Western Carolina Catamounts
Southern

Last NCAA Tournament Appearance: 1996

Current Status: Bubble
Projected JNG Seed: 16

Head Coach: Tim Craft
School: 25-42 (3 seasons)
Career: 213-208

Record		H/R/N/B		NET/WAB/SOS		Resume		Predictive		KenPom	
Overall	2-4	Home	1-1	NET	1	KPI	1	BPI	200	AdjO	222
vs D1	1-4	Road	1-3	WAB	1	SOR	241	T-R	221	AdjD	251
Conference	0-0	Neutral	0-0	N/C WAB	1	JNG	295	KenPom	233	Tempo	183
vs Tier 1-2	0-2	vs Board	0-0	SOS	1	AVG	179.0	AVG	218.0	Luck	208
vs Tier 1-3	0-3			N/C SOS	1	OAR: 226 (128.3 avg)*				Streak	L3

Average JNG Win: 322.0

Wins Tier 1 1-30/1-50/1-75

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score

Wins Tier 2 31-75/51-100/76-135

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score

Wins Tier 3 76-160/101-200/136-240

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
322	11/07	@ UNC-Asheville	83-75
--	11/11	VA Lynchburg	136-68

Wins Tier 4 161+/201+/241+

Average JNG Loss: 115.3

Loss Tier 1 1-30/1-50/1-75

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
44	11/02	@ North Carolina	80-72

Loss Tier 2 31-75/51-100/76-135

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
76	*11/21*	*@ Wake Forest*	*90-63*

Loss Tier 3 76-160/101-200/136-240

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
141	11/17	@ Butler	89-64

Loss Tier 4 161+/201+/241+

JNG	Date	Opponent	Score
200	11/14	Lipscomb	75-68

REMAINING SCHEDULE

Date	JNG	Opponent
11/25	--	Montreat*
11/29	132	@ Charlotte*
12/02	--	Piedmont*
12/05	159	The Citadel
12/07	--	S Virginia*
12/13	2	@ Virginia*
12/19	93	@ Furman
12/22	199	@ Wofford
12/30	209	Chattanooga
01/02	263	VMI
01/06	255	@ Mercer
01/09	216	@ East Tennessee State
01/13	248	@ UNC-Greensboro
01/16	205	Samford
01/18	255	Mercer
01/21	144	@ Tennessee Tech
01/23	209	@ Chattanooga
01/27	199	Wofford
02/03	144	Tennessee Tech
02/07	205	@ Samford
02/10	159	@ The Citadel
02/13	93	Furman
02/18	216	East Tennessee State
02/20	248	UNC-Greensboro
02/27	263	@ VMI

Glossary:

NET: NCAA NET Metric
WAB: Wins Above Bubble (NCAA Metric)
KPI: kpisports.net / Kevin Pauga
SOR: espn.com Strength of Record
JNG: hoopshd.com / Joby Fortson
BPI: espn.com BPI Ratings
T-R: barttorvik.com / Torvik Rankings
KenPom: kenpom.com / Ken Pomeroy
AdjO: Adjusted Offensive Efficiency per kenpom.com
AdjD: Adjusted Defensive Efficiency per kenpom.com
Tempo: Adjusted Tempo per kenpom.com
Luck: Luck Ranking per kenpom.com

OAR: Overall Average Ranking (average of NET, KPI, SOR, WAB, POM, BPI and T-R ranked 1-365)
Projected JNG Seed: NCAA Tournament Seed per the JNG Rating if this team qualifies for the NCAA Tournament
* Games marked with an * are non-conference games

Western Carolina DEFCON Game Ratings for Wednesday, November 25, 2026

DEFCON 3

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
2:00 PM	Manhattan at NJIT	espn+	NJIT

DEFCON 4

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
12:30 PM	Northern Colorado vs Detroit Mercy	flohoops	Detroit Mercy
4:00 PM	Florida Gulf Coast vs Georgia State	passthaballlive	Florida Gulf Coast

DEFCON 5

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
12:00 PM	Marquette vs Virginia	ESPN	Virginia
1:00 PM	Long Beach State vs Southern Utah	espn+	Southern Utah
3:00 PM	Southeastern Louisiana vs North Dakota	flohoops	North Dakota
6:00 PM	West Florida at Northwestern State	espn+	Northwestern State
7:00 PM	Bellarmine at Northern Kentucky	ROCK/espn+	Northern Kentucky
7:00 PM	Northeastern at Wisconsin	BTN	Wisconsin
7:30 PM	Mississippi State vs Wake Forest	ESPN2	Wake Forest