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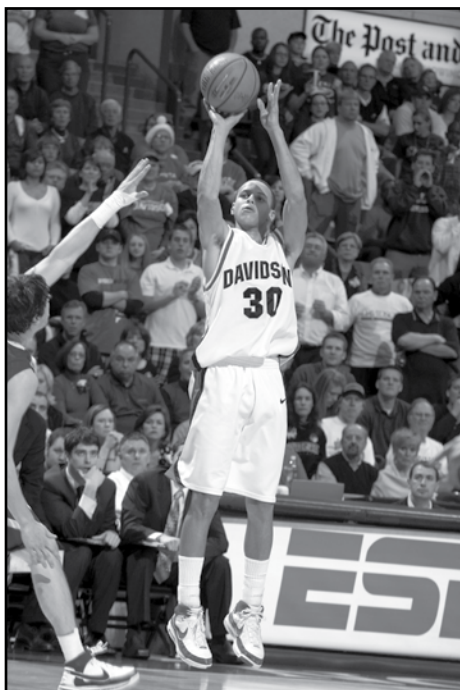
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Stephen Curry scored 29 points in the championship game to lead Davidson to its second-consecutive SoCon title in 2008.

The Southern Conference returns to Chattanooga, Tenn. and the McKenzie Arena for the 2009 Southern Conference Tournament. The Tournament is scheduled for March 6-9 at the 11,218-seat venue. It marks the second time that the conference tournament has been held at facility, following a successful 2005 event in Chattanooga.

The oldest league tournament in the nation, the first tournament was held in 1922 and 2009 marks the 88th year of the post-season classic.

Tickets for the tournament are available by contacting any member institution ticket office.

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Conference Tournament Longevity

No.	Conference	Years
1.	Southern Conference	88
2.	Atlantic Coast Conference	54
3.	Southeastern Conference	48
4.	Ohio Valley Tournament	44
5.	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	36
6.	Big West Conference	32
	Big Sky Conference	32
8.	Missouri Valley Conference	31
	Sun Belt Conference	31
	Atlantic 10 Conference	31



First Round

March 6 (Friday)

Game 1: No. 4 North vs. No. 5 South, 2 p.m.
 Game 2: No. 3 South vs. No. 6 North, TBA*
 Game 3: No. 4 South vs. No. 5 North, 7 p.m.
 Game 4: No. 3 North vs. No. 6 South, TBA*

Quarterfinals

March 7 (Saturday)

Game 5: No. 1 South vs. Game 1 winner, 2 p.m.
 Game 6: No. 2 North vs. Game 2 winner, TBA*
 Game 7: No. 1 North vs. Game 3 winner, 7 p.m.
 Game 8: No. 2 South vs. Game 4 winner, TBA*

Semifinals

March 8 (Sunday)

Game 9: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 6 p.m. (SportSouth)
 Game 10: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 8:30 p.m. (SportSouth)

Championship

March 9 (Monday)

Game 11: Championship, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

*- Games scheduled to begin 30 minutes following the conclusion of the previous game.



2009 National Invitational Tournament

First Round

March 17 and 18

Second Round

March 19-21, 23

Quarterfinal Round

March 24-25

Semifinals and Championship

Madison Square Garden

Semifinals:

Tuesday, March 31, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Championship:

Thursday, April 2, 7 p.m.

2009 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship



Opening Round

March 17, 2009

UD Arena - Dayton, Ohio
 Host: University of Dayton

First and Second Rounds

March 19 and 21, 2009

Greensboro Coliseum - Greensboro, N.C.
 Host: Atlantic Coast Conference

Sprint Center - Kansas City, Mo.

Host: Big 12 Conference

Wachovia Center - Philadelphia, Pa.

Host: Saint Joseph's University

Rose Garden - Portland, Ore.

Host: University of Oregon

March 20 and 22, 2009

Taco Bell Arena - Boise, Idaho
 Host: Boise State University

UD Arena - Dayton, Ohio
 Host: University of Dayton

American Airlines Arena - Miami, Fla.
 Host: Florida International University

HHH Metrodome - Minneapolis, Minn.
 Host: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Regionals

March 26 and 28, 2009

East Regional

TD Bankworth Garden - Boston, Mass.
 Host: Boston College

West Regional

University of Phoenix Stadium - Glendale, Ariz.
 Host: Arizona State University

March 27 and 29, 2009

Midwest Regional

Lucas Oil Stadium - Indianapolis, Ind.
 Hosts: Butler University/Horizon League

South Regional

FedEx Forum - Memphis, Tenn.
 Hosts: University of Memphis

April 4 and 6, 2009

Final Four

Ford Field - Detroit, Mich.
 Host: University of Detroit

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The Southern Conference

The Southern Conference, which began its 88th season of intercollegiate competition in 2008, is a national leader in emphasizing the development of the student-athlete and in helping to build lifelong leaders and role models.

The Southern Conference has been on the forefront of innovation and originality in developing creative solutions to address issues facing intercollegiate athletics. From establishing the first conference basketball tournament (1921), tackling the issue of freshmen eligibility (1922), developing women's championships (1984) and becoming the first conference to install the three-point goal in basketball (1980), the Southern Conference has been a pioneer.

The Southern Conference is the nation's fifth-oldest NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association. Only the Big Ten (1896), the Missouri Valley (1907), the Pacific 10 (1915) and the Southwestern Athletic (1920) conferences are older in terms of origination.

Academic excellence has been a major part of the Southern Conference's tradition. Hundreds of Southern Conference student-athletes have been recognized on *ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America* and all-district teams. A total of 19 Rhodes Scholarship winners have been selected from conference institutions.

The Conference currently consists of 12 members in five states throughout the Southeast and sponsors 19 varsity sports and championships that produce participants for NCAA Division I Championships.

The Southern Conference offices are located in the historic Beaumont Mill in Spartanburg, S.C. A textile mill that was in operation from 1880 until 1999, Beaumont Mill was renovated in 2004 and today offers the league first class meeting areas and offices as well as a spacious library for storage of the conference's historical documents.

Membership History

On Feb. 25, 1921, representatives from 14 of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association's (SIAA) 30 members met at Atlanta's Piedmont Hotel to establish the Southern Intercollegiate Conference. On



The Atlanta Memorial Auditorium was the site for the first Southern Conference Basketball Championship in 1922. The SoCon basketball tournament is the longest of its kind in college basketball history.

hand at the inaugural meeting were officials from Alabama, Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn), Clemson, Georgia, Georgia School of Technology (Georgia Tech), Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi A&M (Mississippi State), North Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech) and Washington & Lee.

Dr. S.V. Sanford of Georgia was chosen as acting chairman and N.W. Dougherty of Tennessee was named secretary. The decision to form a new athletic conference was motivated by the desire to have a workable number of conference games for each league member. With 30 schools in the SIAA by the early 1920s, it was impossible to play every school at least once during the regular season and many schools went several years between playing some conference members. In addition, in 1920, the SIAA voted down proposed rules that an athlete must be in a college a year before playing on its teams and refused to abolish a rule permitting athletes to play summer baseball for money.

Play began in the fall of 1921 and a year later, six more schools joined the fledgling league including Tulane (which had attended the inaugural meeting but had elected not to join), Florida, Louisiana (LSU), Mississippi, South Carolina and Vanderbilt. VMI joined in 1925 and Duke was added in 1929.

By the 1930s, membership in the Southern Conference had reached 23 schools. C.P. "Sally" Miles of Virginia Tech, president of the Southern

Conference, called the annual league meeting to order on Dec. 9, 1932 at the Farragut Hotel in Knoxville, Tenn. Georgia's Dr. Sanford announced that 13 institutions west and south of the Appalachian Mountains were reorganizing as the Southeastern Conference. Members of the new league included Alabama, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Florida, Georgia, Georgia School of Technology, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Mississippi A&M, University of the South, Tennessee, Tulane and Vanderbilt.

According to the minutes of the meeting, Dr. Sanford stated that the division was made along geographical lines. Florida's Dr. J.J. Tigert, acting as spokesman for the withdrawing group, regretted the move but believed it was necessary as the Southern Conference had grown too large. The resignations were accepted and the withdrawing schools formed the new league which began play in 1932.

The Southern Conference continued with membership of 10 institutions including Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina, Virginia, VMI, Virginia Tech and Washington & Lee.

The second major shift occurred some 20 years later. By 1952, the Southern Conference included 17 colleges and universities. Another split occurred when seven schools including Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina and Wake Forest departed to form the Atlantic Coast Conference which began play in 1953. The revamped Southern Conference included

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members The Citadel, Davidson, Furman, George Washington, Richmond, VMI, Virginia Tech, Washington & Lee, West Virginia and William & Mary.

Today, the league continues to thrive with a membership that includes 12 institutions and a footprint that spans five states: Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama and Georgia. Current league members are Appalachian State, College of Charleston, The Citadel, Davidson, Elon, Furman, Georgia Southern, UNC Greensboro, Samford, Chattanooga, Western Carolina and Wofford.

Leadership

John Iamarino was officially named commissioner of the conference on January 2, 2006. Iamarino has promoted the Southern Conference through an ambitious agenda which has improved competition, upgraded compliance-related matters and increased the marketing and brand awareness of the conference and its member institutions.

The Southern Conference named its first commissioner in December 1950. Duke head football coach Wallace Wade made the transition from Blue Devil football coach to athletics administration as the first person at the helm of the conference.

Lloyd Jordan replaced Wade as the commissioner in 1960 and served a 14-year term until Ken Germann became the league head in 1974. Germann was the commissioner for 13 years and orchestrated the league's expansion to include women's athletics. In 1987, he was succeeded by Dave Hart who spearheaded the transfer of the league office from Charlotte, N.C., to Asheville, N.C.

Wright Waters succeeded Hart upon his retirement in 1991. Under Waters' leadership, the Southern Conference expanded to 12 members, added three women's sports and posted record revenue from the basketball tournament. Waters, who is currently the commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference, was followed by Alfred B. White in 1998. White, a veteran member of the NCAA office, introduced the current conference logo and elevated the conference's commitment to marketing and development of corporate partners.

Danny Morrison headed the conference from



The 2008 addition of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. extended the Southern Conference's reach to five states across the Southeast.

2001-2005 and orchestrated the league's move from Asheville, N.C. to Spartanburg, S.C. Under Morrison's leadership, the conference increased its marketing and promotional efforts.

Championship History

The first Southern Conference Championship was the league basketball tournament held in Atlanta in 1922. The North Carolina Tar Heels won the tournament to become the first recognized league champion in any sport. The Southern Conference Tournament remains the oldest of its kind in college basketball.

Commissioner Germann spearheaded the Southern Conference's expansion to include women's athletics during the 1983-84 season. That year, league championships were held in volleyball, basketball and tennis. Cross country joined the mix in 1985 and the league began holding indoor and outdoor track championships in 1988. Most recently, the conference instituted golf and softball championships in the spring of 1994 and added soccer in the fall of 1994.

The Germann Cup, named in honor of the former commissioner, annually recognizes the top women's athletics programs in the conference. From its humble beginnings, women's athletics have become an integral part of the Southern Conference and its success.

The Southern Conference declares champions in 10 men's sports - football, soccer, cross country, basketball, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, wrestling, baseball, tennis and golf - and nine women's sports - soccer, volleyball, cross country, basketball, indoor track and field, outdoor track & field, tennis, golf and softball.

Football

The Southern Conference has also excelled as the premier Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) conference. Southern Conference member Appalachian State has won the last three FCS titles becoming the first team to do so. The league boasts more than 250 players who have garnered All-America recognition and numerous national player and coach of the year awards. The conference has had at least one team in the Top 10 of the final FCS poll for 23 consecutive years with at least two teams finishing in the Top 20 in every season since 1982.

The conference has placed multiple representatives in the FCS Playoffs in 21-of-25 seasons, with 16 Championship Game appearances and eight national titles. The Southern Conference has had at least one team reach the semifinals in nine of the last 10 years and in 15 of the last 17 seasons.

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In 2007, Appalachian State became the first FCS team to defeat a nationally-ranked Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) team when the Mountaineers defeated No. 5-ranked Michigan, 34-32, on Sept. 1 before a sellout crowd at Michigan Stadium.

Prior to the conference's reclassification in 1981, Southern Conference football teams appeared in a total of 34 bowl games, posting a record of 16-17-2. There are nearly 40 former Southern Conference players in the College Football Hall of Fame. One of the most recognizable of these names is former North Carolina running back Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice who helped guide North Carolina to three bowl appearances. He was a first team All-America selection in 1948 and 1949. In 1949, Justice earned first team all-conference honors for the fourth consecutive season, becoming the first player in league history to achieve that feat.

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Another of the league's football products that made it to the College Football Hall of Fame is Sam Huff of West Virginia. Huff was a three-year starter on both the offensive and defensive lines for the Mountaineers. In 1955, Huff earned first team All-America honors on the field and was a first team Academic All-America for his work in the classroom. He played 12 seasons in the National Football League for the New York Giants and the Washington Redskins. He was a five-time All-Pro defensive lineman and is also a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

In recent years, the Southern Conference has continued to produce outstanding student-athletes. In 1999, Georgia Southern's Adrian Peterson captured the Walter Payton Award presented annually to the Football Championship Subdivision's most outstanding offensive player. Furman's Louis Ivory was awarded the honor in 2000 and Georgia Southern's Jayson Foster was presented with the 2007 trophy.

Appalachian State's Dexter Coakley was a three-time all-conference selection and consensus All-America in 1994, '95 and '96 before going on to stardom with the Dallas Cowboys. Coakley won a pair of Buck Buchanan Awards, given to Football Championship Subdivision's top defensive player each year. Terrell Owens went from catching passes at Chattanooga to a stellar NFL career. Western Carolina's David Patten and Appalachian State's Matt Stevens were both members of the New England Patriots Super

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Southern Conference Members

Alabama (1921-1932)
Appalachian State (1971-present)
 Auburn (1921-1932)
College of Charleston (1998-present)
Chattanooga (1976-present)
The Citadel (1936-present)
 Clemson (1921-1953)
Davidson (1936-1988, 1991-present)
 Duke (1928-1953)
 East Carolina (1964-1976)
 East Tennessee State (1978-2005)
Elon (2003-present)
 Florida (1922-1932)
Furman (1936-present)
 George Washington (1936-1970)
 Georgia (1921-1932)
Georgia Southern (1991-present)
 Georgia Tech (1921-1932)
 Kentucky (1921-1932)
 Louisiana State (1922-1932)
 Marshall (1976-1997)
 Maryland (1921-1953)
 Mississippi (1922-1932)

Mississippi State (1921-1932)
 North Carolina (1921-1953)
North Carolina at Greensboro (1997-present)
 North Carolina State (1921-1953)
 Richmond (1936-1976)
Samford (2008-present)
 South Carolina (1922-1953)
 Tennessee (1921-1932)
 Tulane (1922-1932)
 University of the South (1922-1932)
 Vanderbilt (1922-1932)
 Virginia (1921-1937)
 VMI (1924-2003)
 Virginia Tech (1921-1965)
 Wake Forest (1936-1953)
 Washington & Lee (1921-1958)
 West Virginia (1950-1968)
Western Carolina (1976-present)
 William & Mary (1936-1977)
Wofford (1997-present)

Bold indicates current SoCon member.

Bowl Champion team in 2002 and Patten also earned Super Bowl rings with the Patriots in 2004 and '05.

Basketball

Men's basketball was the first sport in which the conference held a championship. The league tournament is the nation's oldest, with the inaugural championship held at Atlanta's City Auditorium in 1922 and was won by North Carolina.

Not only was the Southern Conference Tournament the first of its kind, the league also helped change the face of college basketball. In 1980, the league began a season-long experiment with a 22-foot three-point field goal with the approval of the NCAA Rules Committee. Ronnie Carr of Western Carolina made the first three-point field goal in college basketball history in a game against Middle Tennessee State on Nov. 29, 1980.

Another college basketball tradition that originated in the Southern Conference is the traditional cutting of the nets by the winning team. According to *USA Today*, the practice of net cutting originated in 1947 with North Carolina State head coach Everett Case. As a first-year head coach, Case led the Wolfpack to

the Southern Conference Tournament title. Case celebrated by claiming the nets as a souvenir of the win to commemorate the event.

Basketball coaching legend Red Auerbach gives credit to former George Washington coach Bill Reinhart, who coached in the conference for nearly 30 years, as one of the originators of the modern fast-break.

West Virginia's 10 tournament championships are still the most in league history. The Mountaineers were led by the incomparable Jerry West from 1958 through '60. West, a two-time All-America selection, spurred West Virginia to the Final Four in 1959. The Mountaineers lost in the championship game that season to California, 71-70, but West earned Final Four Most Valuable Player honors. West was a three-time Southern Conference tournament MVP, a two-time league regular season MVP, and was twice named the conference's Athlete of the Year. He went on to a spectacular career with the Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1979. He was a 14-time NBA All-Star while with the Lakers. It is West's silhouette that comprises the NBA's globally recognized logo.

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Frank Selvy set the NCAA record for points in a game while at Furman. On Feb. 13, 1954, the senior scored 100 points in a game against Newberry, a record that still stands. Selvy was the Southern Conference Most Valuable Player in 1953 and 1954 and the league's Athlete of the Year in 1954. He went on to a 10-year career in the NBA.

Rod Hundley was another West Virginia star during the 1950s. "Hot Rod" made a name for himself as one of the most spectacular players to tour the league during his era. Hundley averaged 24.5 points per game in his three seasons as a Mountaineer and was an all-conference and all-tournament performer in each of those three years. He was the Southern Conference Most Valuable Player and Athlete of the Year as a senior in 1957. He was the first player selected in the 1957 NBA draft and enjoyed a six-year career in that league.

East Tennessee State's Keith "Mister" Jennings made his mark on the college basketball world in the early 1990s. Despite standing less than six feet tall, Jennings was a two-time all-conference choice and the league's Player of the Year and Athlete of the Year in 1991. Jennings played with the Golden State Warriors of the NBA.

Besides West Virginia's team in 1959, the Southern Conference has been represented in the Final Four on two other occasions. North Carolina advanced to the NCAA championship game in 1943 before falling 43-40 to Oklahoma State. North Carolina State finished third in the tournament in 1950.

Davidson continued the record of success by advancing to the NCAA Tournament's Elite Eight in 2008 and coach Bob McKillop's Wildcats came within a basket of making the Final Four behind the play of sophomore guard Stephen Curry.

Women's basketball competition began in the Southern Conference in 1983-84 with seven teams. In the sport's history, seven schools have won the league's tournament at least once with Chattanooga winning 12 and Appalachian State owning six titles. UNC Greensboro won the 1998 tournament as head coach Lynne Agee became the first coach to take a team to the NCAA Tournament in all three Divisions - I, II and III. In 2001, Chattanooga head coach Wes Moore became the first coach in NCAA history to take three different teams to the NCAA Tournament

in all three Divisions.

Since 1984, seven different teams have claimed at least a share of the regular season crown. Chattanooga has the most overall titles with 13, six of them shared. Chattanooga owns the most outright championships with seven. Only four players have won the conference Player of the Year award twice: East Tennessee State's DeShawne Blocker in 1992-93 and 1994-95; Furman's Jackie Smith, 1997-98 and 1998-99; Chattanooga's Damita Bullock, who won the award in 2000 and 2001; and Chattanooga's Alex Anderson in 2007 and 2008.

Other Sports

In baseball, Wake Forest advanced to the championship game of the NCAA College World Series in 1949. Demon Deacon second baseman Charles Teague was named the College World Series Most Valuable Player. The Citadel made history in 1990 by becoming the first military school to make an appearance at the College World Series. The Bulldogs were joined that season at the College World Series by current conference member Georgia Southern.

One of the Southern Conference's more famous baseball alums is Duke's Dick Groat. The Blue Devil shortstop, who was also a basketball standout, was the conference's Athlete of the Year in 1951 and 1952. He went on to a 14-year career in the major leagues. In 1960, he was named the National League MVP after he led the league in batting with a .325 average for the World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates.

Among Southern Conference alums to grace Major League Baseball fields have been Atlee Hammaker (East Tennessee State), Jeff Montgomery (Marshall) and Mike Ramsey (Appalachian State). Other SoCon players to go on to a career in the major leagues include Angels third baseman Dallas McPherson (The Citadel), pitchers Britt Reames (The Citadel) and Ryan Glynn (VMI) who both pitched with Oakland in 2005, Furman's Tom Mastny, a pitcher with the Cleveland Indians (2007) and Georgia Southern's Brian Rogers, who pitched with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 2007.

Arnold Palmer, perhaps the world's most famous golfer, competed under the Southern Conference banner as a collegian at Wake Forest. He took medalist honors at the Southern Conference Tournament in 1948 and 1949

and was the tournament's runner-up in 1950. Palmer was the medalist at the NCAA Golf Championships in 1949 and 1950. He went on to become one of the most accomplished golfers to play on the professional tour. Palmer won 60 tournaments while competing on the PGA Tour and has added 10 more victories as a member of the Senior PGA Tour. He has also won eight major championships - four Masters, two British Opens, one U.S. Open and one U.S. Amateur.

Furman golfer Dottie Pepper was named the Southern Conference Women's Athlete of the Decade in the 1980s and was honored as part of the league's 25th anniversary of women's championships celebration in 2007-08. Appalachian State's Mary Jayne Harrelson won the NCAA Outdoor title at 1,500 meters in 1999 and 2001. Furman's Brandi Jackson won the NCAA Women's Golf East Regional in the spring of 2003.

Coaches and Administrators

The Southern Conference has also been a breeding ground for some of college athletics' most recognized coaches and administrators.

Legendary basketball coaches Adolph Rupp of Kentucky and Everett Case of North Carolina State both worked the sidelines in the Southern Conference. Rupp guided the Wildcats to a 30-5 mark during the 1931 and 1932 seasons. Yet, for all his coaching accomplishments, Rupp never led Kentucky to a Southern Conference



The SoCon's eight FCS national titles and 16 finals appearances, including the 1999 and 2000 championships Georgia Southern won under the leadership of former coach Paul Johnson, are the most in Division I history.

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tournament championship. Case mentored the Wolfpack to six consecutive Southern Conference Tournament championships from 1947 through 1952.

Lefty Driesell coached Davidson to three Southern Conference Tournament championships in 1966, 1968 and 1969. Driesell also won the league's Coach of the Year award four straight times from 1963 through 1966. Former Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins earned league Coach of the Year honors three times in the late '70s and early '80s while at Appalachian State and is now the head coach at the College of Charleston.

Terry Holland saw his basketball coaching career take off at Davidson when he returned to his alma mater in 1970. Holland was honored as the Southern Conference Coach of the Year for three consecutive seasons from 1970-72 and led the Wildcats to the conference tournament title and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 1970. J. Dallas Shirley, a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, spent 21 years as the assistant to the commissioner and supervisor

of officials in the Southern Conference. He also served as president of the International Association Basketball Officials and the United States Olympic Basketball Committee.

The legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant got his coaching start in the Southern Conference as he guided the Maryland Terrapins in 1945. A legendary Southern Conference football coach is the late Frank Howard of Clemson, who guided the Tigers as a league member from 1940-52. The incomparable Howard won 69 Southern Conference games.

The Southern Conference has been represented on the sidelines at five Super Bowls in recent years. Bobby Ross, who piloted the San Diego Chargers to the 1996 Super Bowl, was the head coach at The Citadel from 1973-77. Former Buffalo Bills head coach Marv Levy directed William & Mary from 1964-68. He was succeeded at William & Mary by Lou Holtz. William & Mary competed in the Southern Conference from 1936-77.



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Significant Dates in League History

- Feb. 25-26, 1921: Representatives of Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi State, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Washington & Lee meet in Atlanta, Ga. to form the Southern Intercollegiate Conference.
- Dec. 7-8, 1922: At the league's annual meeting in Washington, D.C., the name of the organization is officially changed to the Southern Conference. S.V. Sanford of Georgia is selected as the conference's first president.
- Dec. 8-10, 1932: At the annual meeting in Knoxville, Tenn., Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Louisiana State, Mississippi, Mississippi State, University of the South, Tennessee, Tulane and Vanderbilt withdraw to form the Southeastern Conference.
- Dec. 8, 1950: Wallace Wade, who just completed a 16-year term as Duke's head football coach, is named the first commissioner of the Southern Conference. The commissioner's office is opened in Durham, N.C. on Jan. 1, 1951.
- May 8, 1953: Seven members – Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina and Wake Forest – withdraw to form the Atlantic Coast Conference.
- Nov. 29, 1980: At the request of the NCAA Basketball Rules Committee, the Southern Conference begins a season-long experiment with a 22-foot, three-point field goal, thus becoming the first conference to employ that rule. Ronnie Carr of Western Carolina makes the first three-point field goal in college basketball history in a game against Middle Tennessee State.
- Dec. 3-4, 1981: The NCAA, at its fourth special convention in St. Louis, Mo., restructures I-A football. As a result, the Southern Conference's eight Division I-A football playing members are reclassified to Division I-AA.
- June 6, 1983: At a special meeting of the Southern Conference in Myrtle Beach, S.C., the league formalizes women's varsity competition in basketball and volleyball beginning with the 1983-84 season. The executive committee also approves pilot women's championships in tennis and golf for 1983-84.
- Dec. 18-19, 1995: The conference announces that the College of Charleston, University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Wofford College have accepted invitations to join the league.
- July 1, 2003: Elon University officially joins the league. VMI departs to join the Big South.
- July 1, 2008: Samford University officially joins the league.

COMMISSIONER'S CUP

The Southern Conference annually awards the Commissioner's Cup to the top men's program in the league based on a points system. Each school receives points based on their finish during the regular season and is awarded two additional points for winning the conference tournament. In sports where there is not a regular season champion (golf, track & field and cross country), the final results at the championship determine the points for those schools.

The Commissioner's Cup was inaugurated in 1970. Only six member institutions have won the cup with Appalachian State winning the most with 28. Chattanooga broke Appalachian State's streak of 13 straight when it won the 2004-05 cup. Appalachian State has won the last three trophies. William & Mary (5), East Carolina (4), East Tennessee State (1) and Furman (1) have each won the Commissioner's Cup.

Annual Champions		1969-70		1975-76		1981-82	
1969-70	East Carolina	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
	William & Mary	1t. William & Mary	56	1. William & Mary	68	1. Appalachian State	75
1970-71	William & Mary	1t. East Carolina	56	2. East Carolina	65	2. East Tennessee State	68
1971-72	William & Mary	3. The Citadel	46.5	3. Appalachian State	62	3. Furman	65.5
1972-73	William & Mary	4. Furman	43	4. Furman	58.5	4. VMI	64
1973-74	East Carolina	5. Davidson	42	5. Richmond	57	5. The Citadel	62.5
1974-75	East Carolina	6. George Washington	33	6. VMI	47.5	6. Marshall	60
1975-76	William & Mary	7. VMI	29.5	7. The Citadel	44	7. Chattanooga	54.5
1976-77	East Carolina	8. Richmond	19.5	8. Davidson	30	8t. Davidson	39
1977-78	Appalachian State					8t. Western Carolina	39
1978-79	Appalachian State	Place	Points	Place	Points	1982-83	
1979-80	Appalachian State	1. William & Mary	69	1. East Carolina	58.5	Place	Points
1980-81	Appalachian State	2. East Carolina	56.5	2. William & Mary	57.5	1. East Tennessee State	60.5
1981-82	Appalachian State	3. The Citadel	48.5	3. Appalachian State	56	2. Appalachian State	54
1982-83	East Tennessee State	4. Furman	47.5	4. Furman	52.5	3. Furman	51.5
1983-84	Appalachian State	5. Davidson	47	5. VMI	45	4. Chattanooga	49
1984-85	Appalachian State	6. VMI	29	6. The Citadel	35.5	5. VMI	48
1985-86	Appalachian State	7. Richmond	25.5	7. Davidson	24	6. Marshall	47.5
1986-87	Appalachian State					7. The Citadel	46
1987-88	Appalachian State	Place	Points	Place	Points	8. Western Carolina	39
1988-89	Appalachian State	1. William & Mary	53	1. Appalachian State	81	9. Davidson	32
1989-90	Appalachian State	2. East Carolina	48	2. VMI	66.5	1983-84	
1990-91	Furman	3. Furman	42	3. Marshall	56	Place	Points
1991-92	Appalachian State	4. The Citadel	35	4. The Citadel	51	1. Appalachian State	61.5
1992-93	Appalachian State	5. Richmond	34	5. Furman	49.5	2. Marshall	51
1993-94	Appalachian State	6. Davidson	29	6. Chattanooga	45	2. Chattanooga	51
1994-95	Appalachian State	7. VMI	21	7. Davidson	36	3. Furman	50
1995-96	Appalachian State			8. Western Carolina	31	5t. Western Carolina	47
1996-97	Appalachian State	Place	Points	Place	Points	5t. The Citadel	47
1997-98	Appalachian State	1. William & Mary	69.5	1. Appalachian State	78.5	7. VMI	46
1998-99	Appalachian State	2. East Carolina	68	2. Furman	65	8. East Tennessee State	45.5
1999-00	Appalachian State	3. Appalachian State	56	3. The Citadel	61.5	9. Davidson	32
2000-01	Appalachian State	4. Furman	54.5	4. Marshall	57	1984-85	
2001-02	Appalachian State	5. Davidson	49	5. VMI	46	Place	Points
2002-03	Appalachian State	6. The Citadel	46	6. Chattanooga	41.5	1. Appalachian State	54.5
2003-04	Appalachian State	7. VMI	40.5	7. Davidson	38	2. Western Carolina	53
2004-05	Chattanooga	8. Richmond	39	8. Western Carolina	32.5	3. Chattanooga	52.5
2005-06	Appalachian State					4. The Citadel	52
2006-07	Appalachian State	Place	Points	Place	Points	5. Marshall	50
2007-08	Appalachian State	1. East Carolina	70.5	1. Appalachian State	78	6. VMI	48.5
		2t. Appalachian State	66	2. East Tennessee State	69	7. Furman	45
		2t. William & Mary	66	3. Furman	66.5	8. East Tennessee State	42.5
		4. Richmond	54.5	4. Marshall	66	9. Davidson	33.5
		5. Furman	53	5. VMI	63	1985-86	
		6. The Citadel	42	6. The Citadel	58.5	Place	Points
		6. Davidson	37.5	7. Chattanooga	48.5	1. Appalachian State	64
		7. VMI	35.5	8. Western Carolina	40.5	2. Marshall	50.5
				9. Davidson	38	3. Furman	48.5
		Place	Points	Place	Points	4. Chattanooga	45
		1. East Carolina	67.5	1. Appalachian State	82	5. VMI	40.5
		2. Appalachian State	65	2. East Tennessee State	69.5	6t. The Citadel	39
		3. William & Mary	61	3. Furman	66	6t. Western Carolina	39
		4. Richmond	55	4t. Marshall	58.5	8. East Tennessee State	37.5
		5. Furman	53.5	4t. VMI	58.5	9. Davidson	36.5
		6. VMI	45.5	6. The Citadel	56		
		7. The Citadel	41.5	7. Chattanooga	54.5		
		8. Davidson	37	8. Davidson	51.5		
				9. Western Carolina	37.5		

COMMISSIONER'S CUP

INTRODUCTION	1986-87		1992-93		1998-99		2003-04	
	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
	1. Appalachian State.	59.5	1. Appalachian State	69.5	1. Appalachian State	87.5	1. Appalachian State	78.5
	2. Marshall	53	2. East Tennessee State	59.5	2. East Tennessee State	76.5	2. East Tennessee State	76.5
	3. Furman	52	3. The Citadel	56.5	3. Chattanooga	74.5	3. Chattanooga	69
	4. Chattanooga	48	4. Furman	52	4. The Citadel	68.5	4. The Citadel	68
	5. VMI	47	5. Chattanooga	51	5. Davidson	67	5t. Furman	67
	6. The Citadel	39.5	6. Marshall	49	6. Western Carolina	62	5t. UNC Greensboro	67
	7. Western Carolina	39	7t. Georgia Southern	47	7. VMI	61.5	7. Davidson	65.5
	8. Davidson	37.5	7t. VMI	47	8. Furman	61	8. Georgia Southern	54.5
	9. East Tennessee State	31.5	9. Davidson	45	9. UNC Greensboro	60.5	9. College of Charleston	51
		10. Western Carolina	43.5	10t. College of Charleston	54	10. Western Carolina	48.5	
				10t. Georgia Southern	54	11. Wofford	46	
				12. Wofford	42	12. Elon	39.5	
						13. VMI*	9	
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE	1987-88		1993-94		1999-00		2004-05	
	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
	1. Appalachian State	55.5	1. Appalachian State	73	1. Appalachian State	90.5	1. Chattanooga	82.5
	2. East Tennessee State	46	2. East Tennessee State	59.5	2. Furman	74	2. Appalachian State	81
	3. Furman	45.5	3. Western Carolina	55	3. Chattanooga	71	3. UNC Greensboro	72.5
	4. VMI	41.5	4. Marshall	52.5	4. East Tennessee State	70	4. Furman	67
	5. Chattanooga	41	5t. Georgia Southern	50.5	5. UNC Greensboro	65	5. Davidson	64.5
	6. Marshall	40	5t. Chattanooga	50.5	6. Davidson	60.5	6. East Tennessee State	58.5
	7. Western Carolina	32.5	7. Furman	49.5	7. The Citadel	59.5	7. Georgia Southern	58
	8. The Citadel	28	8t. The Citadel	45.5	8. Georgia Southern	58.5	8t. The Citadel	54
	9. Davidson	26	8t. VMI	45.5	9. VMI	58	8t. Western Carolina	54
		10. Davidson	40.5	10. College of Charleston	48	10. College of Charleston	51	
				11. Western Carolina	44	11. Wofford	44	
				12. Wofford	43	12. Elon	40	
						13. VMI*	9	
TEAM PROFILES	1988-89		1994-95		2000-01		2005-06	
	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
	1. Appalachian State	61	1. Appalachian State	78.5	1. Appalachian State	99.5	1. Appalachian State	71
	2. Furman	50	2. East Tennessee State	65.5	2. VMI	77.5	2. Chattanooga	69
	3. VMI	45	3. The Citadel	54	3. Furman	73.5	3. Davidson	67
	4. The Citadel	43.5	4t. Marshall	56.5	4. UNC Greensboro	73	4. Furman	63
	5. East Tennessee State	42	4t. VMI	56.5	5. The Citadel	69.5	5. Elon	58.5
	6. Chattanooga	40	6. Chattanooga	50	6. East Tennessee State	69	6. UNC Greensboro	54.5
	7. Marshall	38.5	7. Western Carolina	48.5	7. Chattanooga	66.5	7. Western Carolina	52
	8. Western Carolina	26	8t. Furman	47.5	8. Georgia Southern	56	8t. The Citadel	48
			8t. Georgia Southern	47.5	9. Davidson	54.5	8t. Georgia Southern	48
		10. Davidson	46.5	10. Western Carolina	48	10. College of Charleston	47.5	
				11. College of Charleston	44	11. Wofford	41.5	
				12. Wofford	35	12 VMI*	6	
2007-08 REVIEW	1989-90		1995-96		2001-02		2006-07	
	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
	1. Appalachian State	59.5	1. Appalachian State.	73	1. Appalachian State	79.5	1. Appalachian State	86.5
	2. East Tennessee State	49	2. East Tennessee State	61	2. Furman	70	2. UNC Greensboro	70.5
	3. VMI	47	3. The Citadel	58	3t. UNC Greensboro	68.5	3. Chattanooga	64
	4. Furman	44.5	4. Marshall	52.5	3t. Chattanooga	68.5	4. Davidson	60.5
	5. Marshall	42	5. Chattanooga	50	4. Western Carolina	66	5. Furman	57
	6. The Citadel	38.5	6. Furman	48	7. The Citadel	65	6. Western Carolina	51.5
	7. Chattanooga	32.5	7. Western Carolina	46	8. Davidson	64	7. Elon	51
	8. Western Carolina	30	8. Davidson	45.5	9. Georgia Southern	56.5	8. College of Charleston	46.5
			10. The Citadel	41.5	10. College of Charleston	51.5	9. The Citadel	44
				11. Wofford	40.5	10. Wofford	41.5	
						11. Georgia Southern	41	
						12. VMI*	9	
RECORDS	1990-91		1996-1997		2002-03		2007-08	
	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
	1. Furman	49.5	1. Appalachian State	68.5	1. Appalachian State	96	1. Appalachian State	84
	2. Appalachian State	48.5	2. Marshall	62.5	2t. East Tennessee State	67	2. Furman	73
	3. East Tennessee State	44	3. East Tennessee State	62	4. Chattanooga	66	3. Chattanooga	68.5
	4. Marshall	43.5	4. Furman	57	5. Western Carolina	61.5	4. Davidson	61
	5. VMI	38	5. VMI	53	6. The Citadel	61	5. UNC Greensboro	60
	6. The Citadel	37.5	6t. Chattanooga	52	7. Davidson	59.5	6. Elon	56
	7. Chattanooga	36	6t. The Citadel	52	8. VMI	58	7. The Citadel	49
	8. Western Carolina	34	8. Western Carolina	49.5	9. College of Charleston	56	8. Western Carolina	47.5
			9. Davidson	45	10. Georgia Southern	52.5	9. Wofford	44
		10. Georgia Southern	40.5	11. Wofford	52	10. College of Charleston	42.5	
		11. UNC Greensboro	8	12. UNC Greensboro	49.5	11. Georgia Southern	39.5	
						12. VMI*	7	
HISTORY	1991-92		1997-98					
	Place	Points	Place	Points				
	1. Appalachian State	63	1. Appalachian State	78.5				
	2. East Tennessee State	57	2. East Tennessee State	68.5				
	3. Furman	52	3. Chattanooga	68				
	4. Marshall	51	4. Furman	64				
	5. Chattanooga	42	5. The Citadel	63				
	6t. Western Carolina	40	6. Davidson	59.5				
	6t. The Citadel	40	7. VMI	58				
	6t. VMI	40	8. UNC Greensboro	56				
	9. Georgia Southern	22	9. Western Carolina	47				
10. Davidson	10	10. Georgia Southern	46					
		11. Wofford	44.5					
POSTSEASON	*- associate member							

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GERMANN CUP

The Southern Conference annually awards the Germann Cup to the top women's program in the league based on a points system. Each school received points based on their finish during the regular season and is awarded two additional points for winning the conference tournament. In sports where there is not a regular season champion (golf, track & field and cross country), the final results at the championship determine the points for those schools.

The Germann Cup was first awarded in 1987 and is named in honor of former Southern Conference Commissioner Ken Germann, who passed away in 2005. Chattanooga became only the fourth school to win the award when the Mocs captured the 2007-08 cup. Appalachian State won the Germann Cup from 1987-92. Furman won the cup 12 consecutive times between 1992-03 before the College of Charleston won the 2004-05 cup. Appalachian State won the 2005-06 and 2006-07 Germann Cups.

1986-87

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	30
2. East Tennessee State	24.5
3. Marshall	19.5
4. Furman	19
5. Chattanooga	18.5
6. Western Carolina	17
7. Davidson	9.5

1987-88

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	33
2. East Tennessee State	26
3. Marshall	25.5
4. Chattanooga	25
5. Furman	20.5
6. Western Carolina	20
7. Davidson	11

1988-89

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	30.5
2t. East Tennessee State	23.5
2t. Marshall	23.5
4. Chattanooga	19
5. Western Carolina	15.5
6. Furman	14

1989-90

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	27
2. East Tennessee State	23.5
3. Furman	21
4. Western Carolina	18.5
5. Marshall	18
6. Chattanooga	17

1990-91

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	28
2. Chattanooga	24.5
3. Furman	22
4t. Marshall	18.5
4t. Western Carolina	18.5
6. East Tennessee State	14.5

1991-92

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	30
2. Furman	26
3. Marshall	24
4t. Chattanooga	22
4t. East Tennessee State	22
6. Western Carolina	19
7. Davidson	3
7t. Georgia Southern	3

1992-93

Place	Points
1. Furman	51.5
2. Appalachian State	50.5
3. East Tennessee State	41.5
4. Western Carolina	40
5. Chattanooga	36
6. Marshall	35
7. Davidson	29
8. Georgia Southern	19.5

1993-94

Place	Points
1. Furman	72
2. Appalachian State	59
3. East Tennessee State	51
4. Chattanooga	44.5
5t. Western Carolina	41
5t. Marshall	41
7. Georgia Southern	36
8. Davidson	29.5

1994-95

Place	Points
1. Furman	77.5
2. Appalachian State	62.5
3. East Tennessee State	58.5
4. Chattanooga	47
5. Georgia Southern	45.5
6. Western Carolina	41
7. Marshall	39
8. Davidson	37

1995-96

Place	Points
1. Furman	74
2. Appalachian State	64
3. Chattanooga	48.5
4. East Tennessee State	47.5
5t. Marshall	46
5t. Western Carolina	46
7. Georgia Southern	43
8. Davidson	39

1996-97

Place	Points
1. Furman	69
2. Chattanooga	63.5
3. Appalachian State	59.5
4. Marshall	55.5
5. East Tennessee State	46
6. Western Carolina	44
7. Davidson	38.5
8. Georgia Southern	38

1997-98

Place	Points
1. Furman	78.5
2. Chattanooga	70.5
3. UNC Greensboro	62.5
4. Appalachian State	60.5
5. East Tennessee State	59.5
6. Davidson	51
7. Georgia Southern	47.5
8. Western Carolina	45.5
9. Wofford	41
10. VMI	3

1998-99

Place	Points
1. Furman	83.5
2. Chattanooga	75.5
3. UNC Greensboro	73
4. Appalachian State	64
5. Western Carolina	60
6. Davidson	59
7. East Tennessee State	55
8t. College of Charleston	46
8t. Georgia Southern	46
9. Wofford	43
10. VMI	19
11. The Citadel	11

1999-2000

Place	Points
1. Furman	98
2. Chattanooga	80.5
3. East Tennessee State	72.5
4. UNC Greensboro	66.5
5. Appalachian State	66.5
6. Western Carolina	62
7. Georgia Southern	52
8. College of Charleston	49.5
9. Davidson	42
10. Wofford	31
11. VMI	16
12. The Citadel	14.5
13. UNC Wilmington*	8

2000-01

Place	Points
1. Furman	96.5
2. Chattanooga	81
3. UNC Greensboro	75
4. Appalachian State	71
5. Western Carolina	63.5
6. East Tennessee State	62.5
7. Georgia Southern	58
8. College of Charleston	54
9. Davidson	47.5
10. Wofford	31
11. VMI	16
12. The Citadel	12

2001-02

Place	Points
1. Furman	85
2. Chattanooga	78
3. UNC Greensboro	74.5
4. Western Carolina	72
5. Appalachian State	70.5
6. Georgia Southern	67
7t. College of Charleston	58.5
7t. East Tennessee State	58.5
9. Davidson	42.5
10. Wofford	35.5
11. The Citadel	13
12. VMI	11

2002-03

Place	Points
1. Furman	83.5
2. Chattanooga	78
3. Georgia Southern	74.5
4. College of Charleston	70.5
5. Appalachian State	69
6. Western Carolina	68.5
7. East Tennessee State	59.5
8. UNC Greensboro	58
9. Davidson	51.5
10. Wofford	30
11. The Citadel	19
12. VMI	18
13. UNC Wilmington*	6

2003-04

Place	Points
1. Furman	84
2. Chattanooga	83
3t. Appalachian State	70.5
3t. College of Charleston	70.5
5. East Tennessee State	66.5
6. Georgia Southern	62.5
7. Western Carolina	60
8. UNC Greensboro	55.5
9. Elon	53.5
10. Davidson	50
11. Wofford	30.5
12. The Citadel	13.5

2004-05

Place	Points
1. College of Charleston	83.5
2. Furman	83
3. Appalachian State	73
4. Chattanooga	71
5t. East Tennessee State	62.5
5t. Elon	62.5
7. Georgia Southern	61.5
8. Western Carolina	57.5
9. UNC Greensboro	52
10. Davidson	51.5
11. Wofford	25
12. The Citadel	16

Annual Champions

1986-87	Appalachian State
1987-88	Appalachian State
1988-89	Appalachian State
1989-90	Appalachian State
1990-91	Appalachian State
1991-92	Appalachian State
1992-93	Furman
1993-94	Furman
1994-95	Furman
1995-96	Furman
1996-97	Furman
1997-98	Furman
1998-99	Furman
1999-00	Furman
2000-01	Furman
2001-02	Furman
2002-03	Furman
2003-04	Furman
2004-05	College of Charleston
2005-06	Appalachian State
2006-07	Appalachian State
2007-08	Chattanooga

2005-06

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	71.5
2. College of Charleston	67
3. Western Carolina	66.5
4. Furman	65
5. Chattanooga	64.5
6. Davidson	55.5
7. Georgia Southern	52.5
8. UNC Greensboro	48
9. Elon	47
10. Wofford	28.5
12. The Citadel	19

2006-07

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	70
2. Furman	67.5
3. Western Carolina	66.5
4. College of Charleston	66
5. Chattanooga	63.5
6t. Davidson	53
6t. Elon	53
8. UNC Greensboro	51.5
9. Georgia Southern	51
10t. The Citadel	23.5
10t. Wofford	23.5

2007-08

Place	Points
1. Chattanooga	74.5
2. Furman	70
3. College of Charleston	68
4. Elon	62
5. Appalachian State	60.5
6. Western Carolina	59
7. Davidson	54
8. UNC Greensboro	52
9. Georgia Southern	51
10. Wofford	24
11. The Citadel	18

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INTRODUCTION



John Iamarino Commissioner

John Iamarino was named the eighth commissioner of the Southern Conference on January 2, 2006. Since then, Iamarino has emphasized a strategic plan that calls for greater emphasis on the student-athlete experience in Southern Conference championships, increased television and video-streaming coverage, an aggressive policy toward marketing and branding and a commitment to rules compliance.

In Iamarino's short tenure, he reorganized the conference operation with the creation of a director of championships and the addition of a director of multimedia services. A new television deal was struck with SportSouth in which 28 games in four sports will be aired throughout the Southern Conference footprint.

He led an initiative in which all member institutions now video stream athletic events to increase visibility of Conference sports. The SoCon has also increased the number of corporate and educational partners to assist with the enhancement of championships, student-athlete awards and gifts and postgraduate scholarships. New corporate partners added in the past two years include Choice Hotels, Sherwin Williams, RBC Bank and Avis. Merchandising has also been a priority under Iamarino and the SoCon will offer its most comprehensive online store ever in 2008-09.

To find a home for the three SoCon institutions that sponsor swimming, Iamarino spearheaded efforts with three other Division I conferences to form the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association (CCSA), a new single-sport NCAA entity. He currently serves as Vice President of the association.

Iamarino, 53, has spent the past 24 years at the conference level, working at both the Sun Belt Conference and the Northeast Conference. Prior to joining the SoCon, he served as Commissioner of the NEC for nine years. During that time,



the conference launched its first website, increased television coverage from 12 to 30 basketball games, worked to implement 30 grants-in-aid for the previously non-scholarship football programs, and initiated the league's aggressive marketing and merchandising efforts.

At the Sun Belt, he spent 13 years (1984-97) in a variety of publicity, compliance and administrative positions, rising to the level of Associate Commissioner. When the original Sun Belt merged with the then-American South Conference in 1991, Iamarino was the lone staffer from the original organization to move to the new Sun Belt, heading the transition team for the unprecedented merger of two Division I conferences.

He entered the field of intercollegiate athletics as Assistant Sports Information Director at Georgetown in 1979 before moving on to become Sports Information Director at Jacksonville.

He is active nationally with experience as a member of the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee, the FCS Football Governance Committee and several sub-committees of the Collegiate Commissioners' Association. He currently is a member of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) for all NCAA sports.

Iamarino is a 1977 graduate of St. Bonaventure, where he earned magna cum laude honors majoring in journalism. A native of Monsey, N.Y., he resides in Spartanburg, S.C. with his wife, Mary Ann, and son P.J. (12).

Iamarino At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Monsey, N.Y.

EDUCATION:

B.A., St. Bonaventure, 1977

EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Sports Information Director, Georgetown, 1979-81
Sports Information Director, Jacksonville, 1981-84
Media Relations Director, Sun Belt Conference, 1984-88
Assistant Commissioner, Sun Belt Conference, 1988-91
Associate Commissioner, Sun Belt Conference, 1991-97
Commissioner, Northeast Conference, 1997-06
Commissioner, Southern Conference, 2006-present

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Southern Conference Commissioners



Wallace Wade
1951-60



Lloyd Jordan
1960-73



Ken Germann
1974-86



Dave Hart, Sr.
1986-91



Wright Waters
1991-98



Alfred White
1998-2001



Danny Morrison
2001-05

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Geoff Cabe Senior Associate Commissioner

The senior member of the Southern Conference staff, Geoff Cabe is in his 21st year as a member of the league's staff, having joined the conference in July, 1988 as an intern in the media relations department. He was promoted to media relations director in 1991 and rose to the rank of assistant commissioner in 1991. In 1995, he assumed responsibility for overseeing the league's championship events.

Cabe was named an associate commissioner in 1999 and senior associate commissioner in 2002. In his current role, he is responsible for many of the conference's athletic competition functions, including developing the conference's playing and television schedules. He also serves as the primary liaison with the league's athletics directors and has served as the director of the conference's men's basketball championships for the past 11 years. Cabe has served as the interim commissioner on two occasions in his tenure with the league.

Cabe At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Highlands, N.C.

EDUCATION:

B.S., UNC Asheville, 1988

EXPERIENCE:

Media Relations Assistant, Southern Conference, 1988-91
Assistant Media Relations Director, Southern Conference, 1989-91
Assistant Commissioner/Media Relations, Southern Conference, 1991-95
Assistant Commissioner/Championships, Southern Conference, 1995-99
Associate Commissioner/External Affairs, Southern Conference, 1999-02
Senior Associate Commissioner, Southern Conference, 2002-present



Doug King Associate Commissioner

A veteran with more than 10 years experience in athletics dealing with compliance issues, Douglas King joined the Southern Conference staff in February, 2003 as Assistant Commissioner for Compliance. He was promoted to Associate Commissioner in 2005.

In his role with the league office, King assists each Southern Conference institution with its campus compliance program administering the conference's NCAA Special Assistance Fund, NCAA

Student-Athlete Opportunity Funds, Coaches Certification Exam and the National Letter of Intent Program. King serves as a liaison between the member institutions and NCAA Membership Services and Enforcement staffs while providing interpretations of NCAA and Conference legislation.

The Swanzy, N.H., native assists in the administration of the league wrestling, men's and women's cross country and men's golf championships and was recently appointed to the NCAA Division I Legislative Council.

King At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Swanzy, N.H.

EDUCATION:

B.S., Bentley, 1991

EXPERIENCE:

Compliance Assistant, New Mexico, 1997-98
Compliance Coordinator, Houston, 1998-00
Assistant Athletics Director, Houston, 2000-02
Director of Football Operations, Houston, 2002-03
Assistant Commissioner, Southern Conference, 2003-04
Associate Commissioner, Southern Conference, 2005-present



Sue Arakas Associate Commissioner

In her 15th year as a member of the Southern Conference staff, Sue Arakas oversees the conference's budget, financial resources, office operations, and meeting planning. She also supervised the management of daily business operations and administers all policies and procedures of the conference. The conference internship program is also under her supervision.

In addition, Arakas serves as the league's Senior Woman Administrator. She also serves as the staff liaison for various league sport and standing committees. Arakas has been involved with the league's Student-Athlete Leadership Institute since its inception and has had oversight responsibility for the past six years. The Asheville, N.C., native also spearheaded the league's celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Women's Championships during the 2007-08 season.

While with the SoCon, Arakas has been involved in national organizations such as NACWAA, and is a 2004 graduate of NACWAA/HERS East, a professional leadership development institute. She currently serves as the chair of the Conference Woman Administrators, whose membership includes women administrators from conferences in Division I, II and III and the junior college levels.

Arakas At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Asheville, N.C.

EXPERIENCE:

Administrative Assistant, Southern Conference, 1994-97
Assistant Commissioner for Internal Affairs, Southern Conference, 1997-99
Associate Commissioner, Southern Conference, 1999-present



Jason Yaman Director of Media Relations

Jason Yaman enters his first year as Director of Media Relations with the Southern Conference. He is responsible for coordinating the publicity of the league's 19 sports and serves as the primary media contact for soccer and men's basketball.

Yaman spent two years as assistant director of media relations at the University of Maryland before joining the SoCon staff in August 2008. Prior to spending two years working as the men's basketball contact with the terrapins, Yaman spent three years as assistant athletic director at Indiana State.

Originally from Ann Arbor, Mich., Yaman earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University before completing a master's degree at Michigan.

Yaman At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Ann Arbor, Mich.

EDUCATION:

B.S., Indiana, 1997
M.A., Michigan, 2000

EXPERIENCE:

Director of Sports Information and Marketing, Saginaw Valley State, 2001-03
Assistant Athletics Director for Media Relations, Indiana State, 2003-06
Assistant Director of Athletic Media Relations, Maryland, 2006-08
Director of Media Relations, Southern Conference 2008-present

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Mandi Copeland Director of Multimedia Services

In her ninth year with the Southern Conference, Mandi Copeland continues to serve as the Director of Multimedia Services. She joined the league on May 31, 2000 as assistant director for public affairs.

Copeland is responsible for overseeing the conference's broadcasting efforts, including television, radio and video streaming as well as the design and development of the league's website. She serves as the technology and video consultant for the conference and the video

exchange program.

Copeland has assisted in numerous NCAA championship events, including several women's basketball and baseball regionals, the 2003 Women's Final Four in Atlanta, Ga., and the 2006 College World Series in Omaha, Neb. She has served on the CoSIDA Academic All-America committee since 2001 and will be serving on the committee with the Academic All-America Foundation starting in 2008. The Royal Oak, Mich., native graduated from Florida State in 1998 with a bachelor's in communications and in 2000 with a master's in physical education while working in the sports information office. She spent her freshman year at West Virginia as a member of the tennis team.

Copeland At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Greer, S.C.

EDUCATION:

B.S., Florida State, 1998

M.S., Florida State, 2000

EXPERIENCE:

Sports Information Graduate Assistant, Florida State, 1998-2000
Assistant Director for Public Affairs, Southern Conference, 2000-05
Director of Media Services, Southern Conference, 2005-2007
Director of Multimedia Services, Southern Conference 2007-present



Mike Mitchell Senior Account Executive

Mike Mitchell is in his second year as senior account executive for SoCon Sports Properties. He is responsible for the league's corporate relations and sponsorship program. Mitchell serves as a liaison between the SoCon and its marketing partner, IMG College.

Formerly Host Communications, IMG College is America's top sports marketing agency.

Mitchell spent two years at UNC Asheville as assistant athletics director for development and marketing before joining the league in July 2007. He served as assistant athletics director/marketing and development at Longwood in 2004.

Mitchell At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Windsor, Ontario

EDUCATION:

B.A., University of Western Ontario, 1991

EXPERIENCE:

News and Sports Director, CHRW-TV and Radio, 1993-97
News and Sports Director, CTV Sportsnet, 1997-98
Marketing Manager, University of Western Ontario, 2000-01
Strategic Partnership Coordinator, City of Kitchener, Ontario, 2001-03
Marketing Consultant, Nature Conservancy of Canada, 2003-04
Assistant Athletics Director, Longwood, 2004-05
Assistant Athletics Director, UNC Asheville, 2005-07
Senior Account Executive, Southern Conference, 2007-present



Brandon Neff Director of Championships

After serving as an external affairs assistant for one year, Brandon Neff was promoted to the newly-created director of championships position in 2007. In his position, he is responsible for championship administration at conference championships and overseeing the league's 19 championship events. He plans and manages conference championships and develops championship policies and directives. He also coordinates the Southern Conference's

merchandise and sales program.

Meet director for the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association Championship, Neff is a member of the organization's policy committee and coordinated the league's inaugural swimming & diving championship in 2008.

Neff At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Alta, Iowa

EDUCATION:

B.S., Iowa State, 2003

M.S., Northern Illinois, 2006

EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Commissioner, Iowa Community College Athletic Conference, 2001-04
Fan Services Representative, Chicago Bears, 2005
Athletic Administrative Intern, Mid-Continent Conference, 2006
External Affairs Assistant, Southern Conference, 2006-07
Director of Championships, Southern Conference, 2007-present



Jonathan Caskey Associate Director of Media Relations

Jonathan Caskey, former assistant sports information director at Appalachian State, is in his second year as the Southern Conference's associate director of media relations.

In his role, he is responsible for graphic design of all conference publications and is the staff liaison for a number of sports including football, women's basketball, golf and softball. In addition, he assists at conference championships and works with the league public relations initiatives.

A 2003 graduate of Furman, Caskey earned a bachelor's degree in history while working as an operations assistant for sports information and athletics. Caskey spent a year as a public affairs assistant at the Southern Conference where he was the primary media contact for volleyball, women's soccer, track & field, softball and golf, assisting at conference championships. He moved to Appalachian State where he served as assistant sports information director from 2004-05 prior to a two year stint in South Asia where he and his wife, Kelley, worked for a non-profit organization.

Caskey At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Greenville, S.C.

EDUCATION:

B.A., Furman, 2003

EXPERIENCE:

Public Affairs Assistant, Southern Conference, 2003-04
Assistant Sports Information Director, Appalachian State, 2004-05
International Service Corps, 2005-07
Assoc. Director of Media Relations, Southern Conference, 2007-present

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Laura Hayes Assistant to the Commissioner

A member of the Southern Conference staff since May 16, 2007, Laura Hayes handles a variety of administrative tasks in her role as assistant to the commissioner.

She assists with the daily management of the conference's business operations and financial endeavors and aids with the planning and execution of conference meetings. She serves as a liaison between the league office and Southern Conference member schools and coordinates the conference's Graduate Scholarship program while

also assisting in the production of the Southern Conference Pocket Directory and Conference manual.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, she earned her insurance license from Greenville Technical College in 1999. She worked in the insurance and banking industry before moving to the Southern Conference. An avid reader, she enjoys kick boxing.

Hayes At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

San Antonio, Texas

EDUCATION:

Greenville Technical College, 1999

EXPERIENCE:

L.M. Hubert Household Management, 1994-97

Arthur State Bank, 1997-00

State Farm Insurance, 2000-04

Allstate Insurance, 2004-05

George Johnson Insurance, 2005-06

The Palladian Group, 2006-07

Assistant to the Commissioner, Southern Conference, 2007-present



Ben Austin Championships/Operations Assistant

Ben Austin, a four-year letterwinner on the baseball team and recent graduate of Wofford College, joined the Southern Conference as a championships/operations assistant on July 1, 2008.

Austin earned a bachelor's degree from Wofford in 2008 while majoring in business economics. He was a three-time member of the SoCon Academic Honor Roll and was selected to serve on Wofford's baseball head coach search committee in 2007.

On the field, Austin tied the Terriers' single-season wins record in 2007 with 11 victories and was named to the 2007 SoCon All-Tournament Team as Wofford won the SoCon crown.

Austin also worked as a student assistant in the Wofford Athletic Media Relations department as an undergraduate.

Austin At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Chapel Hill, N.C.

EDUCATION:

B.A., Wofford, 2008

EXPERIENCE:

External Affairs Assistant, Southern Conference, 2008-present



Russell Dorn Media Relations Assistant

Russell Dorn joined the Southern Conference as a media relations assistant in June 2008.

Dorn earned a bachelor's degree from Furman University in 2008 while majoring in history. He served as sports editor of *The Paladin*, Furman's only student newspaper, and a sports clerk with the *Greenville News*. He worked as an intern with the NBA Developmental League and assisted in the

Furman sports information office.

At the Southern Conference, Dorn is the primary media contact for a number of conference-sponsored sports including volleyball, men's and women's track & field and cross country, wrestling and men's and women's tennis. He also is responsible for writing, editing and researching information for conference publications and media guides, and Dorn is the primary contact for the FCS Coaches Poll, which the league office administers.

A member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, Dorn resides in Spartanburg.

Dorn At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Greenwood, S.C.

EDUCATION:

B.A., Furman, 2008

EXPERIENCE:

Media Relations Assistant, Southern Conference, 2008-present



Jim Burch Coordinator of Officials

Jim Burch is in his 20th year as the Southern Conference's coordinator of men's basketball officials. He is responsible for assigning officials for the league. A long-time college basketball official, Burch assumed his Southern Conference coordinator's position in July of 1988 and announced his retirement as a game official.

His officiating experience includes 17 years as a high school referee and 29 years on the collegiate level.

He worked the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) tournament for 20 years, the Southern Conference event for 15 years, and worked four NCAA regional tournaments.

Born July 7, 1927 at Raleigh, N.C., Burch is a 1949 graduate of Fayetteville State with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He earned a master's degree in educational administration from Indiana and has done post-graduate work at New York University, North Carolina and Duke.

Prior to his retirement in 1988, Burch has officiated games for the Southern Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Sun Belt Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

In addition to the Southern Conference, Burch also supervises men's basketball officials for the South Atlantic Conference. He is a member of the Fayetteville State Athletic Hall of Fame, the CIAA Basketball Officials Hall of Fame, and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Basketball Hall of Fame. In 1996, Referee Magazine selected him as one of the 20 referees who have most influenced officiating in the last 20 years.

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Press Releases

The Southern Conference utilizes e-mail and the league's website (www.SoConSports.com) to distribute information, press releases, notes and statistics. If you wish to be added to the distribution list, please contact a member of the media relations staff.

SoCon.TV

In July 2005, the Southern Conference launched SoCon.TV, a live video streaming network designed to bring SoCon sports to fans around the world through the internet. The network includes not only Southern Conference Championship events but also regular season events from around the league.

SoCon Players of the Week

The Southern Conference selects a player of the week throughout the season. The honorees will be announced on Mondays and will be available on the conference's website (www.SoConSports.com) or by contacting the conference office.

Postseason Awards

Following the conclusion of the regular season, voting is conducted on the all-conference teams by both the league's coaches and members of the Southern Conference Sports Media Association (SCSMA). The coaches select a 10-member all-conference squad while the SCSMA chooses a five-player first team, second team and third team. Both groups select a Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year and a Coach of the Year, and in 2008-09, the coaches will also tab a Defensive Player of the Year.

Southern Conference on the Web

Visit the Southern Conference's official website at www.SoConSports.com. Information related to men's basketball and the conference's other 18 sports can be found on the site including up-to-date statistics, standings, weekly releases and game recaps. Video streaming of select championships and regular season contests is also available.

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Spring Sports TBA



Men's Basketball Coaches Teleconference

The Southern Conference sponsors a weekly teleconference each Tuesday throughout the basketball season. The first teleconference will be on Tuesday, Jan. 6 with subsequent teleconferences following each Tuesday through Feb. 24. Coaches will be available on alternate weeks according to the schedule listed below.

All coaches will be available for the final teleconference on Tuesday, Feb. 24 prior to the start of the annual Southern Conference Tournament.

Members of the media may access the call by dialing (212) 812-4494 and entering **30433397**.

For more information, contact Jason Yaman or Jonathan Caskey at (864) 591-5100.

Jan. 6, 20; Feb. 3, 17, 24

Time (ET)	Coach, School
10:00-10:08	Bobby Cremins, CofC
10:08-10:16	Ed Conroy, CIT
10:16-10:24	Bob McKillop, DAV
10:24-10:32	Jeff Jackson, FUR
10:32-10:40	Jeff Price, GSU
10:40-10:48	Mike Young, WOF

Jan. 13, 27; Feb. 10, 24

Time (ET)	Coach, School
10:00-10:08	Houston Fancher, ASU
10:08-10:16	John Shulman, UTC
10:16-10:24	Ernie Nestor, Elon
10:24-10:32	Mike Dement, UNCG
10:32-10:40	Jimmy Tillette, SAM
10:40-10:48	Larry Hunter, WCU

Southern Conference Sports Media Association (SCSMA)

The Southern Conference Sports Media Association (SCSMA) is an independent organization of conference sportswriters, sportscasters and media relations staff who further the institutions that comprise the Southern Conference. The organization annually selects and recognizes an all-conference football, men's and women's basketball and baseball team as well as coach of the year, player of the year and freshman of the year. The organization also works toward the best interests of its members to increase knowledge and prestige of the league.

For more information on the SCSMA and its activities, contact Jason Yaman (864-591-5100).

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