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**SARAH
WILKINSON**

**Named First-Team
All-SoCon**

**LEAH
LEPPERT**

**Named First-Team
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**COLETTE
NAMMOUR**

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SAMFORD WOMEN'S SOCCER HONORS



**PAIGE
LANTER**

**Named Second-Team
All-SoCon**



**TRINE
TAULE**

**Named to the SoCon
All-Freshman Team**



**ALYSSA
WHITEHEAD**

**Named Second-Team
All-SoCon**



BULLDOGS PLACE SECOND IN SOCON

ADVANCE TO TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Adrienne Mancino



The Samford University soccer team closed out its 2010 season with a 13-6-3 overall record and an 8-2-1 mark in Southern Conference play. The Bulldogs finished second in the league's standings and advanced to the championship match of the SoCon Tournament for the first time in school history.

Under the tutelage of the school's all-time winningest soccer coach Todd Yelton, Samford was able to accomplish these feats despite a number of season-ending injuries to key players on both the offensive and defensive sides of the field.

"If you had told me before the season that we would lose the players that we did to injury, which included four starters, and still end up reaching the conference final, then I would have definitely taken that," said Yelton. "But, I'm also very competitive, and I want to win championships. There was still a lot left to be desired, because we didn't make the NCAA Tournament. That's what we expect and what we strive for."

Samford opened the 2010 campaign with a pair of tough road losses against Alabama, 2-1, and 18th-ranked Memphis, 3-0. The Bulldogs then opened their home schedule with a 2-2 draw against Mercer. Samford's first victory of the season occurred against Southern Miss at Bulldog Field Sept. 3.

In the triumph, the Bulldogs used an offensive outburst from three underclassmen and a senior to register a 4-0 victory against Southern Miss. True freshmen Shanika Thomas and Trine Taule both tallied their first career goals, while sophomore Kaley Blanton and senior Hilary Samuels added second-half scores for Samford.

The Bulldogs' victory against Southern Miss sparked a four-match

winning streak for Samford. After defeating the Golden Eagles, the Bulldogs reeled off consecutive triumphs against UAB, 1-0, Kennesaw State, 2-0, and Tennessee Tech, 2-0.

With its win against Tennessee Tech, Samford claimed the championship title of the 2010 Samford Invitational held at Bulldog Field. Samford defenders Leah Leppert and Sabbath McKiernan-Allen both scored goals in the victory. With the win, Samford concluded its 2010 home tournament with a 2-0 record.

Following their four-match winning streak, the Bulldogs suffered consecutive losses to Auburn, Elon and UNC-Greensboro. Heading into October, Samford held an overall record of 4-5-1 and an 0-2 mark in SoCon play.

"It took us to the second week of conference play to really find ourselves," Yelton said. "We totally changed our formation. We went from playing a 4-3-3 to playing a 3-5-2. That was less by design and more because we only had two healthy defenders left on our roster. When we made the change, it really allowed us to have success."

The Bulldogs able to overcome their injuries by changing formations, and soon reaped the rewards with six consecutive victories against the College of Charleston, 2-0, The Citadel, 7-0, Wofford, 1-0, Furman, 3-2, Appalachian State, 1-0, and Western Carolina, 1-0.

In a key home victory against Western Carolina, the Bulldogs used a second-half goal from true freshman Michelle Moll to defeat the Catamounts 1-0 in a SoCon showdown held at Bulldog Field. Moll's game-winning score came during the 81st minute of play and was assisted by junior Sarah Wilkinson.

With the victory, Samford extended its winning streak to six consecutive matches and reached the 10-win plateau in a season for the eighth time in nine years.

The Bulldogs continued their success in the 3-5-2 formation and improved

SOCON LEADERS

GOALS-AGAINST AVERAGE

1. Kelsey Kearney, UNC-Greensboro	0.48
2. Alyssa Whitehead, Samford	0.79
3. Kimberly Cohn, Wofford	0.86
4. Caroline Clarke, Appalachian State	1.05
5. Jessica Smith, Furman	1.07

SHUTOUTS

1. Alyssa Whitehead, Samford	12
Kelsey Kearney, UNC-Greensboro	12
3. Jessica Smith, Furman	7
Jessie Baxa, Davidson	7
5. Kristen Haney, Elon	6

FEWEST GOALS ALLOWED

1. UNC-Greensboro	11
2. Samford	18
3. Appalachian State	19
4. Furman	23
5. Western Carolina	24

their undefeated streak to 11 straight matches. After losing to UNC-Greensboro, 1-0, on Sept. 26, Samford did not suffer another loss all season until its final match of the 2010 campaign in the 2010 SoCon Tournament championship. Yelton attributes his team's stellar play to leadership.

"We had great leadership from within the squad," said Yelton. "We also had great team camaraderie, and that really helped us overcome a lot of adversity. In our game against UAB, we were only able to dress 13 players, so it was an interesting season. It was definitely one that we should be proud of. Once we got into conference play, we were able to hit our stride a bit."

Samford rode the positive momentum from its regular-season ending undefeated streak all the way to the SoCon Tournament championship match, where the Bulldogs squared off against the 14th-ranked UNC-Greensboro Spartans.

In its first appearance in the SoCon Tournament championship, Samford fell short against the top-seeded Spartans, 1-0, at the Catamount Athletic Complex on the campus of Western Carolina University. In the hard-fought defensive struggle, the lone score of the match was tallied by UNC-Greensboro's Kristin Schmidbauer in the 58th minute of play. On the game-winning goal, Schmidbauer was on the receiving end of a pair of contributing passes from Jenn



Trine Taule

Partenheimer and Cat Barnekow.

With the season-ending loss, Samford had its 11-match undefeated streak snapped. The Bulldogs concluded their 2010 campaign with 13 victories, the school's third highest win total in school history. Samford finished SoCon play with an 8-2-1 record and advanced to the championship match of the conference tournament for the first time in three seasons.

The 2010 SoCon Tournament championship proved to be a battle for both teams. Scoring opportunities came at a premium for both squads, as each team recorded just two shots on goal. UNC-Greensboro held a slight 6-5 advantage in shots overall. Samford senior Colette Nammour, and true freshmen Moll and Taule were named to the 2010 SoCon All-Tournament Team.

"There's no doubt that the freshman class was a group of extremely talented players, but somebody really had to show them the way once they got here," Yelton said. "Our upperclassmen did a fantastic job of showing them what it means to be a part of this program, especially in the training and the commitment it takes to succeed at this level. Our younger players all have a bright future, but there were a lot of pieces to the puzzle that helped us last season."

Samford's 2010 senior class, comprised of Paige Lanter, Leppert,

2010 STATISTICAL RECAP

Overall Record	13-6-3
Southern Conference Record	8-2-1
Home Record	7-2-2
Road Record	5-3-1
Neutral Record	1-1-0

SAMFORD'S RECORD WHEN ...

Scoring first	13-0-1
Opponent scores first	0-6-2
Leading at halftime	10-0
Trailing at halftime	1-3
Tied at halftime	2-3-3
Playing in overtime matches	2-0-3
Outshooting opponents	12-1-2
Tied with or outshot by opponents	1-5-1
Taking more corner kicks	11-4-2
Taking the same or fewer corner kicks	2-2-1
Committing more fouls	8-2-1
Committing the same or fewer fouls	5-4-2
Playing in day matches	5-2
Playing in night matches	8-4-3
Playing in one-goal matches	7-4
Scoring one goal	4-0-1
Scoring two goals	3-0-1
Scoring three goals	3-0
Scoring four goals	2-0
Scoring five or more goals	1-0

RECORD BY DAY OF THE WEEK

Monday	0-0
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	1-0
Thursday	1-0
Friday	5-3-2
Saturday	0-0
Sunday	6-3-1

RECORD BY MONTH

August	0-2-1
September	4-3
October	8-0-2
November	1-1

Nammour, Samuels and Kelly Shaffer will go down as one of the winningest classes in school history. Since 2007, these players have compiled a 44-20-10 overall record, and have helped lead the Bulldogs to a school-record 27-5-5 conference mark and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. Last year's senior class combined to play an unprecedented 322 career matches, and four of the five players are listed in the school's top-five ranking of games played.

"That was a fantastic group of players," said Yelton. "They all possessed different characteristics that made them each special. Their freshman year, they got the first ever NCAA Tournament at-large bid in school history. They knew what it was about to be successful. As

anyone will tell you, success has a lot to do with the leadership within your squad."

On Oct. 31, 2010, the Bulldogs played their final match at Bulldog Field as Samford advanced past Davidson in the opening round of the SoCon Tournament. Samford competed at Bulldog Field for 14 seasons and compiled a 83-30-17 record at the facility.

"It was pretty amazing," Yelton said. "I've been at Samford for a while now, and we've had a lot of good memories for me, my family, the program and the university at Bulldog Field. We're obviously excited to get the new stadium, but we will definitely miss the old field. I was able to get my first Division I win there, and we've won a lot of big-time games there over the years. It will always be a special place for us."

Beginning in 2011, the Bulldogs will compete at the new Samford Track and Soccer Stadium, which was completed in April of this year. Samford has already hosted the 2011 SoCon Track and Field

Championships there and is slated to host the SoCon Tournament in soccer in 2012.

Athletics Director Martin Newton, acknowledging that the university provides an excellent "broad-based education and athletic experience for all Samford students," noted that athletics is sometimes called the "front porch to a university."

"We are proud to have this front porch on Lakeshore Drive. It will contribute to helping Samford student-athletes compete at the highest level in the Southern Conference," said Newton.

The complex, which includes a nine-lane track with a regulation soccer field inside the track, is located across Lakeshore Drive from the campus. The complex has a seating capacity of 1,200, with 360 chair-back seats. A 300-square-foot press box sits atop the grandstand. A 5,000-square-foot support building houses concessions, ticket booth, restrooms, storage and locker rooms.



Shanika Thomas

2010 TEAM LEADERS

GOALS

Trine Taule	9
Sarah Wilkinson	5
Paige Lanter	4
Katie Proud	4

ASSISTS

Lauren Cook	5
Hilary Samuels	5
Michelle Moll	3
Trine Taule	3

POINTS

Trine Taule	21
Sarah Wilkinson	11
Paige Lanter	10
Katie Proud	10

SHOTS

Michelle Moll	45
Trine Taule	41
Paige Lanter	36
Leah Leppert	35
Sarah Wilkinson	28

2010 RESULTS

Aug. 20	at Alabama	L, 2-1
Aug. 22	at #18 Memphis	L, 3-0
Aug. 27	MERCER	T, 2-2
Sept. 3	SOUTHERN MISS	W, 4-0
Sept. 5	UAB	W, 1-0
Sept. 10	KENNESAW STATE	W, 2-0
Sept. 12	TENNESSEE TECH	W, 2-0
Sept. 17	at Auburn	L, 2-0
Sept. 24	ELON*	L, 1-0
Sept. 25	UNC-GREENSBORO*	L, 1-0
Oct. 1	at College of Charleston*	W, 2-0
Oct. 3	at The Citadel*	W, 7-0
Oct. 7	at Wofford*	W, 1-0
Oct. 10	FURMAN*	W, 3-2 (OT)
Oct. 15	APPALACHIAN STATE*	W, 1-0 (2OT)
Oct. 17	WESTERN CAROLINA*	W, 1-0
Oct. 22	at Davidson*	T, 0-0
Oct. 24	at Georgia Southern*	W, 3-0
Oct. 27	at Chattanooga*	W, 3-0
Oct. 31	DAVIDSON**	T, 1-1 (4-3 PKs)
Nov. 5	vs. The Citadel**	W, 4-3
Nov. 7	vs. #14 UNC-Greensboro**	L, 1-0

*Southern Conference match

**Southern Conference Tournament match

Home games are in **BOLD CAPS**.

	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
All Games	13-6-3	7-2-2	5-3-1	1-1-0
Conference	8-2-1	3-2-0	5-0-1	0-0-0
SoCon Tournament	1-1-1	0-0-1	0-0-0	1-1-0
Nonconference	5-4-2	4-0-2	0-3-0	1-1-0

NO	PLAYER	GP-GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHOTS	SHOT%	SOG	SOG%	YC-RC	GW	PK-ATT
10	Trine Taule	22-18	1407	9	3	21	41	.220	25	.610	0-0	2	0-0
5	Sarah Wilkinson	21-16	1224	5	1	11	28	.179	17	.607	0-0	4	0-0
14	Paige Lanter	22-22	1613	4	2	10	36	.111	14	.389	1-0	0	0-1
21	Katie Proud	20-0	803	4	2	10	18	.222	8	.444	0-0	2	1-1
23	Michelle Moll	22-20	1656	3	3	9	45	.067	16	.356	0-0	1	0-0
13	Hilary Samuels	22-18	1546	2	5	9	25	.080	12	.480	0-0	0	0-0
3	Leah Leppert	22-22	1916	3	1	7	35	.086	22	.629	1-0	1	0-0
11	Lauren Cook	22-19	1252	1	5	7	22	.045	9	.409	0-0	0	0-0
28	Kaley Blanton	22-7	820	2	1	5	18	.111	5	.278	0-0	1	0-0
4	Shanika Thomas	21-21	1731	2	1	5	16	.125	7	.438	0-0	2	0-0
7	Lindsay Matern	18-0	403	1	1	3	10	.100	6	.600	0-0	0	0-0
15	Sabbath McKiernan-Allen	8-8	711	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0-0	0	0-0
9	Brittany Hoffman	3-0	136	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0-0	0	0-0
17	Colette Nammour	22-22	1970	0	1	1	3	.000	3	1.000	0-0	0	0-0
12	Hailey Shelpuk	6-0	87	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
2	Kelly Shaffer	22-5	1032	0	0	0	17	.000	8	.471	1-0	0	0-0
8	Adrienne Mancino	22-22	1970	0	0	0	2	.000	2	1.000	0-0	0	0-0
25	Mary Grabowsky	9-0	130	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0-0	0	0-0
24	Katherine Wright	2-0	27	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
16	Taylor Cornwell	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
6	Shannon Weathington	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
TOTAL		22	—	38	27	103	320	.119	157	.491	4-0	13	1-2
OPPONENTS		22	—	18	17	53	208	.087	105	.505	5-1	6	1-2

NO	GOALKEEPERS	GP-GS	MINUTES	GA	AVG	SAVES	PCT	W	L	T	SHO
1	Alyssa Whitehead	22-22	2059:53	18	0.79	84	.824	13	6	3	12
	Team		0:00	0	0.00	3	1.000	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		22	2059:53	18	0.79	87	.829	13	6	3	12
OPPONENTS		22	1735:25	38	1.66	119	.758	6	12	3	6



Assistant Coach Jay Yelton has proven to be one of the top goalkeeping coaches in the nation throughout his career.

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L/T	SCORE	ASSISTS	SHOTS	ON GOAL	CORNERS	FOULS
Aug. 20	at Alabama	L	1-2	1/1	13/14	10/10	4/3	4/10
Aug. 22	at #18 Memphis	L	0-3	0/3	5/18	4/10	2/6	8/6
Aug. 27	MERCER	T	2-2	3/1	17/8	6/5	2/4	12/7
Sept. 3	SOUTHERN MISS	W	4-0	5/0	12/10	6/5	7/4	10/10
Sept. 5	UAB	W	1-0	1/0	9/11	4/5	5/3	19/13
Sept. 10	KENNESAW STATE	W	2-0	2/0	13/4	8/2	4/5	5/5
Sept. 12	TENNESSEE TECH	W	2-0	1/0	18/6	7/4	9/2	7/5
Sept. 17	Auburn	L	0-2	0/4	2/26	0/15	1/14	11/3
Sept. 24	ELON*	L	0-1	0/1	11/7	5/1	4/1	12/9
Sept. 26	UNC-GREENSBORO*	L	0-1	0/1	11/12	6/4	5/4	8/11
Oct. 1	at College of Charleston*	W	2-0	1/0	9/11	5/5	4/2	10/9
Oct. 3	at The Citadel*	W	7-0	3/0	17/10	13/4	5/5	8/10
Oct. 7	at Wofford*	W	1-0	1/0	16/1	11/1	4/1	7/7
Oct. 10	FURMAN*	W	3-2	2/3	20/9	14/4	2/1	8/1
Oct. 15	APPALACHIAN STATE*	W	1-0	1/0	27/11	13/5	8/0	11/12
Oct. 17	WESTERN CAROLINA*	W	1-0	1/0	18/8	9/4	6/3	3/5
Oct. 22	at Davidson*	T	0-0	0/0	19/8	5/1	9/0	14/7
Oct. 24	at Georgia Southern*	W	3-0	1/0	17/2	6/1	11/0	10/8
Oct. 27	at Chattanooga*	W	3-0	2/0	11/10	3/6	4/1	5/8
Oct. 31	DAVIDSON**	T	1-1 (4-3 PKs)	1/1	23/6	7/3	6/2	8/10
Nov. 5	vs. The Citadel**	W	4-3	1/0	27/10	13/8	8/4	5/4
Nov. 7	vs. UNC-Greensboro**	L	0-1	0/2	5/6	2/2	3/2	6/9
	TOTALS	13-6-3	38-18	27/17	320/208	157/105	113/67	191/169

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The Bulldogs celebrate their penalty-kick victory against Davidson in the SoCon Tournament last season.

SAMFORD

TEAM MATCH HIGHS

Goals
7, at The Citadel (Oct. 3)
Assists
5, vs. Southern Miss (Sept. 3)
Points
17, at The Citadel (Oct. 3)
Shots
27, vs. The Citadel (Nov. 5)
27, vs. Appalachian State (Oct. 15)
Shots on Goal
14, vs. Furman (Oct. 10)
Saves
13, at Auburn (Sept. 17)
Corner Kicks
11, at Georgia Southern (Oct. 24)
Fouls
19, vs. UAB (Sept. 5)

INDIVIDUAL MATCH HIGHS

Goals
2, Trine Taule, vs. The Citadel (Nov. 5)
2, Paige Lanter, at Chattanooga (Oct. 27)
2, Trine Taule, at The Citadel (Oct. 3)
2, Sarah Wilkinson, at College of Charleston (Oct. 1)
Assists
2, Michelle Moll, at Chattanooga (Oct. 27)
2, Hilary Samuels, vs. Southern Miss (Sept. 3)
Points
4, Trine Taule, vs. The Citadel (Nov. 5)
4, Paige Lanter, at Chattanooga (Oct. 27)
4, Trine Taule, at The Citadel (Oct. 3)
4, Sarah Wilkinson, at College of Charleston (Oct. 1)
4, Hilary Samuels, vs. Southern Miss (Sept. 3)
Shots
7, Trine Taule, vs. The Citadel (Nov. 5)
7, Michelle Moll, vs. Davidson (Oct. 31)
Shots on Goal
5, Hilary Samuels, at Wofford (Oct. 7)
Saves
13, Alyssa Whitehead, at Auburn (Sept. 17)

OPPONENTS

TEAM MATCH HIGHS

Goals
3, vs. The Citadel (Nov. 5)
3, at #18 Memphis (Aug. 22)
Assists
4, at Auburn (Sept. 17)
Points
9, at #18 Memphis (Aug. 22)
Shots
26, at Auburn (Sept. 17)
Shots on Goal
15, at Auburn (Sept. 17)
Saves
12, vs. Appalachian State (Oct. 15)
Corner Kicks
14, at Auburn (Sept. 17)
Fouls
13, vs. UAB (Sept. 5)

INDIVIDUAL MATCH HIGHS

Goals
2, Rasheeda Ansari, at #18 Memphis (Aug. 22)
Assists
2, Katy Frierson, at Auburn (Sept. 17)
Points
4, Rasheeda Ansari, at #18 Memphis (Aug. 22)
Shots
7, Mary Coffed, at Auburn (Sept. 17)
Shots on Goal
5, Mary Coffed, at Auburn (Sept. 17)
Saves
11, Caroline Clark, Appalachian State (Oct. 15)
11, Jessica Smith, Furman (Oct. 10)



Kaley Blanton and Adrienne Mancino celebrate a 1-0 win over UAB in 2010.



Samford's 2010 seniors (from left) Kelly Shaffer, Hilary Samuels, Colette Nammour, Leah Leppert and Paige Lanter on Senior Night.