Sports

Six Gamecocks make All-South

Six USC football players have been named to the All-South Independent team for the 1988

Named to first-team offense were senior center Randy Harwell and sophomore kicker Collin Mackie.

Awarded first-team defense honors were sophomore linebacker

Patrick Hinton and senior cornerback Ron Rabune.

Named to the second-team defense were senior defensive end Kevin Hendrix and senior cornerback Robert Robinson.

No. 2 Miami placed eight players on the first team, while No. 5 Florida State had five players on

the first unit.

From staff reports
Art Baker, former head football coach at East Carolina, Furman and The Citadel, was named USC's associate athletic director for development and marketing and executive director of the Gamecock Club Wednesday.

'As the needs of our athletic programs grow, we must meet the financial needs to support the program." USC athletic director King Dixon said. "I am delighted to have someone of Art Baker's character and experience join us to direct our development, marketing and fundraising.'

Baker resigned his duties as head coach of East Carolina, effective at the end of this past season. The Pirates finished 3-8 in 1988.

In four years as the head coach at ECU, Baker had a record of 12-32.

Baker named to post overall college mark of 69-80-5, including a 1973-77 stint at Furman and a 1978-82 stay at The Citadel. He was also head coach of Eau Claire High School in Columbia before

> moving to Furman. "I'm excited to be going to the University of South Carolina and working with King Dixon," Baker said. "It's home for me, so I am doubly excited about being close to my family.'

> Baker, 59, will replace Tom Garner as executive director of the Gamecock Club. Garner, who was named to that post in April, is "in full agreement" with the change, Dixon said. Garner will now become assistant executive director of the

Baker is currently recovering from gall bladder surgery at a Greenville, N.C., hospital. He will officially

USC prepared for Final Four

By CHRIS SILVESTRI Assistant sports editor

The USC soccer team has a chance this weekend to accomplish something that no other team from this school has ever done: Win an NCAA national championship.

And they know it.

"They want to win," said head coach Mark Berson Wednesday. "They've seen other teams go through and win it after we had beaten them or played them close during the year, and they know there is an opportunity there for them."

The Gamecocks, now 14-3-4 after Sunday's 1-0 quarterfinal victory over Southern Methodist, will face undefeated Howard, 17-0-1, at noon Saturday in Bloomington, Ind. The other semifinal will see Indiana, 17-3-3, play second-ranked, unbeaten and untied Portland, 21-0.

Howard defeated top-ranked Virginia Sunday in the quarterfinals, 3-2 in overtime. The Bison overcame a 2-0 deficit against the Cavaliers to advance to the Final Four.

"Howard has only allowed eight goals this year, and they've scored 50," said Berson. "They've got a very high-powered attack. But we feel we can go into the game and give them all they can handle."

Considering the quality of teams that USC has faced this year, such as past NCAA champions Clemson, Duke and Indiana, the Gamecocks should be well-prepared for the competition they will face, Berson said.

"There's absolutely nothing that Howard or Portland or Indiana can throw at us that we haven't seen already this year," said Berson.

Among USC's concerns at the beginning of this season was the offense, which lost its top four scorers from a year ago to graduation.

However, senior Grenville Pope (seven goals) and freshman Jonas

Gudjonsson (nine goals) have stepped forward to lead the Gamecocks offensively this year and have been able to put away many of their scoring opportunities. USC has outshot its opponents 95-44 in the last five matches, including the playoff wins against North Carolina and SMU.

Playing well of late are Clark Brisson and Phil Seidenburg. Brisson scored the lone goal in Sunday's win

over SMU, and Seidenburg scored the game-winning goal in the South Region championship game with UNC, in addition to putting in two goals in two games at the Metropolitan Life Soccer Classic.

The defense, led by All-American goalkeeper candidate Charlie Arndt, has been solid all season, allowing only 10 goals in 21 games, while the USC offense has scored 46. And the USC defenders, including Mike Gosselin, Scott Henderson, Tommy Loeber and Pat Walsh, have done a great job in keeping the pressure off

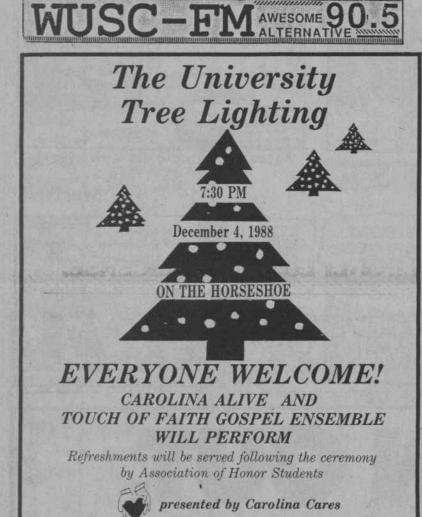
Arndt around the net. No matter what the odds, the Gamecocks are looking forward to providing USC with its first-ever na-

tional championship. "We know that we've got an opportunity to win the national championship, and we feel confident about our chances," Berson said.



USC sophomore defender Tommy Loeber takes the ball upfield as an SMU player chases him in Sunday's 1-0 Gamecock victory. USC will now face Howard in the NCAA semifinals in Bloomington, Ind.

Baker, a native of Sumter, had an begin his duties at USC Dec. 15.



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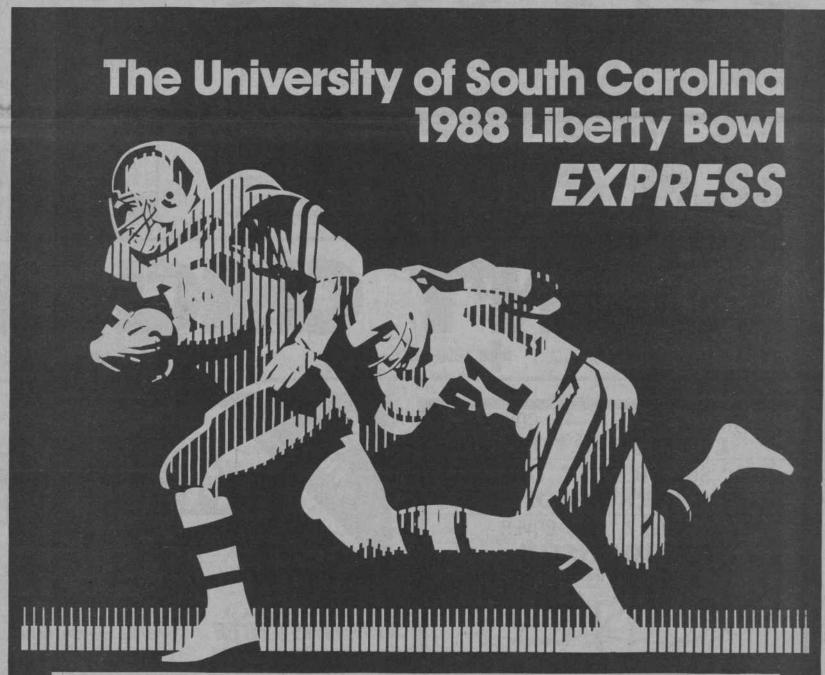
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