# 2014-15 EQUESTRIAN

	SEC	Pct.	Home	Away	ALL	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Last 5	Streak
Auburn	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Georgia	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
South Carolina	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Texas A&M	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

September 19 (Friday)	
Auburn at UT-Martin (Martin, Tenn.)	11 a.m. ET
South Carolina at Kansas State (Manhattan, Kan.)	2 p.m. ET
September 25 (Thursday)	
UT-Martin at Texas A&M (College Station, Texas)	12 p.m. ET
October 3 (Friday)	
Georgia at South Carolina (Blythewood, S.C.)	2 p.m. ET
October 4 (Saturday)	
Texas A&M at SMU (Dallas, Texas)	TBA

All times Eastern and subject to change.

## 2014-15 SEASON BEGINS FRIDAY

The third season of Southeastern Conference equestrian begins on Friday when a pair of SEC squads open their campaigns. Auburn travels to UT-Martin for an 11 a.m. ET contest, while South Carolina visits Kansas State at 2 p.m. ET.

Texas A&M opens its 2014-15 season on September 25 when it plays host to UT-Martin, while Georgia begins on October 3 by traveling to South Carolina.

Each of the four equestrian programs of the SEC are among the nation's top-10 teams, according to the NCEA preseason rankings, which were announced on Tuesday. Defending NCEA Champion Georgia is the nation's No. 1 team, while two-time defending SEC Champion South Carolina is ranked No. 2. Auburn is the nation's No. 4-ranked team, while Texas A&M checks in at No. 8.

Despite the SEC being in only its third season of sponsoring equestrian, the four programs that comprise the conference have a long and storied tradition of success. In fact, every NCEA Overall Team National Championship in the history of the sport has been won by a current member of the SEC.

Equestrian became the SEC's 21st sport in advance of the 2012-13 year.

The 2015 SEC Equestrian Championship takes place March 27-28 at the new Hildebrand Equine Complex in College Station, Texas.

#### LATEST RESULTS

#### SEC EQUESTRIAN QUICK NOTES

- The 2014-15 campaign marks the third season of Southeastern Conference sponsorship of the sport of equestrian. At the SEC Spring Meetings in Destin, Fla., in 2012, the decision was made for equestrian to become the conference's 21st sport.
- Four members of the SEC Auburn, Georgia, South Carolina and Texas A&M currently sponsor equestrian. The four current members of the SEC are the only teams in the history of the sport to win NCEA Overall Team National Championships
- · South Carolina became the first-ever SEC Equestrian Champion in 2013 and defended its title in
- The 2015 SEC Equestrian Championships are slated to take place March 27-28 at College Station, Texas.
- Each SEC team will face every conference foe home and away during the regular season.
- Georgia has talled a league-leading six overall NCEA national championships, including three consecutive from 2008-10. Auburn has won three national titles, while South Carolina and Texas A&M each have two overall national titles to their credit.
- . Georgia is the defending NCEA National Champion.

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## SEC TEAMS IN THE NCEA RANKINGS

Georgia	0-0	No. 1	
South Carolina	0-0	No. 2	
Auburn	0-0	No. 4	
Texas A&M	0-0	No. 8	

## SEC EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONS

2013	South Carolina
2014	South Carolina

# SOUTHERN EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONS

2003	Georgia
2004	Auburn
2005	Georgia
2006	Georgia
2007	Georgia
2008	Georgia
2009	Georgia
2010	Auburn
2011	Auburn
2012	South Carolina

# **OVERALL NCEA CHAMPIONS**

2002	Texas A&M
2003	Georgia
2004	Georgia
2005	South Carolina
2006	Auburn
2007	South Carolina
2008	Georgia
2009	Georgia
2010	Georgia
2011	Auburn
2012	Texas A&M
2013	Auburn
2014	Georgia

# NCEA RANKINGS (SEPT. 16, 2014)

Rank	Team	Record
1	Georgia	0-0
2	South Carolina	0-0
3	Oklahoma State	0-0
4	Auburn	0-0
5	Baylor	0-0
6	Kansas State	0-0
7	TCU	0-0
8	Texas A&M	0-0
9	New Mexico State	0-0
10	SMU	0-0

## WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE NCEA RANKINGS

Week	AU	UG	SC	AM	
Preseason (Sept. 16)	4	1	2	8	

## **MEDIA SERVICES**

#### INTERNET

The SEC has an extensive presence on the World Wide Web at www.secsports.com and www.secsports-media.com. Travel to the SEC's site to find the up-to-the-minute information on SEC equestrian including, statistics, schedules, results and much more. For more information, please contact Sean Cartell at scartell@sec.org.

#### E-MAIL SERVICES

Updated information on SEC equestrian is also available via e-mail to accredited members of the media. Register to receive the weekly release via email by contacting Sean Cartell at scartell@sec.org.

## SEC RIDERS OF THE MONTH

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### TEAM-BY TEAM NOTES



#### **AUBURN**



#### GEORGIA

Auburn loses All-Americans Christina Lin, Jennifer Waxman and Stephanie Rucci and SEC honorees Quincy Hayes and Cheyenne Cracraft to graduation, but the Tigers will look to its upperclassmen to rise to the occasion as Auburn faces a daunting 2014-15 schedule. The English side is led by rising senior Demi Stiegler, who posted the highest score nationally for the 2013-14 season, scoring a 96 in the equitation on the flat, to earn All-America honors. Junior Elizabeth Benson is coming off a stellar sophomore campaign where she was named to the All-SEC Equestrian Team, NCEA All-Championship Team and the NCEA Championships MOP. On the Western side, senior Katsy Leeman looks to lead the way along with junior Griffin Knight. Leeman was an SEC Championship Team honoree while Knight led the western side with a team-high 14 wins and was an NCEA All-American Honorable Mention in reining. The Tigers begin the 2014-15 season on Sept. 19 at Tennessee-Martin.

The 2014 NCEA National Champion Georgia equestrian team looks to continue its dominating ways in the 2014-15 campaign. After finishing with a 9-3 dual-meet record including a 4-2 mark in Southeastern Conference play, the Bulldogs captured the program's sixth national title. This year's roster includes several All-American and All-SEC selections, as well as an impressive freshmen class that will add depth to the Georgia lineup. The schedule includes 12 regular-season competitions, including six against Southeastern Conference teams. The schedule also includes a pair of scrimmages, including one against Alabama. Georgia will kick-off its 2014 season on the road against second-ranked, SEC foe South Carolina. The Bulldogs and the Gamecocks split a pair of regular season matchups last season. South Carolina then went on to win the Southeastern Conference Championships over Georgia before the Bulldogs claimed the NCEA National Championship over the Gamecocks in their fourth meeting of the year. The meet will serve as the SEC opener for both teams and is slated to start at 2 p.m. at OneWood Farm in Blythewood, S.C. Please follow the Georgia equestrian team on twitter at @UGAEquestrian for scoring updates.



## **SOUTH CAROLINA**



#### TEXAS A&M

South Carolina opens the 2014·15 season on Fri., September 19 at No. 6 Kansas State... The Gamecocks defeated the Wildcats, 15·5, in last year's season opener in Blythewood... Carolina's home opener will be on Fri., October 3 when the Gamecocks host No. 1 Georgia at One Wood Farm... Seven of the Gamecocks' first ten meets are on the road this season.

The Aggies enter the new campaign ranked eighth in the National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA) poll preseason rankings, as determined by the NCEA Selection Committee ... As a program, Texas A&M has 11 national titles including the 2012 NCEA Overall National Championship as well as the 2012 NCEA Western National crown. Texas A&M welcomes new blood into its coaching staff this season, welcoming assistant coaches Caroline Cramer (hunt seat) and Jessie Weisinger (horsemanship) ... Cramer served as a volunteer coach at A&M last season and road collegiately at Tennessee-Martin while Weisinger returns to Aggieland after being one of the original members of the initial Texas A&M equestrian team from 1999-02 ... Head coach Tana McKay enters her 16th season as head coach. The 2014-15 season will mark the Aggies' first full year in the Hildebrand Equine Complex, which opened last spring as one of the country's top on-campus facilities ... The venue boasts arenas for both Western and English disciplines, a spacious locker room, state-of-the-art barn and team areas and staff offices as well as a teaching and outreach complex