

Berson, 1988 team puts USC soccer in national limelight

The Gamecocks are in.

For the first time in its brief soccer history, USC has made it to the NCAA Final Four.

This weekend, the Gamecocks will join host Indiana, Portland and Howard in the final round at Bloomington, Ind. Saturday, USC will square off against the Bison of Howard in the semifinals, with Indiana taking on Portland. Sunday, the winners play for the national championship.

Heady stuff for a program that didn't even exist until 10 years ago. That's right, USC didn't even have

a soccer team until 1978. That's when Mark Berson, fresh off his first year of college coaching at The Citadel, arrived to begin the Gamecock soccer

Berson's team promptly ran off an 11-5 record that first year, and they haven't looked back since, compiling 10 winning seasons in Berson's eleven years as head coach. The only losing season came in 1983, when the Gamecocks finished 8-11-2.

But the last four years have been the exceptional ones. Ones that have catapulted USC into national powerhouse status. Since 1985, USC has had a record of 67-13-8 and has made the NCAA tournament each of the last four years, winning the South Region Championship and making the national quarterfinals in

bounds- USC 51 (Hunt 11), Rhode

Island 37 (Gorman 10). Assists - USC

18 (David 7), Rhode Island 11 (Gorman

4). Total fouls -USC 19, Rhode Island

Hunt 11-16 4-4 26, Parker 5-8 10-12

20, Middleton 4-9 2-2 11, Hawkins 0-4

0-0 0, Banner 1-11 6-8, David 4-4 0-1 8,

Diaz 3-13 1-2 7. Totals 28-65 23-28 80.

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This year, the Gamecocks started slowly, losing early matches to Wake Forest and Davidson, but have finished strong by losing only one of their past 14 games, that to perennial South Region power Duke. Included in that string were wins over defending national champion Clemson, tough region rival N.C. St. and nationally ranked Air Force. USC also tied last year's national runner-up, San Diego St. and host UCLA at the Metropolitan Life Soccer Classic in Los Angeles, in addition to playing Final Four participant Indiana to a draw in Columbia.

Now that Berson has built the first consistent national power that USC has had in any sport, the Gamecocks' immediate goal is to bring home USC's first national championship in

It won't be an easy task. Both Howard and Portland are undefeated, and Indiana, in addition to having the home-field advantage, is a traditional national power. The Hoosiers have won two national championships, in 1982 and 1983.

No matter what happens, Berson and the 1988 USC soccer team are one of the top four in the country. And whether they bring home the national title or not, they've still put USC soccer on the map, once and for

Arnold2-10 2-3 6, DeQuattro 4-11 2-2

13, Bain 1-2 0-0 3, Lambiotte 5-12 2-3

15, Borck 2-3 4-4 8, Hollis 0-1 0-0 0,

Walker 2-4 0-0 4. otals 26-55 16-22 75.

Halftime - USC 39, Holy Cross 30.

3-point goals - USC 1-3 (Middleton

1-3), Holy Cross 7-12 (DeQuattro 3-,

Bain 1-1, Lambiotte 3-4). Rebounds -

USC 31 (Parker 10), Holy Cross 41

(Lambiotte 12). Assists - USC 10

(Diaz 4), Holy Cross 7 (DeQuattro 6).

Congratulations, guys.

Marcum sues USC

Former USC Athletic Director Bob Marcum has filed suit against USC for breach of contract.

Marcum is suing for \$500,000 in lost salary plus the value of a tenured professorship he says was promised to him following his term as athletic

Marcum was fired by USC President James Holderman on March 1 in the midst of a drug-testing scandal. Marcum says he and Holderman reached a verbal agreement in June 1987 for a three-year extension on his contract, and in the spring of the same year for a tenured professorship in the College of Applied Professional Sciences after Marcum's retirement as USC athletic director.

Gamecock golfers do well in tourney

The USC golf team competed in the Palmetto Dunes/Golf World Intercollegiate at the Arthur Hills Course in the Palmetto Dunes Resort

The Gamecocks finished a strong fifth in the field of 18 teams, shooting an even-par score of 864 for

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three rounds, and had two individuals finish in the top six.

Jeff Hull led the way for USC, finishing fourth individually with a 5-under-par score of 211, and teammate Robert Dargan shot 3-underpar for a 213 total to finish in a tie

Swimmers win meet

The USC men's swim team captured the Turkey Invitational Saturday in a quad dual meet at the Sol Blatt P.E. Center.

The Gamecocks scored 1045.5 points to beat out second place Auburn with 827 points. Virginia Tech placed third with 696 points, while Cincinnati took fourth with 451 points.

In the women's meet, Cincinnati captured the two-day event with 936.5 points. Auburn took second with 893.5, and Virginia Tech finished third with 763 points. The Lady Gamecocks managed a fourth place finish with 451 points.

USC's next dual meet is set for Dec. 16 against Furman.

1988 Football Awards

The USC football team's awards banquet was held Nov. 23 at the Radisson Hotel in Columbia. The Gamecocks, 8-3, will play Indiana Dec. 28 at the 1988 Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn.

The following awards were presented at the banquet:

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS: Patrick Blackwell, defensive tackle; Eddie Miller, wide receiver COACHES AWARD: Carl Platt, wide receiver; Ike Harris, offensive tackle; Kevin Hendrix,

defensive end; Matt McKernan, linebacker GEORGE TERRY ATTITUDE AWARD:

Mark Fryer, offensive tackle; Ron Rabune, free safety ED GUERARD ACADEMIC AWARD;

Mark Fryer, offensive tackle

SCOTT SINCLAIR OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN AWARD: Robert Brooks, wide receiver

OUTSTANDING HUSTLE PLAYER: Robert Brooks, wide receiver DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

LEADING TACKLER:

Robert Robinson, cornerback SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Collin Mackie, placekicker

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Randy Harwell, center; Robert Robinson, cornérback; Kevin Hendrix,

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Harold Green, running back; Todd Ellis, quarterback RAX UNSUNG LINEMAN;

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