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Carolina Probation Ended

Athletic probation on USC has been lifted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

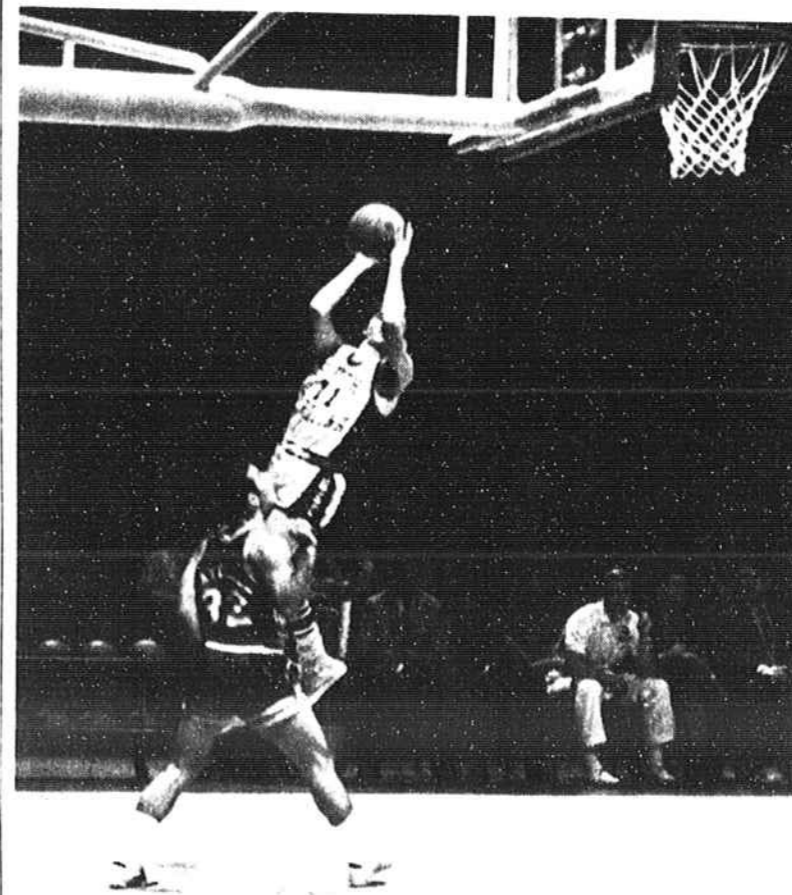
President Thomas F. Jones made the announcement prior to the USC-Clemson basketball game at Carolina Coliseum Saturday night.

Carolina was placed on probation two years ago by the NCAA for rules infractions in football and basketball.

Probation was lifted by the NCAA council in Los Angeles Saturday. Jones received notification by telegram just prior to the start of the game between the Gamecocks and the Tigers.

The NCAA Council's action, effective immediately, leaves the Gamecock basketball squad eligible for NCAA playoffs, if it qualifies for them.

Hot Shooting 'Cocks Bomb Clemson, 77-62



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Roche Fires From Corner

The hot-handed outside shooting of John Roche and Bob Cremins riddled Clemson's first half zone defense to stake the Gamecocks to a 41-30 lead at intermission and the 'Cocks went on to win 77-62 in the Coliseum Saturday night.

The win was the Gamecocks' fourth straight since losing to Davidson, pushing their record to 8-2. The Tigers lost their four consecutive game, leaving their record at 2-6.

Clemson opened the game with a zone defense designed to keep Owens and Ribock in check but the Gamecocks continued to hit from outside. They sank 62.5 per cent of their shots from the floor during the first period.

Clemson switched to a man-to-man defense in the second half and fought back to within nine points but the 'Cocks began to move the ball inside to Owens and pulled away again.

Roche led Carolina with 19 points, followed by Owens with 18, Walsh with 11, Ribock with 13 and Cremins with 12. Guard Butch Zatazelo paced the Tigers with 16 points. Curt Eckard and Randy Mahaffey had nine each.

The smaller Tigers outrebounded the Gamecocks 37-26 but they lost the battle of shooting percentages—50.8 to 47.3.

USC To Face Terps Tomorrow

The Gamecocks travel to Maryland tomorrow night seeking their fifth straight win. The Terps lost the first encounter 79-67 in the Carolina Coliseum Dec. 7.

The Terps bring a 4-8 record into the contest and are fresh from back-to-back losses to Wake Forest and North Carolina State

in Greensboro.

Will Hetzel leads Maryland with a 19.0 scoring average followed by Mickey Wiles and Tom Milroy with 15 points per game. Milroy saw limited action in the first game with the Gamecocks due to early foul trouble and scored only four points.

The Terps' last win came at the expense of Wichita, 95-83, in the second round of the Charlotte Invitational after Maryland had dropped the first game to Davidson, 83-69. Carolina lost to Davidson by seven in Charlotte Dec. 20.

John Roche continues to lead Gamecock scorers with an output of over 20 points per game. He threw in 33 to lead all scorers in the first game with Maryland.

Tom Owens is the second leading scorer, hitting at a 15.8 clip. Billy Walsh is third with an 11.2 average, followed by John Ribock at 9.2 and captain Bob Cremins at 8.0.

Owens is the leading rebounder with 11.6 per game. Ribock is second with 10.1.

Hartsville Standout Signs Grant

Howard Barfield, three-sport star from Hartsville, became the 31st prep star to sign with the Gamecocks when he signed a grant-in-aid recently.

Barfield helped lead Hartsville to second place in the AAAA this season. He plans to play both football and baseball at Carolina and was a member of the state championship American Legion baseball team in 1967 and 1968.

Carolina Swimmers Defeat East Carolina, Lose To UNC

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The swimming Gamecocks came up with their first win of the season in their game against East Carolina Friday Dec. 6. The final score was USC 60, East Carolina 53.

The Gamecocks had two double winners in this first meet, Mike Slenker and Vic Laughlin. In addition, Paul Lewis swam the 200 yd. back stroke in a school record of 2:09.87, coming in second place

in the event by only a few thousandths of a second.

Coach Peter A. Combs at that time was anticipating the UNC meet to be held the next day and held the Gamecocks down from their full potential so as to have enough reserve power to try to surprise the Tar Heels.

However, by expecting UNC to follow their regular pattern of getting into top shape late in the season, Coach Combs admitted that he himself was somewhat surprised when the Tar Heels were

prepared, giving the Gamecock their first loss.

Combs went on to explain the depth advantage which UNC held when they had 30 swimmers to our 12. This enabled them to cover the same events with each man swimming less as compared with the Gamecocks who found themselves often swimming several events.

There were some bright spots against UNC. Vic Laughlin won first place in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving competitions and John Thoder won second place in both these events. Mike Slenker swam the 50 yd. freestyle in record time 0:21.7 and qualified for the NCAA while being simultaneously rated as the number one swimmer of the nation.

The next meet will be at Carolina against the Duke Blue Devils at 10:00 on January 9. "This will be the first meet against Duke in three years," said Coach Combs, "and in no time before that we Carolina defeated Duke." Combs went on to say, "We should be stronger than they are."

In the overall scene, Coach Combs hopes to finish first in the ACC this year, placing the crown meet as the Maryland match on Jan. 27. If they win this meet the Gamecocks are practically assured of third place behind UNC and North Carolina State, last year's top placers in the ACC.

USC Signs First Negro To Aid Grant

Carlton Haywood, a 6-1, 174-pound halfback from Macon, Ga. became the first Negro to sign a football grant-in-aid to Carolina. Haywood was signed by assistant coach Jackie Powers Dec. 20.

Although hampered by a hamstring injury Haywood managed to amass 480 yards rushing to lead his Lanier High team to an 11-1 record. He scored four touchdowns in the season's opener before being injured.

Haywood, who runs the hundred in 10.2, was added to the list of signees after visiting the campus and attending the East Carolina game Dec. 18.

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