



SEC Women's Basketball

With 11 national championships, 12 runner-up finishes, a nation-leading 42 Final Four appearances and 167 first-team All-America honors, the SEC 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 144-38 (.791) non-conference record during the 2022-23 season.
- In regular season games, the SEC has compiled a 5849-1710 (.774) record against other conferences. The league has recorded 150+ wins in 28 seasons and has recorded a non-conference winning percentage below .700 only once.
- SEC teams have played in 31 of 41 NCAA Final Fours, an accomplishment unmatched by any other league. The next closest is the ACC with 19, Pac-12 with 18 and Big East with 17.
- Overall, SEC squads have filled 42 of the 164 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 23 appearances in a nation-high 20 NCAA Championship games, winning 11 NCAA Championships (Tennessee: 1987, 1989, 1991, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2007, 2008); South Carolina (2017, 2022); LSU (2023).
- 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 468 NCAA Tournament games against 249 losses (.653) 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 had at least one team advance to the Sweet 16 in every year of NCAA Tournament history. All 14 members have advanced to the Sweet 16.
- 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, 2017 and 2022.
- The SEC was also the first league to ever have seven teams in-

cluded in the NCAA Tournament and earned this honor a leading 14 times (1986, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2003, 2004, 2009, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023).

- In total, league schools have earned 263 bids to lead all conferences.
- The SEC is one of a handful of leagues to have won three national tournament titles with 11 NCAA, two WNIT and four NWIT. Along with the 11 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 WNIT 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.
- SEC women's basketball set the all-time NCAA record for conference leaders in total attendance. A total of 1,146,341 fans passed through its turnstiles during home games and conference tournament action. Overall, the league has five of the Top 10 total attendance seasons.

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

- The SEC has had 73 student-athletes named as a First-Team All-America selection. Those 73 have been named a total of 136 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 80 players named first-team a total of 167 times.
- The SEC has had at least one student-athlete named as a First-Team All-America selection in each of the last 15 seasons.
- The league has had eight 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); A'ja Wilson, South Carolina (2018) and Aliyah Boston, South Carolina (2022).
- South Carolina's Aliyah Boston is the SEC's second winner of the Honda-Broderick Cup, winning in 2022. Tennessee's Chamique Holdsclaw won in 1998.
- Nine 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); A'ja Wilson, South Carolina (2018) and Aliyah Boston, South Carolina (2022).
- Four Women's Basketball Academic All-America of the Year hail from the SEC. They are Candace Parker, UT (2007 & 2008); Aliyah Boston, SC (2021 & 2022).



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SEC IN THE WNBA

- The Southeastern Conference had 21 former student-athletes make 2023 WNBA opening day rosters.
- Overall, the SEC has had 159 former players go on to play in the league.
- In this year's WNBA draft, a total of nine SEC women's basketball players were taken.
- Since the inaugural WNBA draft in 1997, the SEC has had 189 former players drafted for the professional league, including seven No. 1 picks.
- The SEC has had a first round pick every year except one (2014).
- Six WNBA MVPs (Candace Parker: 2008, 2013; Tamika Catchings: 2011; Sylvia Fowles: 2017; A'ja Wilson: 2020, 2022) and six WNBA Tournament MVPs hail from the SEC (Deanna Nolan: 2006; Seimone Augustus: 2011; Tamika Catchings: 2012; Sylvia Fowles: 2015, 2017; Candace Parker: 2016).

SEC ON TEAM USA

- SEC schools have produced 45 Team USA Olympians since 1976, with 41 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
- 2020 - Sylvia Fowles, LSU; A'ja Wilson, South Carolina; Allisha Gray, South Carolina (3x3)
- In addition, seven have played for other countries in the Olympics: Tatyanna Troina, South Carolina (Belarus); Iva Slišković, South Carolina (Croatia); Ilona Burgrova, South Carolina (Czech Republic); Azania Stewart, Florida (Great Britain); Laeticia Amihere, South Carolina (Canada); Adaora Elonu, Texas A&M (Nigeria); Jennifer O'Neill, Kentucky (Puerto Rico).

DOMINANCE IN THE POLLS

- 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 SEC began to sponsor women's basketball in 1982, it has failed only five times to place at least five members in each of the final polls (the USA Today/ESPN poll began in 1986).
- The most SEC teams in the final AP poll is seven, which the league has done four times (1996, 1997, 2003, and 2018).
- Overall, the league teams have been ranked every week except for the very first poll in 1976.
- Since the 1982 season, SEC teams have been ranked for 767 consecutive weeks of the AP poll.
- Since 1982, league teams have been ranked in the AP poll 3,776 times, including 1,776 Top 10 appearances, 965 Top 5 appearances and 200 No. 1 rankings.
- Overall, SEC teams have been ranked 842 weeks for a total of 4,607 times. The SEC has 1,873 Top 10 appearances and 1,026 Top Five appearances. SEC teams can also boost a total of 212 No. 1 rankings in the AP Poll.
- The league has had the top three teams in the AP Poll twice. In week two in 2005 and in week eight in 1989.
- Since the USA Today Coaches poll began in 1985 season, SEC teams have been ranked in every poll. A total of 712 consecutive weeks.
- League teams have been ranked in the coaches poll 3,430 times, including 1,600 Top 10 appearances, 931 Top 5 appearances and 190 No. 1 rankings.
- The most SEC teams in the final coaches poll is seven, which the league has done four times (1995, 1997, 2003, and 2021).
- The league has had the top three teams in the coaches poll twice. In week three in 2005 and in week seven in 1989.