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### 2018 SEC Soccer Awards Announced

**Birmingham, Ala.** – The Southeastern Conference unveiled its soccer coaches' postseason awards Sunday to cap off another exciting season of SEC soccer.

Vanderbilt's Darren Ambrose earned SEC Coach of the Year honors while Alabama senior midfielder Emma Welch was named SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Tennessee's Bunny Shaw was selected as the SEC Offensive Player of the Year. South Carolina defender Grace Fisk was tabbed SEC Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. Vanderbilt's Haley Hopkins garnered SEC Freshman of the Year honors.

It is the first SEC Coach of the Year honor for Ambrose who led the Commodores to their first SEC championship since 1994. The 2018 has been one of the most success in school history. Vanderbilt achieved the highest ranking in school history when the United Soccer Coaches listed them No. 7 on October 23. The Dores also had a 16-game unbeaten streak, which is the longest such streak in program history.

Welch carries a 4.0 grade point average in the Accelerated Master's Program (AMP) which allows graduate in December 2018 with a BS in Marketing and a MS in Marketing. The McDonough, Ga., native is Alabama's all-time assists leader with 23 career assists.

Shaw becomes the second Tennessee player to win SEC Offensive Player of the Year honors, joining Kylee Rossi (2006 & 2007). The senior from Spanish Town, Jamaica, led the SEC by averaging 1.14 goals and 2.57 points per game in league play. Her five game-winning goals in SEC games was more than twice as many as anyone else.

Fisk, a native of Bromley, London, England, anchored a stingy South Carolina defense that held opponents to a conference-best five goals in SEC play this season. The Gamecocks notched clean sheets in seven of their 10 conference matches.

Hopkins became the first Commodore to earn SEC Freshman of the Year honors after leading Vanderbilt and ranking second in the SEC with seven goals and 17 points in league games this year. The Newport Beach, Calif., native has found the back of the net 12 times on the season.



## 2018 SEC Soccer Awards

### First Team All-SEC

Forward: Sarah Luebbert, Missouri  
Forward: Bunny Shaw, Tennessee  
Forward: Ally Watt, Texas A&M  
Forward: Haley Hopkins, Vanderbilt  
Midfielder: Bri Folds, Auburn  
Midfielder: Lais Araujo, Florida  
Midfielder: CeCe Kizer, Ole Miss  
Midfielder: Katie Cousins, Tennessee  
Defender: Haley VanFossen, Arkansas  
Defender: Lucy Parker, LSU  
Defender: Maya Neal, Tennessee  
Defender: Grace Fisk, South Carolina  
Goalkeeper: Mikayla Kreczowski, South Carolina  
At-Large: Grace Jackson, Vanderbilt

### Second Team All-SEC

Forward: Tori Cannata, Arkansas  
Forward: Adrienne Richardson, LSU  
Forward: Channing Foster, Ole Miss  
Forward: Erin Gilroy, Tennessee  
Midfielder: Stefani Doyle, Arkansas  
Midfielder: Carly Mauldin, Mississippi State  
Midfielder: Lauren Chang, South Carolina  
Midfielder: Addie McCain, Texas A&M  
Defender: Alyssa Malonson, Auburn  
Defender: Alex Thomas, LSU  
Defender: MA Vignola, Tennessee  
Defender: Kendall Ritchie, Texas A&M  
Goalkeeper: Kelsey Dossey, Missouri  
At-Large: Treva Aycock, Auburn  
At-Large: Nia Dorsey, Vanderbilt

### All-Freshman Team

Cecily Stoute, Georgia  
Abby Steiner, Kentucky  
Abbey Newton, LSU  
Haleigh Stackpole, Ole Miss  
Zakirah McGillivray, Mississippi State  
Julissa Cisneros, Missouri  
Jyllissa Harris, South Carolina  
Selma Sól Magnúsdóttir, South Carolina  
Ásdís Halldórsdóttir, Texas A&M  
Haley Hopkins, Vanderbilt  
Ella Shamburger, Vanderbilt

### Coach of the Year

Darren Ambrose, Vanderbilt

### Offensive Player of the Year

Bunny Shaw, Tennessee

### Defensive Player of the Year

Grace Fisk, South Carolina

### Freshman of the Year

Haley Hopkins, Vanderbilt

### Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Emma Welch, Alabama