



# Women's Basketball

## Game Notes

### GAME 22

### USC Upstate Spartans (6-15; 1-6 Big South) vs. Radford Highlanders (13-9; 5-2 Big South)



**Date:** January 28, 2026 | 7:00 p.m. ET  
**Location:** G.B. Hodge Center | Spartanburg, S.C.  
**Broadcast:** ESPN+  
**Stats:** UpstateSpartans.com  
**Social Media:** @UpstateSpartans; @UpstateWBB  
**Hashtags:** #SpartanArmy

#### USC Upstate Spartans

Last Game ▶ L, 74-50 vs. Longwood (Jan. 23)  
 Head Coach ▶ Jason Williams (213-163; 13th season)  
 Williams vs. Radford ▶ 5-2

#### Radford Highlanders

Last Game ▶ W, 64-52 vs. UNC Asheville (Jan. 22)  
 Head Coach ▶ Mike McGuire (205-182; 13th season)  
 McGuire vs. USC Upstate ▶ 11-3

### 2025-26 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)   RESULT
Nov. 3	at Clemson	L, 76-38
<b>Nov. 6</b>	<b>Erskine</b>	<b>W, 76-54</b>
Nov. 10	at Georgia	L, 78-44
Nov. 12	at No. 20 Kentucky	L, 90-30
<b>Nov. 17</b>	<b>South Carolina State</b>	<b>W, 78-69</b>
Nov. 21	vs. Marshall [!]	L, 85-54
Nov. 22	at Morehead State [!]	L, 78-64
<b>Nov. 25</b>	<b>Montreat</b>	<b>W, 96-37</b>
Nov. 28	at Kennesaw State	L, 55-41
Dec. 3	at Western Carolina	W, 55-44
<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>UNCG</b>	<b>L, 70-39</b>
<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Samford</b>	<b>L, 74-67</b>
<b>Dec. 17</b>	<b>Agnes Scott</b>	<b>W, 112-39</b>
Dec. 20	at Queens	L, 60-35
Dec. 31	at Charleston Southern [!]	L, 60-49
<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>High Point [!]</b>	<b>L, 72-58</b>
<b>Jan. 7</b>	<b>Winthrop [!]</b>	<b>L, 66-64</b>
Jan. 10	at Gardner-Webb [!]	L, 64-61
<b>Jan. 14</b>	<b>Presbyterian [!]</b>	<b>W, 58-38</b>
Jan. 21	at UNC Asheville [!]	L, 57-56
Jan. 23	at Longwood [!]	L, 74-50
<b>Jan. 28</b>	<b>Radford [!]</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan. 31</b>	<b>Charleston Southern [!]</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
Feb. 4	at Presbyterian [!]	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Winthrop [!]	6:00 p.m.
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>UNC Asheville [!]</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
Feb. 18	at Radford [!]	7:00 p.m.
<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>Longwood [!]</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 25</b>	<b>Gardner-Webb [!]</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Feb. 28	at High Point [!]	2:00 p.m.

**Bold** indicates home game  
 [!] = Morehead State MTE | Morehead, Ky.  
 [!] = Big South Conference Game

### KAY YOW SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARD



USC Upstate's women's basketball's Zora Fray-Chinn has been recognized as a Kay Yow Servant Leader for the 2025-26 season. She's the first USC Upstate student-athlete to receive the honor since the award's inception ahead of the 2024-25 season and is one of six Big South honorees this season.

The Kay Yow Servant Leader Award honors the legacy of legendary NC State head coach Kay Yow, who had a 22-year, on-again, off-again battle with breast cancer. Her hope was to inspire others to make a difference in a fight that impacts each and every one of us—counting on the sports community of coaches, players, officials, and fans to propel the cause.

The award honors the legacy and the young people who carry the fight forward. It is presented annually to student-athletes who best embody the characteristics of Coach Kay Yow—people with a servant's spirit and a commitment to selfless leadership both on and off the court and athletic field.

Kay Yow Servant Leader Award winners are recognized by a patch they wear on their uniform in the year they win the award. The patch embodies the character traits of Kay Yow—uplifting, powerful, drawing and giving strength. It is a representation of the "ripple effect" of servant leadership and the positive impact it can make in the fight against all cancers affecting women.

▶ Zora Fray-Chinn

### OPENING TIP

- Meeting Wednesday, USC Upstate and Radford meet for the 18th time in the Spartans' Division I era (2007-pres.). The Highlanders lead the series 13-4 and enter the latest contest winners of four straight in the series. Of the Spartans' four wins, two have come under the direction of head coach Jason Williams, the most of any Upstate head coach.
- Winning the battle on the glass, 46-38, against Longwood last Friday, Upstate extended its streak of games winning the rebounding margin by eight or more rebounds to begin Big South play to seven. During league play, the Spartans own a +9.3 rebounding margin. Upstate's 46 rebounds versus the Lancers stand as its most in a game against a Big South opponent this season, the fifth time in seven league contests with 40-plus rebounds.
- With no Spartan scoring 20-plus points versus Longwood, Upstate's streak of games with at least one 20-point scorer end a four games. The streak, featuring three 20-point efforts from redshirt sophomore guard Cassie Gallagher (22 vs. Winthrop on Jan. 7; 24 vs. Presbyterian on Jan. 14; & 20 vs. UNC Asheville on Jan. 21) and a 20-point game from redshirt junior guard Aubrie Kierscht (25 vs. Gardner-Webb on Jan. 10). The streak marked the longest stretch of games with a 20-point scorer under head coach Jason Williams, the longest since the final six games of the 2021-22 season.
- Finishing a marker shy of her career-high scoring total with 25 points against Gardner-Webb on Jan. 10, Kierscht notched her third 20-plus point game of the season. Following Gallagher's 22-point effort versus Winthrop on Jan. 7, Kierscht and Gallagher are the first set of teammates with successive 20-plus point scoring games since Jeni Levine (21) and sophomore guard Gwen Jenkins (21) versus UNC Asheville and Gardner-Webb on Jan. 15, 2025, and Jan. 18, 2025, respectively.
- Holding the Blue Hose to 38 points, Upstate limited its opponent to the fewest points allowed against a D1 opponent since March 7, 2024 (37 vs. Longwood).
- Entering play Wednesday, Upstate leads the Big South in rebounding offense (41.2), rebounding defense (32.7), and rebounding margin (+8.6)—ranking 25th in the NCAA in rebounding margin. The Spartans are one of two Big South programs, joining UNC Asheville (+3.7) to post a positive rebounding margin in 2025-26.
- Through play on Jan. 26, Gallagher and Kierscht rank first and second, respectively, in the Big South in three-point field goal percentage, shooting 41.9 and 39.5 percent from beyond the arc this season.

### POTENTIAL STARTERS

Name	MPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	RPG	PPG	AST	BLK	STL
Gwen Jenkins	22.7	.271	.286	.867	2.4	3.7	41	1	8
Aubrie Kierscht	23.6	.376	.395	.846	1.7	11.2	10	0	11
Cassie Gallagher	31.9	.411	.419	.725	3.4	15.4	31	8	12
Aijah Palmore	21.8	.505	.000	.627	8.0	6.2	13	4	12
Vera Söderblom	17.5	.465	.000	.727	6.3	4.6	19	9	13

### OFF THE BENCH

Name	MPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	RPG	PPG	AST	BLK	STL
Zora Fray-Chinn	10.4	.275	.105	.500	1.9	2.0	11	1	8
Macy Wike	9.2	.235	.241	1.000	0.9	1.2	12	1	6
Kinley Paterson	18.5	.400	.000	.333	3.3	3.9	58	7	22
Lexi Castator	14.6	.356	.357	.500	1.7	2.0	23	10	5
Ylenia Expósito Pérez	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Gracie Barnes	6.5	.000	.000	1.000	0.3	0.7	0	0	0
Jessa Troy	6.5	.417	.435	1.000	0.3	2.7	2	0	2
Madison Miller	8.2	.400	.227	.706	1.8	3.7	3	10	1
Zoe Richardson	12.0	.313	.000	.750	2.6	2.0	23	6	9
Emma Blair	14.7	.481	.000	.789	3.8	4.4	9	7	6



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### QUICK FACTS

Location .....Spartanburg, S.C.  
 Founded ..... 1967  
 Enrollment ..... 6,200  
 Nickname ..... Spartans  
 Colors..... Green (PMS 348), Black  
 Affiliation ..... NCAA Division I  
 Conference ..... Big South Conference  
 Homecourt..... Eddie & Ann Payne Arena/G.B Hodge Center  
 Chancellor ..... Dr. Bennie Harris  
 Director of Athletics ..... Matthew Martin  
 Senior Woman Administrator ..... Sarah (Gildersleeve) Jones  
 Faculty Athletics Representative ..... Scott Tanner

### HISTORY

First Season of Basketball ..... 1974-75  
 Seasons..... 52nd in 2025-26  
 All-Time Record ..... 654-753  
 NCAA Division I Record..... 238-322  
 Big South Conference Record ..... 49-80  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances (Last)..... 4 (2006 [DII])  
 Last NCAA Tournament Opponent..... Wingate (L, 67-59)

### TEAM INFORMATION

2024-25 Record ..... 9-21  
 Home ..... 5-9  
 Away ..... 4-11  
 Neutral ..... 0-1  
 Big South Conference Record ..... 6-10  
 Home ..... 3-5  
 Away ..... 3-5  
 Finish ..... Seventh  
 Tournament ..... Quarterfinals  
 Starters Returning/Lost..... 2/3  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost ..... 9/7  
 Newcomers..... 6

### COACHING/SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach ..... Jason Williams (Fourth Season)  
 Alma Mater ..... Greensboro College, 2004  
 USC Upstate Record..... 42-72  
 Career Record ..... 213-163  
 Assistant Coach..... Jennifer DeGraaf (Fourth Season)  
 Alma Mater ..... UNC Wilmington, 2018  
 Assistant Coach..... Molly Glick (First Season)  
 Alma Mater ..... Northern Kentucky, 2020  
 Assistant Coach..... Isaac Mills (First Season)  
 Alma Mater ..... Wisconsin, 2023  
 Assistant Coach/DOBO..... Bryanna Brady (First Season)  
 Alma Mater ..... Presbyterian, 2024

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- ◇ In the team's 112-39 win over Agnes Scott on Dec. 17, USC Upstate's 112 points and +73 margin of victory marked program Division I era (2007-pres.) single-game records, both totals ranking second in program history. The Spartans also set D1 era single-game records for made field goals (46), assists (32), and made three-pointers (19) with the Spartans' three-point total standing as a single-game program record.
- ◇ Leading to the Spartans' single-game program record 19 made three-pointers versus Agnes Scott, redshirt junior guard Aubrie Kierscht splashed a career-high seven triples against the Scotties. Kierscht's total ties the Division I era (2007-pres.) single-game record, accomplished three previous times. Redshirt sophomore guard Cassie Gallagher tied the record earlier this season with seven threes versus Morehead State on Nov. 22, tying herself (versus Longwood on March 1, 2025) and Michaela Gibbons (versus Charleston Southern on Jan. 19, 2019). USC Upstate's single-game program record for made three-pointers is eight, accomplished by Paula Blackwell versus Lees-McRae on Feb. 21, 1994.
- ◇ On Dec. 17 versus Agnes Scott, Upstate corralled 58 rebounds and bested the Scotties by +38 on the glass, the team's fourth 50-plus rebounding effort of the season and third +20 or greater rebounding margin of the year. The Spartans' four 50-plus rebound games in 2025-26 are the most for the program since recording four such games during the 2013-14 season.
- ◇ Owing to the team's victory at Western Carolina on Dec. 3, Upstate bested the Catamounts by a +22 margin on the glass, the Spartans' best total versus a Division I opponent since beating Presbyterian by 22 rebounds on Jan. 8, 2025. The Spartans' 52 rebounds versus Western Carolina also marked the most for the program versus a D1 team since registering 56 boards against Campbell on Feb. 1, 2020.
- ◇ Hitting the glass against Montreal, Upstate pulled in 74 rebounds, the most since totaling 75 versus Southern Wesleyan on Nov. 19, 2015. The total stands as the second-most by an NCAA Division I team in a game this season—ranking behind the 79 recorded by CSUN against Bethesda on Nov. 4—while ranking as the third-best single-game total in program history.
- ◇ Dropping 22 points to lead the Spartans versus Montreal, Gallagher notched 20-plus points for the second straight game, the first back-to-back 20-plus point efforts of her career. She's the first Spartan since Trinity Johnson on Feb. 10 and Feb. 14, 2024, to score 20 or more points in consecutive games.
- ◇ Registering one of three 30-plus point scoring games in the Big South during the 2025-26 season, Gallagher finished a marker shy of the program's single-game scoring record at Morehead State on Nov. 22, pouring in a career-high 35 points. She's the first Spartan to score 35 or more points in a game since Brianna Lewis in 2017-18 and the first Spartan since Chellia Watson in 2021-22 to score 30-plus in a contest.
- ◇ Adding to the six Big South Freshman of the Week awards she captured last season, Gallagher added her first Big South Player of the Week nod on Nov. 24. She led the league in three-pointers made (10) and three-point field goal percentage (58.8) while ranking second in the league in scoring, averaging 21.3 points per game.
- ◇ Scoring 10 points and corraling 10 rebounds for the Spartans against Morehead State, graduate student forward Aijah Palmore secured her first double-double in an Upstate uniform. Her double-double marked the first by a Spartan since Rebekah Gordon's 11-point, 10-rebound effort versus Bellarmine on Nov. 30, 2024. Palmore notched her second double-double of the season behind a career-best 17 points and season-high 14 rebounds versus Samford on Dec. 14.
- ◇ Wrapping its two-game road swing against No. 20 Kentucky on Nov. 12, the second of two straight games against a Power-Four opponent, USC Upstate completed a four-game stretch featuring three Power-Four foes. The stretch marks the first time in program history playing at least three Power-Four programs in a four-game stretch, besting five-game stretches during the 2011-12 and 2022-23 seasons.
- ◇ With back-to-back games at Georgia and Kentucky, Upstate completed its ninth instance of consecutive games versus a Power-Four opponent, doing so in consecutive years for the second time in program history (last: 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons).
- ◇ Reaching double-figures versus Georgia on Nov. 10, redshirt sophomore guard Cassie Gallagher is the first Spartan since Isabell West (12 points) versus Georgia Tech on Dec. 20, 2023, to score in double-figures against a Power-Four opponent. Her 20 markers are the most points scored by a Spartan against a Power-Four foe since Dec. 2, 2020, when McKinley Brooks-Sumptner notched 21 points versus Alabama.

### 2025-26 ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Zora Fray-Chinn	R-Sr.	F	5-11	Orlando, Fla. (Wright State)
2	Macy Wike	Jr.	G	5-9	Cullowhee, N.C. (Asheville Christian Acad.)
3	Gwen Jenkins	So.	G	5-9	Columbus, Ohio (Dublin Coffman HS)
4	Kinley Paterson	Fr.	G	5-7	Perth, Western Australia (Melville Senior HS)
5	Lexi Castator	So.	G	6-1	Fort Wayne, Ind. (Valparaiso)
6	Ylenia Expósito Pérez	Gr.	G	5-7	Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands (Missouri Valley Col.)
13	Aijah Palmore	Gr.	F	6-1	Greensboro, N.C. (Barry)
22	Gracie Barnes	Jr.	G	5-9	Cincinnati, Ohio (Cincinnati Country Day School)
24	Jessa Troy	Fr.	G	5-6	Granger, Ind. (Penn HS)
25	Cassie Gallagher	R-So.	G	5-11	Cookeville, Tenn. (Cookeville HS)
32	Madison Miller	R-Fr.	F	6-4	Hamburg, N.J. (Morris Catholic HS)
33	Zoe Richardson	So.	F	6-1	Auckland, New Zealand (Siena)
34	Vera Söderblom	R-Jr.	F	6-3	Gothenburg, Sweden (Luleå Gymnasieskola)
35	Aubrie Kierscht	R-Jr.	G	5-6	Salina, Kan. (Presbyterian)
42	Emma Blair	R-So.	F	6-2	Latrobe, Pa. (Greater Latrobe HS)

**Head Coach:** Jason Williams (Greensboro College, 2004), fourth season  
**Assistant Coach:** Jennifer DeGraaf (UNC Wilmington, 2018), fourth season  
**Assistant Coach / Recruiting Coordinator:** Molly Glick (Northern Kentucky, 2020), first season  
**Assistant Coach:** Isaac Mills (Wisconsin, 2023), first season  
**Assistant Coach / Director of Basketball Operations:** Bryanna Brady (Presbyterian, 2024), first season  
**Graduate Assistant:** Dior Shelton (Limestone, 2024), first season

### PRONUNCIATIONS

0 Zor-uh Fray-Chinn | 2 Macy Why-ke (rhymes with Mike) | 5 Lexi Cass-tay-ter | 6 EE-lay Expósito Pérez | 13 Asia Palmore | 34 Vera SOH-der-blohm (rhymes with mom) | 35 Aubrey Keersh | AC Jennifer Duh-graph



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## THE MATCHUP

Overall (D1 Era).....	4-13
Williams vs. Radford.....	2-5
First Meeting.....	Jan. 3, 2008
Last Meeting.....	Feb. 1, 2025
Last Upstate Win.....	Jan. 20, 2024
Last Radford Win.....	Feb. 1, 2025
Series Record at Upstate.....	3-5
Series Record at Radford.....	1-7
Series Record at Neutral Sites.....	0-1
Series Streak.....	Radford W4
Most Upstate Points.....	Dec. 18, 2010 (87)
Most Radford Points.....	Nov. 19, 2011 (85)
Fewest Upstate Points.....	Jan. 3, 2008 (34)
Fewest Radford Points.....	Jan. 29, 2021 (44)

## ALL-TIME MEETINGS

Jan. 03, 2008 (Radford, Va.).....	RAD 76; UPST 34
Dec. 18, 2010 (Spartanburg, S.C.).....	UPST 87; RAD 81
Nov. 19, 2011 (Radford, Va.).....	RAD 85; UPST 52
Feb. 02, 2019 (Spartanburg, S.C.).....	RAD 82; UPST 41
Mar. 02, 2019 (Radford, Va.).....	RAD 55; UPST 43
Jan. 21, 2020 (Spartanburg, S.C.).....	RAD 57; UPST 41
Feb. 25, 2020 (Radford, Va.).....	RAD 78; UPST 57
Jan. 29, 2021 (Spartanburg, S.C.).....	RAD 44; UPST 41
Jan. 30, 2021 (Spartanburg, S.C.).....	RAD 54; UPST 45
Feb. 01, 2022 (Radford, Va.).....	UPST 66; RAD 55
Jan. 04, 2023 (Spartanburg, S.C.).....	UPST 55; RAD 49
Jan. 28, 2023 (Radford, Va.).....	RAD 59; UPST 39
Jan. 20, 2024 (Spartanburg, S.C.).....	UPST 65; RAD 60
Feb. 03, 2024 (Radford, Va.).....	RAD 67; UPST 61 [OT]
Mar. 09, 2024 (High Point, N.C.).....	RAD 61; UPST 45
Jan. 11, 2025 (Radford, Va.).....	RAD 64; UPST 56
Feb. 01, 2025 (Spartanburg, S.C.) ..	RAD 65; UPST 59 [OT]

## STAT COMPARISONS

UPST	RAD
58.3.....	Scoring Offense..... 64.3
63.8.....	Scoring Defense..... 61.0
-5.5.....	Scoring Margin..... +3.2
39.1.....	Field Goal Pct..... 37.0
38.1.....	Field Goal Pct. Defense..... 37.0
33.8.....	3-PT Field Goal Pct..... 27.9
29.0.....	3-PT Field Goal Pct. Defense..... 29.0
68.5.....	Free Throw Pct..... 64.1
41.2.....	Rebounds/Game..... 40.5
32.7.....	Rebounds Against/Game..... 40.5
+8.6.....	Rebounding Margin..... +0.0
12.1.....	Assists/Game..... 13.5
22.4.....	Turnovers/Game..... 15.8
13.5.....	Turnovers Forced/Game..... 18.3
-8.9.....	Turnover Margin..... +2.5
5.5.....	Steals/Game..... 9.0
3.0.....	Blocks/Game..... 3.3

## GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Opponent	1	2	3	4	5
Clemson	Gwen Jenkins	Cassie Gallagher	Lexi Castator	Zora Fray-Chinn	Vera Söderblom
Erskine	Gwen Jenkins	Cassie Gallagher	Lexi Castator	Zora Fray-Chinn	Vera Söderblom
Georgia	Gwen Jenkins	Cassie Gallagher	Lexi Castator	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
Kentucky	Gwen Jenkins	Cassie Gallagher	Lexi Castator	Zora Fray-Chinn	Vera Söderblom
South Carolina State	Gwen Jenkins	Cassie Gallagher	Lexi Castator	Zora Fray-Chinn	Vera Söderblom
Marshall	Gwen Jenkins	Cassie Gallagher	Lexi Castator	Zora Fray-Chinn	Vera Söderblom
Morehead State	Gwen Jenkins	Cassie Gallagher	Lexi Castator	Zora Fray-Chinn	Vera Söderblom
Montreat	Gwen Jenkins	Cassie Gallagher	Lexi Castator	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
Kennesaw State	Gwen Jenkins	Cassie Gallagher	Lexi Castator	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
Western Carolina	Gwen Jenkins	Cassie Gallagher	Lexi Castator	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
UNCG	Gwen Jenkins	Cassie Gallagher	Lexi Castator	Zora Fray-Chinn	Vera Söderblom
Samford	Gwen Jenkins	Cassie Gallagher	Lexi Castator	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
Agnes Scott	Gwen Jenkins	Aubrie Kierscht	Lexi Castator	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
Queens	Gwen Jenkins	Cassie Gallagher	Lexi Castator	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
Charleston Southern-1	Gwen Jenkins	Aubrie Kierscht	Cassie Gallagher	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
High Point-1	Gwen Jenkins	Aubrie Kierscht	Cassie Gallagher	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
Winthrop-1	Gwen Jenkins	Aubrie Kierscht	Cassie Gallagher	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
Gardner-Webb-1	Gwen Jenkins	Aubrie Kierscht	Cassie Gallagher	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
Presbyterian-1	Gwen Jenkins	Aubrie Kierscht	Cassie Gallagher	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
UNC Asheville-1	Gwen Jenkins	Aubrie Kierscht	Cassie Gallagher	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
Longwood-1	Gwen Jenkins	Aubrie Kierscht	Cassie Gallagher	Aijah Palmore	Vera Söderblom
Radford-1					
Charleston Southern-2					
Presbyterian-2					
Winthrop-2					
UNC Asheville-2					
Radford-2					
Longwood-2					
Gardner-Webb-2					
High Point-2					

## LINEUP COMBINATIONS

Games	Record	Lineup
Games 1-2; 4-7; 11	2-5	Jenkins-Gallagher-Castator-Fray-Chinn-Söderblom
Game 3; 8-10; 12; 14	2-4	Jenkins-Gallagher-Castator-Palmore-Söderblom
Game 13	1-0	Jenkins-Kierscht-Castator-Palmore-Söderblom
Games 15-21	1-6	Jenkins-Kierscht-Gallagher-Palmore-Söderblom

## SHOOTING PERCENTAGE QUICK GLANCE

**20% FG:** UK (21.2); QUC (26.8); WCU (27.8)  
**30% FG:** UNCG (30.6); CHSO-1 (32.3); KSU (33.3); CLEM (34.8); HPU-1 (36.8); MAR (37.9); WIN-1 (37.9); LWU-1 (38.3); GWU-1 (39.3); ERSK (39.7)  
**40% FG:** AVL-1 (41.4); SAM (41.5); MOR (42.1); UGA (43.2); MON (45.2)  
**50% FG:** PC-1 (50.0); SCST (53.3)  
**60% FG:** ASC (60.5)

## SHOOTING PERCENTAGE DEFENSE QUICK GLANCE

**10% FG:** WCU (18.4); MON (19.0)  
**20% FG:** ASC (22.0); PC-1 (25.9); ERSK (28.6)  
**30% FG:** LWU-1 (36.0); SCST (36.2); KSU (36.5); CHSO-1 (37.0); MOR (37.5); UNCG (38.7); HPU-1 (39.7); GWU-1 (39.7)  
**40% FG:** SAM (44.8); AVL-1 (45.1); WIN-1 (46.7); UK (47.8); QUC (48.1)  
**50% FG:** UGA (50.0); CLEM (50.9); MAR (53.4)

## AT THE BREAK

**LEADING (10):** WCU (+2); CHSO-1 (+2); LWU-1 (+3); SCST (+4); PC-1 (+4); SAM (+7); ERSK (+11); GWU (+14); MON (+27); ASC (+43)  
**TIED (0):** --  
**TRAILING (11):** WIN-1 (-1); HPU-1 (-4); KSU (-8); AVL-1 (-14); QUC (-15); MOR (-21); UGA (-23); MAR (-23); UNCG (-23); CLEM (-28); UK (-31)



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## UPSTATE'S RECORD WHEN...

Category	OVR
Scoring First	3-7
Opp. Scores First	3-8
Leading After 1Q	4-4
Trailing After 1Q	1-11
Tied After 1Q	0-0
Leading at Half	6-4
Trailing at Half	0-11
Tied at Half	0-0
Leading After 3Q	6-2
Trailing After 3Q	0-13
Tied After 3Q	0-0
In Overtime	0-0
Decided by 1-4 Points	0-3
Decided by 5-9 Points	1-1
Decided by 10+ Points	5-11
Scoring 100+	1-0
Scoring 90-99	1-0
Scoring 80-89	0-0
Scoring 70-79	2-0
Scoring 60-69	0-4
Scoring 50-59	2-4
Scoring 49 or less	0-7
Opp. Scoring 100+	0-0
Opp. Scoring 90-99	0-1
Opp. Scoring 80-89	0-1
Opp. Scoring 70-79	0-7
Opp. Scoring 60-69	1-4
Opp. Scoring 50-59	1-2
Opp. Scoring 49 or less	4-0
50%-plus FG Pct.	3-0
40-49.9% FG Pct.	1-4
30-39.9% FG Pct.	1-9
20-29.9% FG Pct.	1-2
Opp. 50%-plus FG Pct.	0-3
Opp. 40-49.9% FG Pct.	0-5
Opp. 30-39.9% FG Pct.	1-7
Opp. 29.9% or less FG Pct.	5-0
Better FT% than Opp.	4-5
FT% is Equal	0-0
Opp. Better FT%	2-10
Outrebounding Opp.	5-9
Rebounds are Equal	0-0
Outrebounded by Opp.	1-6
Fewer TO than Opp.	1-0
TO are Equal	0-0
More TO than Opp.	5-15
5 in Double Figures	1-0
4 in Double Figures	0-0
3 in Double Figures	1-2
2 in Double Figures	3-7
1 in Double Figures	1-4
Bench Scores More	5-9
Bench Scoring Equal	0-1
Bench Scores Less	1-5
Wins Opening Tip	4-9
Loses Opening Tip	2-6

## THE LAST TIME...

A Spartan...	Date	Opponent	Score
Scored 20+ Points	January 21, 2026	vs. UNC Asheville	Cassie Gallagher (20)
Scored 25+ Points	January 10, 2026	vs. Gardner-Webb	Aubrie Kierscht (25)
Scored 30+ Points	November 22, 2025	vs. Morehead State	Cassie Gallagher (35)
Scored 35+ Points	November 22, 2025	vs. Morehead State	Cassie Gallagher (35)
Had 10+ Rebounds	January 23, 2026	vs. Longwood	Aijah Palmore (11)
Had 15+ Rebounds	November 25, 2024	vs. Clinton College	Rebekah Gordon (23)
Had 20+ Rebounds	November 25, 2024	vs. Clinton College	Rebekah Gordon (23)
Had 7+ Assists	December 17, 2025	vs. Agnes Scott	Kinley Paterson (9)
Had 10+ Assists	March 7, 2024	vs. Longwood	Trinity Johnson (10)
Had 12+ Assists	February 1, 2018	vs. Lipscomb	DeNisha Swain (12)
Had 5+ Blocks	November 16, 2019	vs. Mars Hill	Quadajah Moore (6)
Had 7+ Blocks	January 21, 1989	vs. USC Aiken	Carla Gambrell (7)
Had 5+ Steals	February 10, 2024	vs. UNC Asheville	Trinity Johnson (5)
Had 7+ Steals	November 16, 2021	vs. South Carolina State	Rachael Rose (7)
Had 10+ Steals	January 22, 2001	vs. Converse	Kia Manuel (10)
Made 5+ Three-Pointers	January 10, 2026	vs. Gardner-Webb	Aubrie Kierscht (6)
Made 7+ Three-Pointers	December 17, 2025	vs. Agnes Scott	Aubrie Kierscht (7)
No Spartans Scored in Double-Figures	November 12, 2025	vs. No. 20 Kentucky	
Three Spartans Scored in Double-Figures	December 31, 2025	vs. Charleston Southern	
Four Spartans Scored in Double-Figures	January 18, 2025	vs. Gardner-Webb	
Five Spartans Scored in Double-Figures	December 17, 2025	vs. Agnes Scott	
Two Spartans with 10+ Rebounds	December 14, 2025	vs. Samford	
Two Spartans Scoring 20+ Points	March 6, 2021	vs. Charleston Southern	
Recorded a Double-Double	December 31, 2025	vs. Charleston Southern	Aijah Palmore
Multiple Spartans Recorded a Double-Double	March 7, 2024	vs. Longwood	Rebekah Gordon & Trinity Johnson
Recorded a Triple-Double			Unknown
USC Upstate...			
Scored 100+ Points	December 17, 2025	vs. Agnes Scott	(112)
Scored 90+ Points	December 17, 2025	vs. Agnes Scott	(112)
Scored 80+ Points	December 17, 2025	vs. Agnes Scott	(112)
Scored 60 Points or Less	January 23, 2026	vs. Longwood	(50)
Scored 50 Points or Less	January 23, 2026	vs. Longwood	(50)
Scored 40 Points or Less	December 20, 2025	vs. Queens	(35)
Shot 60%+ from the Field	December 17, 2025	vs. Agnes Scott	(.605; 46-76)
Shot 55%+ from the Field	December 17, 2025	vs. Agnes Scott	(.605; 46-76)
Shot 50%+ from the Field	January 14, 2026	vs. Presbyterian	(.500; 24-48)
Shot 40% or Less from the Field	January 23, 2026	vs. Longwood	(.383; 18-47)
Shot 35% or Less from the Field	December 31, 2025	vs. Charleston Southern	(.323; 20-62)
Shot 30% or Less from the Field	December 20, 2025	vs. Queens	(.268; 15-56)
Shot 55%+ from Three	March 1, 2025	vs. Longwood	(.550; 11-20)
Shot 50%+ from Three	December 17, 2025	vs. Agnes Scott	(.514; 19-37)
Shot 45%+ from Three	January 3, 2026	vs. High Point	(.462; 6-13)
Shot 30% or Less from Three	January 21, 2026	vs. UNC Asheville	(.167; 2-12)
Played a Ranked Team	November 12, 2025	vs. No. 20 Kentucky	(L, 90-30)
Played a Top-5 Team	November 21, 2019	vs. No. 5 South Carolina	(L, 112-32)
Played an Overtime Game	March 1, 2025	vs. Longwood	(W, 62-60 [OT])
Won an Overtime Game	March 1, 2025	vs. Longwood	(W, 62-60 [OT])



# Women's Basketball Game Notes

## AWARDS TRACKER

**Cassie Gallagher**  
Preseason Second Team All-Big South  
Big South Player of the Week - Nov. 24

**Kinley Paterson**  
Big South Freshman of the Week - Jan. 12

## STAT RANKINGS (NCAA TOP-50)

<b>USC Upstate</b>	
Rebound Margin	25th (+8.6)
Def. Rebounds per Game	46th (27.9)
Rebounds per Game	45th (41.24)
<b>Cassie Gallagher</b>	
Three-Point Pct.	24th (41.9)
<b>Aubrie Kierscht</b>	
Three Pointers per Game	31st (2.72)

\*Rankings through games Jan. 26, 2026

## SPECIALTY STATS

<b>Paint Points</b>	
Upstate	504
Opponents	510
<b>Points Off Turnovers</b>	
Upstate	283
Opponents	436
<b>Second-Chance Points</b>	
Upstate	256
Opponents	172
<b>Fastbreak Points</b>	
Upstate	126
Opponent	207
<b>Bench Points</b>	
Upstate	476
Opponent	383
<b>Offensive Rebounds</b>	
Upstate	271
Opponent	223
<b>Free Throws in Final 4 Mins.</b>	
Upstate	31-50
Opponents	42-80

## MARGIN OF VICTORY/DEFEAT

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11-15</b>	<b>16-19</b>	<b>20-24</b>	<b>25+</b>
Wins	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	2	2
Losses	1	1	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	4	--	--	6

## TEAM/OPPONENT SUPERLATIVES

<b>Most First Quarter Points</b>				
USC Upstate	ASC	35	USC Upstate	MON
Opponents	MAR	29	Opponents	LWU-1
<b>Fewest First Quarter Points</b>				
USC Upstate	UNCG	3	USC Upstate	UK
Opponents	LWU-1	9	Opponents	MON; KSU; ASC
<b>Largest First Quarter Lead</b>				
USC Upstate	ASC	+20	USC Upstate	ASC
Opponents	MAR	+22	Opponents	UK
<b>Most Second Quarter Points</b>				
USC Upstate	ASC	29	USC Upstate	SCST; ASC
Opponents	CLEM	29	Opponents	HPU-1
<b>Fewest Second Quarter Points</b>				
USC Upstate	UK	4	USC Upstate	UGA
Opponents	ASC	6	Opponents	PC-1
<b>Most First Half Points</b>				
USC Upstate	ASC	64	USC Upstate	ASC
Opponents	MOR	51	Opponents	LWU-1
<b>Fewest First Half Points</b>				
USC Upstate	UNCG	12	USC Upstate	UK
Opponents	WCU; ASC	21	Opponents	MON
<b>Largest Halftime Lead</b>				
USC Upstate	ASC	+43	USC Upstate	ASC
Opponents	UK	+31	Opponents	UK
<b>Most Third Quarter Points</b>				
USC Upstate	MON	29	USC Upstate	MON
Opponents	LWU-1	34	Opponents	LWU-1
<b>Fewest Third Quarter Points</b>				
USC Upstate	UK	7	USC Upstate	UK
Opponents	MON; KSU; ASC	8	Opponents	MON; KSU; ASC
<b>Largest Third Quarter Lead</b>				
USC Upstate	ASC	+62	USC Upstate	ASC
Opponents	UK	+49	Opponents	UK
<b>Most Fourth Quarter Points</b>				
USC Upstate	SCST; ASC	21	USC Upstate	SCST; ASC
Opponents	HPU-1	27	Opponents	HPU-1
<b>Fewest Fourth Quarter Points</b>				
USC Upstate	UGA	6	USC Upstate	UGA
Opponents	PC-1	3	Opponents	PC-1
<b>Most Second Half Points</b>				
USC Upstate	ASC	48	USC Upstate	ASC
Opponents	LWU-1	48	Opponents	LWU-1
<b>Fewest Second Half Points</b>				
USC Upstate	UK	15	USC Upstate	UK
Opponents	MON	12	Opponents	MON
<b>Largest Margin of Victory</b>				
USC Upstate	ASC	+73	USC Upstate	ASC
Opponents	UK	+60	Opponents	UK

## MISC. STATS/GAME STAT LEADERS

<b>Jump Balls Controlled</b>		<b>Assists Leader*</b>		<b>20+ Rebound Games</b>	
USC Upstate	13	Kinley Paterson	11	--	--
Opponents	8	Gwen Jenkins	5		
<b>Scored UPST's First Points</b>		Lexi Castator	3	<b>Double-Doubles</b>	
Cassie Gallagher	8	Cassie Gallagher	3	Ajah Palmore	3
Ajah Palmore	4	Macy Wike	2	<b>Free Throws in Final 4 Mins. ^</b>	
Aubrie Kierscht	3	Emma Blair	1	Gracie Barnes	2-2
Vera Söderblom	3	Zora Fray-Chinn	1	Emma Blair	2-2
Emma Blair	2	Zoe Richardson	1	Zora Fray-Chinn	0-1
Gwen Jenkins	1	Vera Söderblom	1	Cassie Gallagher	6-6
<b>How Scored First Points</b>		<b>Blocks Leader*</b>		Aubrie Kierscht	4-4
Layup	10	Madison Miller	5	Madison Miller	3-6
Three-Pointer	8	Lexi Castator	4	Ajah Palmore	4-6
Jumper	2	Cassie Gallagher	4	Kinley Paterson	6-17
Free Throw	1	Emma Blair	3	Vera Söderblom	2-4
<b>First Off UPST Bench*</b>		Ajah Palmore	3	Jessa Troy	2-2
Kinley Paterson	11	Vera Söderblom	3	<b>Charges Drawn</b>	
Emma Blair	8	Kinley Paterson	2	Cassie Gallagher	8
Aubrie Kierscht	5	Zoe Richardson	2	Kinley Paterson	8
Ajah Palmore	3	Vera Söderblom	1	Jessa Troy	5
Zoe Richardson	3	Kinley Paterson	2	Macy Wike	4
Lexi Castator	1	Lexi Castator	1	Aubrie Kierscht	3
<b>Points Leader*</b>		Gwen Jenkins	1	Vera Söderblom	3
Cassie Gallagher	11	Madison Miller	1	Emma Blair	2
Aubrie Kierscht	6	Macy Wike	1	Zoe Richardson	2
Ajah Palmore	2	<b>15+ Point Games</b>		Madison Miller	1
Emma Blair	1	Cassie Gallagher	10	Kinley Paterson	1
Gwen Jenkins	1	Aubrie Kierscht	4	Jessa Troy	1
Madison Miller	1	Ajah Palmore	2	Macy Wike	1
Vera Söderblom	1	<b>20+ Point Games</b>		<b>Three-Point Play Conversions</b>	
<b>3-Points Leader*</b>		Aubrie Kierscht	6	Ajah Palmore	7 (6-7)
Aubrie Kierscht	15	Aubrie Kierscht	3	Aubrie Kierscht	4 (4-4)
Cassie Gallagher	11	Ajah Palmore	2	Vera Söderblom	4 (3-4)
Jessa Troy	3	<b>30+ Point Games</b>		Zoe Richardson	2 (1-2)
Gwen Jenkins	2	Cassie Gallagher	1	Zora Fray-Chinn	2 (1-2)
Madison Miller	1	<b>10+ Rebound Games</b>		Emma Blair	1 (1-1)
Vera Söderblom	1	Ajah Palmore	10	Cassie Gallagher	1 (0-1)
<b>Rebounds Leader*</b>		Vera Söderblom	3	Gwen Jenkins	1 (1-1)
Ajah Palmore	10	Emma Blair	1	Madison Miller	1 (1-1)
Vera Söderblom	7	Zora Fray-Chinn	1	Kinley Paterson	1 (0-1)
Emma Blair	1	Aubrie Kierscht	1		
Lexi Castator	1	Kinley Paterson	1		
Zora Fray-Chinn	1	<b>15+ Rebound Games</b>			
Aubrie Kierscht	1	--	--		
Kinley Paterson	1				

\*Includes Ties  
^Includes Overtime Periods



# Women's Basketball

## Game Notes

### WILLIAMS' RECORD VERSUS...

Agnes Scott	1-0
Barton	11-11
Bellarmino	0-1
Benedict	1-0
Bluefield State	2-0
Campbell	0-2
Catawba	0-2
Central Missouri	0-1
Charleston (W.Va.)	1-1
Charleston Southern	4-4
Chowan	8-0
Clayton State	1-0
Clemson	0-1
Clinton College	1-0
Coker	4-3
College of Charleston	0-1
Converse	15-3
Davidson	0-1
Detroit Mercy	0-1
Drake	0-1
East Carolina	0-1
Elizabeth City State	1-0
Emmanuel	11-6
Erskine	13-6
Francis Marion	3-1
Furman	1-1
Gardner-Webb	3-4
Georgia	0-1
Georgia College	0-1
Georgia Southwestern	0-1
Georgia Tech	0-1
High Point	2-6
Iowa State	0-1
Johnson & Wales	1-0
Johnson C. Smith	0-1
Kansas State	0-1
Kennesaw State	0-1
Kentucky	0-3
King	12-9
Lander	0-2
Lees-McRae	19-2
Lenior-Rhyme	3-1
Limestone	6-11
Lincoln Memorial	1-0
Livingstone	2-1
Longwood	5-4
Mars Hill	4-0
Marshall	0-1
Montreat	2-0
Morehead State	1-2
Mount Olive	12-6
Newberry	0-4
North Carolina	0-1
North Florida	1-0
North Georgia	1-0
North Greenville	14-4
Old Dominion	0-1
Pfeiffer	7-1
Presbyterian	3-4
Queens	0-4
Radford	2-5
Samford	0-2
Shaw	1-1
South Carolina State	3-0
Southern Wesleyan	14-2
Tusculum	2-3
UNC Asheville	5-2
UNC Greensboro	1-4
UNC Pembroke	0-4
Vanderbilt	0-1
Virginia State	0-1
Virginia Tech	0-1
Virginia Union	0-1
Warren Wilson	1-0
West Virginia	0-1
Western Carolina	2-2
Wingate	2-1
Winston-Salem	1-0
Winthrop	2-5



### HEAD COACH JASON WILLIAMS

Jason Williams enters his fourth season as the head women's basketball coach at USC Upstate during the 2025-26 season after being introduced as the program's 16th head coach on April 22, 2022.

The 2024-25 campaign saw Cassie Gallagher earn Big South Conference Freshman of the Year honors as she also brought home Honorable Mention All-Big South and Big South All-Freshman Team nods. Gwen Jenkins joined Gallagher on the league's All-Freshman Team with the duo combining to win eight of the possible 15 Big South Freshman of the Week awards during the season. Underclassmen played a significant role for the Spartans during the campaign with eight different underclassmen featuring as the team's leading scorer at least once with a combined 35 double-figure scoring games put forth by underclassmen.

Upstate finished the year leading the Big South in rebounding margin, defensive rebounds per game, and rebounds per game with Rebekah Gordon leading the league in rebounding.

Williams' second season at the helm of the Spartan program saw Upstate qualify for its highest level of postseason basketball in the Division I era (2007-pres.), earning a bid to the 2024 WNIT. The bid followed the program's best regular season finish in the D1 era, finishing second in the Big South standings and earning the No. 2 seed in the Big South Women's Basketball Championship. The Spartans advanced to the semifinal round of the Championship for the first time in program history.

Following the regular season, guard Trinity Johnson earned Big South Defensive Player of the Year honors, becoming the program's first conference Defensive Player of the Year. Under Williams' guidance, the Spartans led the Big South in three-point percentage and free-throw percentage in 2023-24.

The 2022-23 campaign, Williams' first helming the Spartans, saw Upstate reel off the program's best start to conference play since 2010-11, winning each of its first three Big South games, including the program's first-ever victory over High Point.

Prior to joining the Spartan program, Williams spent the last nine seasons as the head coach at Belmont Abbey College (Belmont, N.C.), leading the program to 171 wins, three NCAA Division II Tournament appearances, including the program's first-ever Elite Eight appearance in 2021-22, two Conference Carolinas regular season championships, and one Conference Carolinas tournament championship.

During his tenure at Belmont Abbey, Williams led the Crusaders to five 20-win seasons and has won 19 or more games in seven of his nine seasons, including a streak of five straight seasons. For his efforts, he's been named Conference Carolinas Coach of the Year on four occasions, taking home the honor in 2013-14, 2017-18, 2019-20, and 2020-21.

Leading the Crusader program, Williams' teams claimed consecutive Conference Carolinas championships, taking the regular season championship in 2019-20 and 2020-21 while winning the conference tournament championship in 2020-21. Under his leadership, the program appeared in three NCAA Division II Tournaments, earning the program's first tournament victory in 15 years during his first season in 2013-14 and advancing to the Elite Eight for the first time in program history in 2020-21 after earning the No. 1 seed in the NCAA Southeast Regional.

With 171 wins over the past nine seasons—making him the second-winningest NCAA women's basketball head coach in the state of North Carolina behind only NC State's Wes Moore—three combined conference titles, three NCAA appearances, and four conference Coach of the Year selections, Williams was selected as the next head coach in 2022.

Under his guidance, McKenzie Owens earned Conference Carolinas Player of the Year honors and an Honorable Mention All-American nod during the 2014-15 season, making her one of four Crusaders to earn the honor in program history. She also garnered back-to-back First Team All-Conference Carolinas selections in 2013-14 and 2014-15, becoming the first player in nearly 10 years to be named First Team in back-to-back seasons.

Under Williams' tutelage, Maria Kuhlman became Belmont Abbey's second Conference Carolinas Freshman of the Year winner in program history in 2017-18 before wrapping her career with three consecutive First Team All-Conference selections, becoming the first player in program history to earn First Team honors in three straight seasons.

In addition to the program's major award winners and 21 All-Conference Carolinas selections, Williams' Crusader program has seen 29 Academic All-Conference Carolinas selections with his teams holding a 100 percent graduation rate. His program has also claimed three Messick Sportsmanship Awards—an award given to the institution that demonstrates the best overall sportsmanship as voted on by conference coaches—from Conference Carolinas, most recently in 2021-22.

Prior to rejoining the Belmont Abbey athletic department as its women's basketball head coach, Williams spent a season on staff at Jacksonville State University in 2012-13 following eight seasons on the Crusaders' men's basketball staff from 2004-2012.

### CAREER NOTES

#### Coaching Experience

2004-12	Belmont Abbey	MBB Assistant Coach
2012-13	Jacksonville State	Assistant Coach
2013-22	Belmont Abbey	Head Coach
2022-pres.	USC Upstate	Head Coach

### YEAR-BY-YEAR COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Position	Overall	Conf.	Postseason
2013-14	Belmont Abbey	Head Coach	22-9	15-3	NCAA 2nd Round
2014-15	Belmont Abbey	Head Coach	20-10	15-7	
2015-16	Belmont Abbey	Head Coach	8-21	7-16	
2016-17	Belmont Abbey	Head Coach	11-17	9-13	
2017-18	Belmont Abbey	Head Coach	19-9	16-4	
2018-19	Belmont Abbey	Head Coach	21-10	15-5	
2019-20	Belmont Abbey	Head Coach	27-3	21-1	NCAA SE Regional
2020-21	Belmont Abbey	Head Coach	24-3	15-1	NCAA Elite Eight
2021-22	Belmont Abbey	Head Coach	19-9	17-6	
<b>Belmont Abbey Totals</b>		<b>9 Seasons</b>	<b>171-91</b>	<b>130-56</b>	

Year	School	Position	Overall	Conf.	Postseason
2022-23	USC Upstate	Head Coach	11-20	7-11	
2023-24	USC Upstate	Head Coach	16-16	10-6	WNIT
2024-25	USC Upstate	Head Coach	9-21	6-10	
2025-26	USC Upstate	Head Coach	6-15	1-6	
<b>USC Upstate Totals</b>		<b>4th Season</b>	<b>42-72</b>	<b>24-33</b>	

#### Head Coach Totals

Belmont Abbey	9 Seasons	171-91	130-56
USC Upstate	3rd Season	42-72	24-33
<b>Career Totals</b>	<b>13th Season</b>	<b>213-163</b>	<b>154-89</b>



# Women's Basketball Game Notes

## TV / Radio Chart



0 ▶ Zora Fray-Chinn  
F ▶ 5-11 ▶ R-Sr.  
Orlando, Fla.



2 ▶ Macy Wike  
G ▶ 5-9 ▶ Jr.  
Cullowhee, N.C.



3 ▶ Gwen Jenkins  
G ▶ 5-9 ▶ So.  
Columbus, Ohio



4 ▶ Kinley Paterson  
G ▶ 5-7 ▶ Fr.  
Perth, Western Australia



5 ▶ Lexi Castator  
G ▶ 6-1 ▶ So.  
Fort Wayne, Ind.



6 ▶ Ylenia Expósito Pérez  
G ▶ 5-7 ▶ Gr.  
Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain



13 ▶ Aijah Palmore  
F ▶ 6-1 ▶ Gr.  
Greensboro, N.C.



22 ▶ Gracie Barnes  
G ▶ 5-9 ▶ Jr.  
Cincinnati, Ohio



24 ▶ Jessa Troy  
G ▶ 5-6 ▶ Fr.  
Granger, Ind.



25 ▶ Cassie Gallagher  
G ▶ 5-11 ▶ R-So.  
Cookeville, Tenn.



32 ▶ Madison Miller  
F ▶ 6-4 ▶ R-Fr.  
Hamburg, N.J.



33 ▶ Zoe Richardson  
F ▶ 6-1 ▶ So.  
Auckland, New Zealand



34 ▶ Vera Söderblom  
F ▶ 6-3 ▶ R-Jr.  
Gothenburg, Sweden



35 ▶ Aubrie Kierscht  
G ▶ 5-6 ▶ R-Jr.  
Salina, Kan.



42 ▶ Emma Blair  
F ▶ 6-2 ▶ R-So.  
Latrobe, Pa.



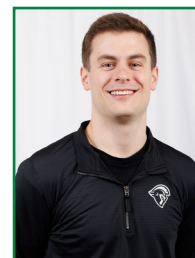
Head Coach  
Jason Williams  
Fourth Season



Assistant Coach  
Jennifer DeGraaf  
Third Season



Assistant Coach  
Molly Glick  
First Season



Assistant Coach  
Isaac Mills  
First Season



Director of Basketball Operations  
Bryana Brady  
First Season



# Women's Basketball

## Game Notes

### CAREER AND SEASON HIGHS

#### #0 Zora Fray-Chinn

\*Includes 2021-22 Season at Wright State

STAT	SEASON HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Points	5 vs. Western Carolina (12/3/25)	14, 2x, last vs. Radford (2/3/24)
Rebounds	7 vs. Queens (12/20/25)	<b>7, 6x, last vs. Queens (12/20/25)</b>
Assists	3 vs. Western Carolina (12/3/25)	4 vs. High Point (2/14/24)
Steals	2, 3x, last vs. Presbyterian (1/14/26)	3 vs. Longwood (2/15/23)
Blocks	1 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	3 vs. UNC Asheville (1/3/24)
FG Made	2, 2x, last vs. W. Carolina (12/3/25)	7 vs. UNC Greensboro (11/23/22)
3-Pt FG	1, 2x, last vs. W. Carolina (12/3/25)	3, 3x, last vs. UNC Greensboro (2/17/24)
FT Made	2 vs. Queens (12/20/25)	4 vs. UNC Greensboro (12/18/23)
Minutes	18 vs. Queens (12/20/25)	33 vs. High Point (2/18/23)

#### #2 Macy Wike

STAT	SEASON HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Points	12 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>12 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
Rebounds	3, 2x, last vs. Queens (12/20/25)	<b>3, 3x, last vs. Queens (12/20/25)</b>
Assists	3 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>3 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
Steals	2 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>2, 2x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
Blocks	1 vs. Erskine (11/6/25)	1, 2x, last vs. Erskine (11/6/25)
FG Made	4 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>4 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
3-Pt FG	4 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>4 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
FT Made	2 vs. South Carolina St. (11/17/25)	3 vs. Davidson (11/7/23)
Minutes	20 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>20, 2x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>

#### #3 Gwen Jenkins

STAT	SEASON HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Points	10 vs. Queens (12/20/25)	21 vs. Gardner-Webb (1/18/25)
Rebounds	8 vs. Montreat (11/25/25)	<b>8 vs. Montreat (11/25/25)</b>
Assists	7 vs. Erskine (11/6/25)	<b>7 vs. Erskine (11/6/25)</b>
Steals	3 vs. Longwood (1/23/26)	<b>3 vs. Longwood (1/23/26)</b>
Blocks	1 vs. Kennesaw State (11/28/25)	<b>1, 5x, last vs. Kennesaw St. (11/28/25)</b>
FG Made	4 vs. Queens (12/20/25)	7 vs. Gardner-Webb (1/18/25)
3-Pt FG	2, 2x, last vs. Winthrop (1/7/26)	4 vs. Gardner-Webb (1/18/25)
FT Made	4, 3x, last vs. Gardner-Webb (1/10/26)	<b>4, 6x, last vs. Gardner-Webb (1/10/26)</b>
Minutes	30, 2x, last vs. Asheville (1/21/26)	<b>30, 3x, last vs. UNC Asheville (1/21/26)</b>

#### #4 Kinley Paterson

STAT	SEASON HIGHS
Points	12 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)
Rebounds	6, 2x, last vs. Longwood (1/23/26)
Assists	9 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)
Steals	4 vs. Winthrop (1/7/26)
Blocks	2 vs. Morehead State (11/22/25)
FG Made	6 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)
3-Pt FG	--
FT Made	3 vs. South Carolina St. (11/17/25)
Minutes	31 vs. Winthrop (1/7/26)

#### #5 Lexi Castator

\*Includes 2024-25 Season at Valparaiso

STAT	SEASON HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Points	11 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>11 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
Rebounds	6, 3x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	10 vs. Trinity Christian (11/12/24)
Assists	6 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>6 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
Steals	1, 5x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	2 vs. Trinity Christian (11/12/24)
Blocks	2, 2x, last vs. UNCG (12/6/25)	<b>2, 2x, last vs. UNCG (12/6/25)</b>
FG Made	4 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>4, 2x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
3-Pt FG	3 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>3 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
FT Made	--	3 vs. Illinois State (1/17/25)
Minutes	27 vs. Kennesaw State (11/28/25)	<b>27 vs. Kennesaw State (11/28/25)</b>

#### #6 Ylenia Expósito Pérez

\*Includes 2023-24 Season at Abilene Christian

STAT	SEASON HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Points	--	6 vs. Seattle (2/8/24)
Rebounds	--	1, 6x, last vs. Utah Valley (3/9/24)
Assists	--	1 vs. McMurry (12/11/23)
Steals	--	--
Blocks	--	--
FG Made	--	2 vs. Utah Valley (3/9/24)
3-Pt FG	--	1 vs. Seattle (2/8/24)
FT Made	--	3 vs. Seattle (2/8/24)
Minutes	--	6, 2x, last vs. McMurry (12/11/23)

#### #13 Aijah Palmore

\*Includes 2022-23 Season at Greensboro & 2023-24 and 2024-25 Seasons at Barry

STAT	SEASON HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Points	17 vs. Samford (12/14/25)	<b>17 vs. Samford (12/14/25)</b>
Rebounds	14, 2x, last vs. CHSO (12/31/25)	23 vs. Pfeiffer (2/11/23)
Assists	2, 4x, last vs. Presbyterian (1/14/26)	3, 4x, last vs. Tampa (2/24/24)
Steals	3 vs. Georgia (11/10/25)	5 vs. Brevard (1/10/23)
Blocks	1, 4x, last vs. UNC Asheville (1/21/26)	3 vs. Eckerd (3/4/25)
FG Made	7 vs. Charleston So. (12/31/25)	<b>7 vs. Charleston So. (12/31/25)</b>
3-Pt FG	--	--
FT Made	5 vs. Samford (12/14/25)	9 vs. Pfeiffer (2/11/23)
Minutes	38 vs. Charleston So. (12/31/25)	<b>38 vs. Charleston So. (12/31/25)</b>

#### #22 Gracie Barnes

STAT	SEASON HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Points	2 vs. Erskine (11/6/25)	15 vs. Morehead State (11/29/24)
Rebounds	1 vs. Erskine (11/6/25)	6 vs. Lees-McRae (12/19/24)
Assists	--	5 vs. Lees-McRae (12/19/24)
Steals	2, 3x, last vs. Winthrop (2/8/25)	3 vs. Presbyterian (1/14/26)
Blocks	--	1, 3x, last vs. Winthrop (1/2/25)
FG Made	7 vs. Morehead State (11/29/24)	7 vs. Morehead State (11/29/24)
3-Pt FG	--	2, 2x, last vs. Presbyterian (1/31/24)
FT Made	2 vs. Erskine (11/6/25)	<b>2, 9x, last vs. Erskine (11/6/25)</b>
Minutes	9 vs. Kentucky (11/12/25)	28, 2x, last vs. Asheville (1/15/25)

#### #24 Jessa Troy

STAT	SEASON HIGHS
Points	9, 2x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)
Rebounds	1, 3x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)
Assists	2 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)
Steals	1, 2x, last vs. Longwood (1/23/26)
Blocks	--
FG Made	3, 2x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)
3-Pt FG	3, 2x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)
FT Made	2 vs. Erskine (11/6/25)
Minutes	20 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)

#### #25 Cassie Gallagher

STAT	SEASON HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Points	35 vs. Morehead State (11/22/25)	<b>35 vs. Morehead State (11/22/25)</b>
Rebounds	8 vs. Erskine (11/6/25)	<b>8, 2x, last vs. Erskine (11/6/25)</b>
Assists	3, 4x, last vs. Presbyterian (1/14/26)	<b>3, 8x, last vs. Presbyterian (1/14/26)</b>
Steals	3 vs. Presbyterian (1/14/26)	<b>3 vs. Presbyterian (1/14/26)</b>
Blocks	2, 2x, last vs. Winthrop (1/7/26)	<b>2, 3x, last vs. Winthrop (1/7/26)</b>
FG Made	13 vs. Morehead State (11/22/25)	<b>13 vs. Morehead State (11/22/25)</b>
3-Pt FG	7 vs. Morehead State (11/22/25)	<b>7, 2x, last vs. Morehead St. (11/22/25)</b>
FT Made	7 vs. South Carolina St. (11/17/25)	<b>7, 2x, last vs. SC State (11/17/25)</b>
Minutes	39 vs. Morehead State (11/22/25)	<b>39, 2x, last vs. MSU (11/22/25)</b>

#### #32 Madison Miller

STAT	SEASON HIGHS
Points	13 vs. Montreat (11/25/25)
Rebounds	5, 3x, last vs. UNCG (12/6/25)
Assists	1, 3x, last vs. Gardner-Webb (1/10/26)
Steals	1 vs. South Carolina St. (11/17/25)
Blocks	2 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)
FG Made	4, 2x, last vs. Gardner-Webb (1/10/26)
3-Pt FG	2, 2x, last vs. Montreat (11/25/25)
FT Made	5 vs. Montreat (11/25/25)
Minutes	14, 2x, last vs. Montreat (11/25/25)

#### #33 Zoe Richardson

\*Includes 2024-25 Season at Siena

STAT	SEASON HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Points	6, 2x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>6, 3x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
Rebounds	10 vs. Montreat (11/25/25)	<b>10 vs. Montreat (11/25/25)</b>
Assists	5 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>5 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
Steals	2, 2x, last vs. Montreat (11/25/25)	<b>2, 2x, last vs. Montreat (11/25/25)</b>
Blocks	2, 2x, last vs. Presbyterian (1/14/26)	<b>2, 2x, last vs. Presbyterian (1/14/26)</b>
FG Made	3, 2x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>3, 2x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
3-Pt FG	--	2 vs. Cornell (12/30/24)
FT Made	2 vs. Winthrop (1/7/26)	<b>2 vs. Winthrop (1/7/26)</b>
Minutes	22, 2x, last vs. KSU (11/28/25)	<b>22, 2x, last vs. KSU (11/28/25)</b>



# Women's Basketball Game Notes

## CAREER AND SEASON HIGHS

### #34 Vera Söderblom

STAT	SEASON HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Points	14 vs. Erskine (11/6/25)	15 vs. Charleston Southern (1/29/25)
Rebounds	13 vs. High Point (1/3/26)	<b>13, 2x, last vs. High Point (1/3/26)</b>
Assists	3, 3x, last vs. Presbyterian (1/14/26)	<b>3, 3x, last vs. Presbyterian (1/14/26)</b>
Steals	3 vs. High Point (1/3/26)	<b>3 vs. High Point (1/3/26)</b>
Blocks	3 vs. High Point (1/3/26)	<b>3, 2x, last vs. High Point (1/3/26)</b>
FG Made	6 vs. Erskine (11/6/25)	<b>6, 3x, last vs. Erskine (11/6/25)</b>
3-Pt FG	--	--
FT Made	3 vs. UNCG (12/6/25)	<b>3, 3x, last vs. UNCG (12/6/25)</b>
Minutes	32 vs. High Point (1/3/26)	<b>32 vs. High Point (1/3/26)</b>

### #35 Aubrie Kierscht

\*Includes 2022-23 and 2023-24 Seasons at Presbyterian

STAT	SEASON HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Points	26 vs. South Carolina St. (11/17/25)	<b>26 vs. South Carolina St. (11/17/25)</b>
Rebounds	4, 3x, last vs. Presbyterian (1/14/26)	7 vs. UNC Asheville (1/25/23)
Assists	2, 3x, last vs. Longwood (1/23/26)	5 vs. Longwood (1/21/23)
Steals	2, 3x, last vs. Samford (12/14/25)	4 vs. Winthrop (1/28/23)
Blocks	--	--
FG Made	8, 3x, last vs Gardner-Webb (1/10/26)	<b>8, 3x, last vs. Gardner-Webb (1/10/26)</b>
3-Pt FG	7 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>7 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
FT Made	4, 2x, last vs. High Point (1/3/26)	10 vs. Gardner-Webb (2/4/23)
Minutes	34 vs. High Point (1/3/26)	36, 2x, last vs. Longwood (2/8/23)

### #42 Emma Blair

STAT	SEASON HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Points	12, 2x, last vs. A. Scott (12/17/25)	16 vs. High Point (2/26/25)
Rebounds	10 vs. Charleston So. (12/31/25)	<b>10 vs. Charleston Southern (12/31/25)</b>
Assists	2, 2x, last vs. UNCG (12/6/25)	<b>2, 2x, last vs. UNCG (12/6/25)</b>
Steals	2, 2x, last vs. Queens (12/20/25)	<b>2, 2x, last vs. Queens (12/20/25)</b>
Blocks	2 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>2 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
FG Made	6 vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)	<b>6, 2x, last vs. Agnes Scott (12/17/25)</b>
3-Pt FG	--	--
FT Made	4 vs. Georgia (11/10/25)	<b>4, 3x, last vs. Georgia (11/10/25)</b>
Minutes	22 vs. Charleston So. (12/31/25)	25 vs. Winthrop (1/2/25)



## 2025-26 USC Upstate Women's Basketball Combined Team Statistics All games

### Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	6-15	5-4	1-10	0-1
CONFERENCE	1-6	1-2	0-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-9	4-2	1-6	0-1

### Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
USC Upstate	302	313	330	280	0	1225
Opponents	344	345	334	317	0	1340

### Team Box Score

No.	Player	Total			3-Point			F-Throw		Rebounds				PF DQ A TO BLK STL PTS AVG								
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
25	GALLAGHER, Cassie	20-20	637:39	31.9	113-275	.411	44-105	.419	37-51	.725	16	51	67	3.4	34	0	31	55	8	12	307	15.4
35	KIERSCHT, Aubrie	18-8	425:34	23.6	65-173	.376	49-124	.395	22-26	.846	6	24	30	1.7	22	0	10	33	0	11	201	11.2
13	PALMORE, Aijah	20-14	436:54	21.8	46-91	.505	0-0	.000	32-51	.627	69	90	159	8.0	33	0	13	47	4	12	124	6.2
34	SÖDERBLOM, Vera	21-21	367:06	17.5	40-86	.465	0-0	.000	16-22	.727	54	78	132	6.3	41	0	19	38	9	13	96	4.6
42	BLAIR, Emma	21-0	307:51	14.7	39-81	.481	0-0	.000	15-19	.789	38	42	80	3.8	24	0	9	30	7	6	93	4.4
4	PATERSON, Kinley	21-0	388:58	18.5	36-90	.400	0-11	.000	9-27	.333	9	60	69	3.3	47	2	58	64	7	22	81	3.9
3	JENKINS, Gwen	21-21	475:49	22.7	26-96	.271	12-42	.286	13-15	.867	8	42	50	2.4	27	0	41	62	1	8	77	3.7
32	MILLER, Madison	20-0	164:05	8.2	28-70	.400	5-22	.227	12-17	.706	11	25	36	1.8	23	0	3	21	10	1	73	3.7
24	TROY, Jessa	12-0	78:00	6.5	10-24	.417	10-23	.435	2-2	1.000	2	1	3	0.3	1	0	2	3	0	2	32	2.7
5	CASTATOR, Lexi	21-14	307:34	14.6	16-45	.356	10-28	.357	1-2	.500	6	30	36	1.7	25	0	23	35	10	5	43	2.0
33	RICHARDSON, Zoe	21-0	252:10	12.0	20-64	.313	0-7	.000	3-4	.750	15	40	55	2.6	38	1	23	28	6	9	43	2.0
0	FRAY-CHINN, Zora	14-7	145:27	10.4	11-40	.275	2-19	.105	4-8	.500	9	18	27	1.9	20	1	11	15	1	8	28	2.0
2	WIKE, Macy	21-0	193:18	9.2	8-34	.235	7-29	.241	2-2	1.000	1	18	19	0.9	13	0	12	15	1	6	25	1.2
22	BARNES, Gracie	3-0	19:33	6.5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7
Team											37	65	102					24				
<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>4200</b>		<b>458-1170</b>	<b>.391</b>	<b>139-411</b>	<b>.338</b>	<b>170-248</b>	<b>.685</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>58.3</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>4200</b>		<b>480-1260</b>	<b>.381</b>	<b>161-556</b>	<b>.290</b>	<b>219-327</b>	<b>.670</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>1340</b>	<b>63.8</b>

### Team Statistics

	USCU	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>1340</b>
Points per game	58.3	63.8
Scoring margin	-5.5	-
<b>Field goals-att</b>	<b>458-1170</b>	<b>480-1260</b>
Field goal pct	.391	.381
<b>3 point fg-att</b>	<b>139-411</b>	<b>161-556</b>
3-point FG pct	.338	.290
3-pt FG made per game	6.6	7.7
<b>Free throws-att</b>	<b>170-248</b>	<b>219-327</b>
Free throw pct	.685	.670
F-Throws made per game	8.1	10.4
<b>Rebounds</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>686</b>
Rebounds per game	41.2	32.7
Rebounding margin	+8.6	-
<b>Assists</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>261</b>
Assists per game	12.1	12.4
<b>Turnovers</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>283</b>
Turnovers per game	22.4	13.5
Turnover margin	-8.9	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.5	0.9
<b>Steals</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>234</b>
Steals per game	5.5	11.1
<b>Blocks</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>77</b>
Blocks per game	3.0	3.7
<b>Winning streak</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>
Home win streak	1	-
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>2675</b>	<b>15918</b>
Home games-Avg/Game	9-297	11-1447
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	1-106

### Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/03/2025	at Clemson	L	38-76	5839
11/06/2025	Erskine	W	76-54	301
11/10/2025	at Georgia	L	44-78	1406
11/12/2025	at Kentucky	L	30-90	4060
11/17/2025	South Carolina St.	W	78-69	349
11/21/2025	vs Marshall	L	54-85	106
11/22/2025	at Morehead St.	L	64-78	310
11/25/2025	Montreat	W	96-37	167
11/28/2025	at Kennesaw St.	L	41-55	471
12/03/2025	at Western Caro.	W	55-44	1891
12/06/2025	UNC Greensboro	L	39-70	230
12/14/2025	Samford	L	67-74	206
12/17/2025	Agnes Scott	W	112-39	818
12/20/2025	at Queens (NC)	L	35-60	222
12/31/2025	at Charleston So.	L	49-60	72
01/03/2026	High Point	L	58-72	122
01/07/2026	Winthrop	L	64-66	195
01/10/2026	at Gardner-Webb	L	61-64	450
01/14/2026	Presbyterian	W	58-38	287
01/21/2026	at UNC Asheville	L	56-57	324
01/23/2026	at Longwood	L	50-74	873