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## Virgin Islander Aliyah Boston to Feature in Top 5 NCAAW Basketball Nationally Televised Match-Up

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**South Carolina forward Aliyah Boston smiles after making a shot against Vanderbilt during second-half action in Columbia, S.C. on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020. By. TRAVIS BELL SIDELINE CAROLINA**

There will be a Virgin Islander on national TV in one of the premier games of the Women's Basketball regular season slate, as St. Thomas native Aliyah Boston and No. 2/1 South Carolina (15-1) take on No. 3/No.5 Connecticut (12-1) on Fox Sports 1 at 8 p.m AST on Monday. Boston has been averaging a double-double in her sophomore year campaign with 13.7 points and 11.3 rebounds to go along with 2.9 blocks per game this season.

South Carolina is ranked No 2 in the AP poll and No. 1 in the coaches poll. The team could move to No. 1 in both polls this week as AP-ranked No. 1 Louisville fell to NC State since the last release of polls. Connecticut is No. 5 in the AP poll and No. 3 in the coaches poll. There will be an updated rankings released on Monday afternoon before the contest.

South Carolina's lone loss this season was an early-season defeat against NC. State, who are ranked No. 4 in the AP poll and No. 2 in the coaches poll. It was the team's first loss since Nov. 2019 when Boston and the Gamecocks lost in Paradise Jam to Indiana.

Boston became the only player to record multiple triple doubles at South Carolina when she had 16 points, 12 rebounds and 10 blocks in a win against Georgia in late January. Her first triple double of collegiate career came in her first game after she had 12 points, 12 rebounds and 10 blocks against Alabama State.

The Gamecocks ended last season as the No. 1 in the rankings but were unable to compete in the NCAA tournament to cement themselves as the national champions because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Boston is a major part of the Gamecocks' success since she has arrived in Columbia, and was the consensus National Freshman of the Year, Lisa Leslie Center of the Year and SEC Defensive Player of the Year. This year, she was one of two unanimous selections on the Preseason AP All-American Team.

Boston was named to the Wooden Award Late Season Top 20 earlier this month.