Sports

THE GAMECOCK

Guru attempts to regain old form

Sports editor

It was a horrible, horrible week.

I missed so many games last week that I won't even bore you with the details. Instead, I'll just give you the high. . , er, lowlights.

Lowest of the low was Arizona over the University of California Los Angeles. Horrible, just horrible. I didn't want to pick that game, I really didn't. Honest. But my assistant, Chris Silvestri, said he had a strong, almost overwhelming, feeling that Arizona was going to win and begged me to pick a Bruin loss.

Of course, I refused.

Silvestri immediately went into a violent, uncontrollable temper tantrum (you know how freshmen are) and threatened to jump off the third floor of the Russell House unless I picked an Arizona win as my upset special.

Of course, I felt it was my duty as a sports editor and as a responsible citizen to appease him and prevent this unnecessary loss of life. I hope you're happy, Chris.

OK, OK, so maybe it didn't happen exactly that way, but it was still a good excuse, don't you think?

I also missed my second upset special (Houston over Arkansas) and all four of those fickle Atlantic Coast Conference games.

The official record last week was 11-8 (a meager .579 percentage). That dropped the season record to 91-25 (.786)

Horrible, just horrible.

WASHINGTON STATE AT NO. 1 UCLA: I don't care what Silvestri does, I'm picking the Bruins. . . UCLA, 38-28

NO. 2 NOTRE DAME AT NAVY: The Irish are only favored by 34 points - it won't even be that close. . . Notre Dame, 45-6.

NO. 3 SOUTHERN CAL AT OREGON STATE: The Beavers are an improved team and gave UCLA a reasonably tough time, but the Trojans will eventually wear them down. . . Southern

NO. 4 MIAMI AT EAST CAROLINA: Art Baker's Pirates lose their fourth game in a row to a top 20 opponent. . . Miami, 37-12.

MISSOURI AT NO. 5 NEBRASKA: Another tough Big Eight game for the Cornhuskers. . . Nebraska, 56-14.

PENN STATE AT NO. 7 WEST VIRGINIA: A mild test for the Mountaineers. . . West Virginia,

KANSAS AT OKLAHOMA: The Sooners get revenge for the NCAA basketball championship. Maybe the Jayhawk basketball squad would have a better chance against Barry Switzer's team. ./.

Oklahoma, 57-10. NO. 9 AUBURN AT FLORIDA: Florida has lost the last two games to Memphis State and Vanderbilt. . . upset special (Silvestri made me do

NO. 10 WYOMING AT COLORADO STATE: The Cowboys roll as usual. . . Wyoming, 44-22. RICE AT NO. 11 ARKANSAS: The mere mention of the Owls sends fear into the hearts of football players everywhere. . . Arkansas, 30-7.

NO. 12 OKLAHOMA STATE AT KANSAS STATE: Barry Sanders and the Cowboys must be

licking their chops. . . Oklahoma St., 54-19.
MISSISSIPPI AT NO. 13 LSU: Mississippi has

played well in their last few games, but the Bengal Tigers are extremely tough at home. . . LSU,

NO. 14 MICHIGAN AT NORTHWESTERN: The Wildcats are no longer the Big Ten's worst team after last week's 35-14 win over Wisconsin. Now they're only the second worst. . . Michigan,

NO. 15 CLEMSON AT WAKE FOREST: The Tigers rebound from last week's loss at N.C.

St... Clemson, 23-14. NO. 17 USC AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE: The Wolfpack was impressive against Clemson last week, but the Gamecocks are eager to prove they aren't as bad as they looked against Georgia Tech two weeks ago. . . USC, 19-17.

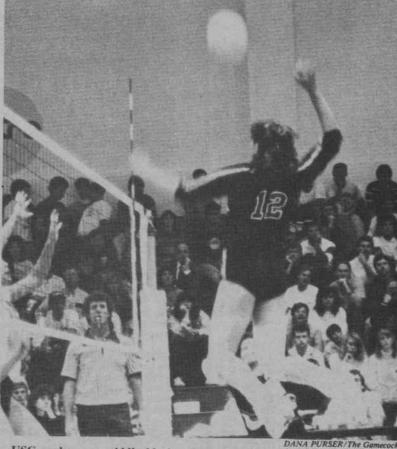
WILLIAM AND MARY AT NO. 18 GEORGIA: William and Mary? C'mon, Vince. . . Georgia, 34-14.

NO. 19 ALABAMA AT MISSISSIPPI STATE: Bill Curry needs all the job security he can get. . . Alabama, 28-14.

ARIZONA STATE AT NO. 20 OREGON: 1 made fun of the Ducks earlier in the year, but they impressed me with last week's win over a good Washington team. Quack, quack... Oregon,

DUKE AT GEORGIA TECH: Duke has lost two in a row and surely if Tech can beat USC, 34-0, they can beat Duke, can't they? Yeah, right. Just like they beat lowly North Carolina last week. . . Duke, 25-21.

MARYLAND AT NORTH CAROLINA: The Tar Heels finally won one. I hope they enjoyed it. . . . Maryland, 34-21.



USC sophomore middle blocker Becky Cooper goes up for the kill in Wednesday's volleyball match against Clemson.

USC defeats Tigers

Staff writer

An enthusiastic crowd packed into the Solomon Blatt P.E. Center to watch the Lady Gamecock volleyball team defeat a scrappy Clemson team, 15-7, 15-7, 12-15, 15-10. USC improved their record to 18-8 with their 11th win in their last 12 games, despite, as Coach Bonnie Kenny said, a very "sluggish" performance.

USC controlled the first two games of the match fairly easily, winning both 15-7, but seemed to lose confidence in game three. Despite a 12-10 lead by the Lady Gamecocks late in the third game, Clemson fought back with five consecutive

points to win the battle. But the Lady Tigers wouldn't win the war, as USC opened game four with six consecutive points en route to a 10-4 lead. Yet the Clemson squad once again fought back to within one point at 11-10 before the Lady Gamecocks regained composure and won the final game 15-10. Coach Kenny was disappointed with the performance of her squad.

"We played terrible," Kenny said. "There was no reason for us to play like this at this point in the season. We made a lot of mental errors. We passed and served terrible.'

"This team is much better than the team of '84. They should've had no trouble getting up for the Clemson game," she added.

Kenny's 1984 USC team won the Metro Conference crown and participated in the NCAA tournament.

USC takes to the road this weekend for three games. Friday, they play at Metro Conference opponent Memphis State. On Saturday, the Lady Gamecocks face South Alabama and Mississippi in Oxford,

USC's next home match is Friday. Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. against Metro foe Louisville.

USC Preview

Game 8: North Carolina State to 36 yards total offense and -13 when Wolfpack wide receiver Danny (Saturday, 8:07 p.m. at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh, N.C.). The game will be televised nationally on ESPN. Records: USC is 6-1, N.C. St. is 6-1. Last week: USC was idle; two weeks ago the Gamecocks lost to Georgia Tech in Atlanta, 34-0, N.C. St. defeated then ninth-ranked Clemson, 10-3 Saturday in Raleigh.

Series history: USC leads 24-22-4 (N.C. St. leads in Raleigh, 15-6-3). The last meeting: Oct. 31, 1987 in Columbia. USC defeated the Wolfpack 48-0 as the Gamecock defense limited the N.C. St. offense

yards rushing. In the second half, the Peebles caught a 33-yard desperation Wolfpack had -16 yards total

Offensively, the Gamecocks were led by running backs Harold Green, who scored three touchdowns, and after the clock had run out. Keith Bing, who rushed for 93 yards and one touchdown. Sophomore of 27 passes for 183 yards, while ing Sharpe had eight catches for 118 has compiled a 99-69-7 mark. Prior

pass from quarterback Erik Kramer with no time remaining. An off-sides penalty on the Gamecock defense had given N.C. St. one more play

Morrison is in his sixth season with quarterback Todd Ellis completed 14 the Gamecocks. His record at USC is 37-25-2. Overall, in 16 seasons as a senior All-America wingback Sterl- major college head coach, Morrison to coming to USC, Morrison was In the last meeting at Raleigh in head coach at Tennessee-1986, N.C. St. defeated USC 23-22 Chattanooga (1973-79) and New opponent Virginia.

Mexico (1980-82). Morrison is 3-2. against N.C. St.

N.C. St.'s Dick Sheridan is in his third season with the Wolfpack and has compiled a 18-11-1 record. Now in his 11th season as a college head coach, Sheridan has an overall record The coaches: USC head coach Joe of 87-34-3. Before accepting the head position at N.C. St., Sheridan was head coach at Furman, where he had a 69-23-2 mark.

His career mark against USC is 2-2 (I-1 while at N.C. St.). Next week: USC hosts sixth-ranked

Florida St. N.C. St. plays at ACC

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