

Hutchinson, Shelton, Beecher Earn Volleyball Honors

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Samford's Lauren Hutchinson, College of Charleston's Emily Shelton, and Georgia Southern's Alexandra Beecher have been named the SoCon Offensive, Defensive and Freshman Volleyball Players of the Week, respectively, for September

17. The selections are made by the conference office. Hutchinson, a senior middle blocker, recorded 39 kills, 11 total blocks, five digs, one assists and one service ace during a week that saw the Bulldogs go 3-1. The Kennesaw, Ga. native set a school record for single-match hitting percentage against Alcorn State on Friday, with 12 kills on 14 attempts and no errors for a percentage of .857. Shelton, a senior libero, recorded 73 digs (5.62 per set), 12 assists and one service ace against Georgetown, Presbyterian and Michigan State last week. The Cincinnati, Ohio native recorded 21 digs against both Georgetown and Michigan State. She also leads the team in digs every match and ranks second in the conference in digs per set. Georgia Southern's Alexandra Beecher was named the SoCon Freshman of the Week, her first such honor of the season. Beecher was named to the SpringHill Suites Eagle Invitational All-Tournament team last weekend. She averaged 5.06 digs per set (81 total) and added 10 services aces (with just two errors) and 12 assists in a 3-1 week for the Eagles. She posted a match-high 28 digs in a five-set loss to Wisconsin. Beecher recorded 20 digs in a win over South Alabama and 23 digs in a victory over Jacksonville. The Orlando, Fla. native is one of just two Eagles to play in every set this season. She leads the team in digs with 265. Nominated for Offensive Player of the Week were College of Charleston's Sloane White, The Citadel's Lauren Hurt, Davidson's Tindall Sewell, Furman's Chandler Ambrester, Georgia Southern's Moriah Bellissimo, Samford' Lauren Hutchinson, UNCG's Olivia Humphries, Western Carolina's Caitlin Piechota, and Wofford's Arden Anderson. Nominated for Defensive Player of the Week were College of Charleston's Emily Shelton, The Citadel's Emily Dalton, Davidson's Ariel Ley, Furman's Christina Dorismond, Georgia Southern's Alexandra Beecher, Samford's Alexis Bauer, UNCG's Katherine Santiago, Chattanooga's Paula Passmore, Western Carolina's Morgan Cochran, Wofford's Reagan Styles. Nominated for Freshman of the Week were College of Charleston's Melissa Morello, The Citadel's Mikaela Tracy, Davidson's Morgan Shannon, Furman's Jo Wilks, Georgia Southern's Alexandra Beecher, UNCG's Katherine Santiago, and Western Carolina's Nicole Ford.

2012 Volleyball Offensive Players of the Week

Week 1 – Darcy Dorton, College of Charleston

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Week 2 – Kris Harris, Elon

Week 3 – Natalie Braun, Furman

Week 4 – Lauren Hutchinson, Samford

2012 Volleyball Defensive Players of the Week

Week 1 – Paula Passmore, Chattanooga

Week 2 – Alexandra Beecher, Georgia Southern

Week 3 – Alexis Bauer, Samford

Week 4 – Emily Shelton, College of Charleston

2012 Volleyball Freshmen of the Week

Week 1 – Jo Wilks, Furman

Week 2 – Jo Wilks, Furman

Week 3 – Jo Wilks, Furman

Week 4 – Alexandra Beecher, Georgia Southern