league. The Tigers posted the first undefeated regular season in SEC history at 34-0.
- SEC student-athletes earned four AVCA All-America honors in 2013 as Missouri's Lisa Henning and Molly Kreklow, and Florida's Chloe Mann earned first-team honors, while Kentucky's Whitney Billings was a second-team selection.
- The SEC has boasted at least three AVCA All-America selections each year for five consecutive seasons.
- The SEC has had 66 total AVCA All-Americans (First, Second or Third Team) all time.
- Nineteen SEC student-athletes earned AVCA Honorable Mention All-America honors in 2013.
- The 2013 All-SEC teams had 11 of 13 schools represented.
- The SEC, in 2013, had three teams finish in the top-25 of the final AVCA Coaches Poll. The SEC has had at least two teams in the final AVCA top-25 poll each year since 2008.
- Two SEC student-athletes - Auburn's Camila Jersonsky and Chelsea Wintzinger - earned Capital One Academic All-America honors for their excellence on the court and in the classroom.
- Florida extended the nation's longest streak of consecutive 25-win seasons to 23.
- Five student-athletes were named to Capital One Academic All-District teams in 2013 for a total of 75 all time.
- Florida middle blocker Chloe Mann became both the SEC and NCAA all-time career leader in hitting percentage with a .476 clip.
- Two SEC head coaches - Alabama's Ed Allen and Missouri's Wayne Kreklow - earned AVCA Regional Coach of the Year honors in 2013.
- Two SEC head student-athletes - LSU's Briana Holman and Missouri's Carly Kan earned AVCA Regional Freshman of the Year accolades in 2013.
- Eight of 13 SEC teams won 19 or more matches in 2013 with five squads claiming 20 or more victories.
- The SEC boasted the nation's top-two hitting percentage teams in 2013 as Missouri led the nation with a .356 clip, while Florida was second nationally at .331.
- As a team, Missouri also led the nation in kills per set (15.29), assists per set (14.56) and best team winning percentage (.972).