

# Soccer team overwhelms Erskine, 4-0

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A slow start meant a powerful finish for USC in Monday's soccer game against the Erskine Flying Fleet. USC won the game 4-0.

USC overpowered Erskine. Potentially, the score could have been much higher.

The team's performance was the best so far, said head coach Mark Berson.

"I think that it's evident at this point that the players have worked very hard. They've played a lot of attention to the things we've been working on in preseason. And they are beginning to come together and play very well as a team. At this point, I'm very pleased with what we've shown, especially in terms of improvement," he said.

Senior Billy McMullan scored the only goal of the first half on a penalty kick at 21:58.

USC had many more opportunities to score as indicated by the halftime statistics. USC shot 15 times; Erskine shot once. USC had four corner kicks, and Erskine had none.

"I think from the attacking stand point, we continued to show improvement. I think defensively we showed improvement today," Berson said.

Shortly thereafter, assisted by senior Grenville Pope, sophomore Jeff Love headed the ball past goalkeeper Joey Basso, for a score at 7:34.

Erskine's most serious scoring threat came with 19:55 remaining in



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The action gets hot and heavy at The Graveyard during Monday's USC-Erskine soccer match.

the game. With Arndt out of the goal, the ball rolled in front of the goal. By the time an Erskine player reached the ball, it had already rolled out of bounds.

At 28:18, Pope hooked a shot around a five-man wall on a direct kick to score USC's third goal of the afternoon.

"Grenville Pope had a tremendous game today, one of the best games that I've seen him play. I think Billy McMullan and Pat Walsh both did an excellent job for us in the heart of the midfield. I think all of the seniors have played very well, in particular

Grenville Pope today," he said.

Just 29 seconds later, senior Mark Root scored to make the score 4-0. Freshman Andrew Coggins and Pope assisted with the score.

Not only were the seniors outstanding, but the entire team performed well, Berson said.

"I thought, most importantly, that they played with a good deal of intelligence, and that's what we're looking for right now, to try to establish the cohesiveness, particularly in terms of team defense that we're going to need as we move on in the season.

"The first half was a little slow, and they tired in the second half. Although we did play well, they tired, and we exploited them in the second half," Pope said.

Overall, USC shot on goal 28 times. Erskine had only 5 shots. USC had 12 corner kicks, and Erskine had none. USC fouled 18 times, and Erskine had 12 fouls. Three yellow cards were issued during the game: two to USC, one to Erskine.

USC is now 2-0 in independent play. Its next game is home at 5 p.m. Thursday.

# Intramural programs offer chance for fun

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With the fall semester here again, many students are looking for something different the daily drudgery of classes and homework.

Supporting the Gamecocks on Saturday is one alternative.

But if you are looking for further involvement, if you want to play rather than just be a fan, you're ready for intramural sports.

"Participating in intramural sports is certainly healthy, and there is the social interaction and developmental aspects that go along as well," said Herbert Camp, director of intramural sports at USC.

Getting involved in intramural sports could be the perfect way to round out your involvement at USC. And it's open to everyone.

You don't have to belong to a university-recognized organization to participate in intramural sports. Residence halls are encouraged to form teams. You must, however, enter your team by the appropriate deadline below to be eligible.

If you like individual sports like golf or wrestling, then enter your name, again by the deadline, at the Office of Campus Recreation at the Sol Blatt P.E. Center or call 777-5261.

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Activity	Deadline for Entries
Flag football	Closed
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Tennis singles	Closed
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Racquetball singles	Sept. 22
\$3 fee Golf	Sept. 22
Team golf	Sept. 22
Homecoming Olympics Volleyball	Sept. 29
\$10 fee 1-on-1 basketball	Sept. 29
Whiffleball	Oct. 6
Intertube water polo	Oct. 20
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