Gamecocks whip Davidson, 65-48

By BRANT LONG Staff writer

The USC men's basketball team improved its record to 8-2 on Saturday with a 65-48 victory over Davidson, as the Gamecocks played an impressive first half, then held on in the second half for the

"I'm pleased with the performance in today's game," said USC head coach George Felton. "I thought we showed a lot of patience on defense. Our play in the first half was the key to the victory."

USC sophomore guard Barry Manning led all scorers with 16 points in the contest, 10 of those coming in the first half. Sophomore guard Brent Price scored 12 points and senior center John Hudson and freshman forward Joe Rhett added 10 each. The Wildcats were led by freshman Paul Denmond with 12 points.

The game, played at the new Charlotte Coliseum, drew a small crowd of 3,258, yet the majority of the turnout was USC supporters.

"We were very excited about the fan support. It was a good opportunity for our guys to come and play at this new facility," said Felton.

The score was tied only once at 2-2, but sophomore forward Michael Glover converted a threepoint play. A Terry Dozier slam dunk later sparked a 17-0 USC run, which boosted the Gamecock lead to 27-6. USC led at halftime 36-16.

second half, but never came any closer than 16 points.

Davidson scored 32 points in the

"We played hard in the second half, but we still missed a lot of

shots we need to make," Davidson head coach Bobby Hussey said. "We just got too far down. South Carolina was shooting well. We just missed a lot of easy shots. They just wouldn't go.

USC played well despite an injury to freshman guard Jo. Jo English and the absence of junior guard Eric Sykes, who had a death in his family. English may be back for Wednesday's game at No. 13

"We set the tempo for the entire game early on. . . and held on. This team is one where I can start any number of five players and still have a good ball team," said Felton, who started Glover in place of freshman center Jeff Roulston for the first time this season.

"South Carolina has a terrific basketball team," said Hussey. "You can't afford to get behind a team like them. They've just got too much firepower.'

Hudson 5-9 0-1 10, Dozier 3-6 0-2 6, Glover 2-3 1-2 5, Manning 6-10 4-4 16, Price 5-9 0-0 12, Roulston 1-2 0-0 2, Rhett 5-8 0-0 10, Vernau 0-1 2-2 2, Breckenridge 0-0 1-2 1, McKoy 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 27-49

DAVIDSON (48)

Gray 1-3 0-0 2, Schmitt 4-10 0-0 8, Sellers 2-4 0-0 4, Hunter 3-11 0-0 6, Freeman 0-2 1-2 1, Elder 4-10 1-19, Drobnitch 1-3 2-2 4, Gaines 0-1 0-2 0, Seidel 1-2 0-0 2, Strickland 0-0 0-0 0, Denmond 4-9 1-2 12. Totals 20-55 5-9 48.

Halftime - USC 36, Davidson 16. Three-point field goals - USC 2-4 (Price 2-4), Davidson 3-13 (Hunter 0-3, Elder 0-2, Gaines 0-1, Denmond 3-7). Rebounds USC 34 (Hudson 6), Davidson 29 (Gaines 7). Assists - USC 14 (Manning, Price 5), Davidson 14 (Hunter 7). Total fouls - USC 12, Davidson 17. Atten-





By DAVID CARAVIELLO

Staff writer Coach Nancy Wilson's 17thranked Lady Gamecocks racked up their eighth win against no losses Saturday with a 97-72 rout of Memphis State. The victory boosted USC's record to 8-0 and was also their first Metro Conference win of the season.

The Lady Gamecocks used tenacious full-court pressure to force the Lady Tigers into 26 turnovers, 15 of those in the first half. Beth Hunt was the USC's leading scorer for the fourth consecutive game with 24 points and also added 10 rebounds. Karen Middleton connected on seven of 10 three-point attempts to finish with 23 points, while Lisa Diaz dished out a game-high eight assists. Diaz also scored 12 points, as did Schonna Banner and Martha Parker.

Wilson was obviously pleased with

"I think it's good to get our first Metro game under our belts as a win. I thought we had some spurts in which we played real well. . . Karen Middleton's three-pointers, especially in the first half, were a real key to opening up the game."

After USC won the opening tip, the two teams traded baskets until Middleton hit her first three-pointer at 15:48 of the first half to give USC a 9-6 lead. That lead was eventually extended to 29-12 after Middleton's fourth three-pointer, and the Lady Gamecocks never looked back, with Memphis State never getting any closer than 12 points.

With 5:10 left in the first half, Lisa Diaz stole the ball and hit a driving layup to give USC its largest lead of the half, 23 points, at 40-17. Yet Memphis State was able to cut USC's halftime lead to fourteen by scoring 10 points in the final two minutes of the first half. The teams went to the locker rooms with USC holding a 45-31 advantage.

Memphis State cut the lead to 12 with a Glynetha Davis layup to open the second half, but never got any closer as USC outscored the Lady

minutes, boosting their lead to 70-44 with a Diaz jumper at the 14:07



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Lady Gamecock guard Lisa Diaz looks for help in Wednesday's 98-71 win

the game with 10:35 left as Middleton hit her seventh three-pointer to give the Lady Gamecocks an 80-49 lead.

After a time out, Memphis State cut the lead to 18 with Kori Gourley's three-pointer at the 3:26 mark, yet scored only four more points the remainder of the game en route to a 25

point USC victory. Although the score didn't reflect it, the size of the Memphis State front line created some problems for the Lady Gamecocks defensively,

Wilson said. "They're a tough team for us to play against because their big girls are quick and fast, probably more so than their guards. They can really get up and down the floor quickly, and they put some pressure on us there,

which is different from most teams." The Lady Gamecock's home stand continues Monday night at 7 against Metro foe Southern Mississippi and Thursday night against No. 7 Georgia.

Of Southern Mississippi, Wilson said, "It's going to be tough, maybe our toughest so far. They've beaten some good teams early and won on the road. . . we've got to play them tough and solid, because regardless of how tough Monday is, Thursday (against Georgia) is going to be tougher."

MEMPHIS STATE (72)

Davis 10-17 0-1 20, Winrow 5-15 0-0 10, Ward 4-10 2-2 10, Shazier 4-10 0-0 8, Gourley 3-7 0-0 8, Fields 5-12 0-1 11, Reynolds 1-3 1-2 3, Gary 1-3 0-0 2. Totals

Hunt 7-16 10-14 24, Parker 3-8 6-8 12, Banner 6-8 0-0 12, David 1-1 0-0 2, Diaz 6-10 0-0 12, Middleton 8-13 0-0 23, Hawkins 1-4 3-4 5, Gardner 0-2 0-0 0, Joyner 3-4 1-3 7. Totals 35-66 20-29 97.

Halftime - USC 45, Memphis State 31. 3-point goals — Memphis State 3-5 (Gourley 2-3, Reynolds 1-2), USC 7-10 (Middleton 7-10), Rebounds - Memphis State 50 (Shazier 11), USC 35 (Hunt 10). Assists - Memphis State 15 (Fields 6), USC 25 (Diaz 8). Total fouls - Memphis

Hunt, Parker lead Lady Gamecocks

By KEVIN ADAMS

Anyone who doubted the importance of the addition of Beth Hunt to the undefeated Lady Gamecock basketball squad must now be

Hunt, a sophomore transfer from the University of Maryland, was named Atlantic Coast Conference Freshman of the Year her rookie year with the Terrapins. And so far, she has picked up right where she left off.

Witness her statistics from No. 17 USC's three games over the Christmas break: 25 points and six rebounds in an 89-68 win over Georgia Southern Dec. 12, and 25 points and 19 rebounds two days later against S.C. St., a 110-58 USC win. Hunt then helped bring in the new year with 25 points and 12 rebounds as USC ran its record to 7-0 with a USC's first win over the Lady Tar Heels since from the field. 1980-81. Before Saturday's game with Memphis St., Hunt was averaging 21.3 points per game and pulling down 8.7 rebounds a contest.

But Hunt is hardly the only reason Nancy this season.

Wilson's Lady Gamecocks are back in the national rankings after a four-year absence. (USC was last ranked in the 1984-85 preseason poll.) There are plenty of other players contributing as well, not the least of which is All-American Martha Parker.

Parker has shown no signs of complacency with Hunt's addition. Entering Saturday's game, the senior forward was averaging 18.7 points and 6.7 rebounds per game and shooting 68.1 percent from the field.

Junior center Schonne Banner is scoring 15.1 points a contest and is close behind Hunt at 8.6 rebounds per game.

Lisa Diaz, a junior guard, is averaging 12.3 points a game. That's up from 7.9 a year ago. Diaz is also averaging 6.6 assists.

Sophomore point guard Sherry David rounds out the starting lineup. She is averaging 5.1 points 98-71 win over North Carolina last Wednesday, and 5.9 assists per game and shooting 64 percent

Top reserve Karen Middleton, a sta last year, is scoring at a 12.3 clip off the bench. Middleton is 8 of 18 from three-point range and is the only Lady Gamecock to attempt a three-pointer

As a team, USC has not scored under 80 points in any game and leads the nation with an average of 93.7 points per game. USC opened defense of its Metro Conference

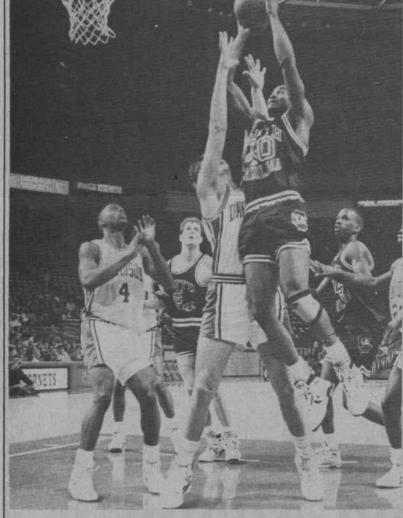
crown Saturday against Memphis State. The Lady Gamecocks are host to league foe Southern Mississippi tonight at 7 p.m. and No. 7 Georgia comes to the Carolina Coliseum Thursday.

Lady Gamecock 1988-89 results

Nov. 26 USC 92, Rhode Island 55 Nov. 27 USC 80, Holy Cross 75 Dec. 3 USC 98, Appalachian St. 64 Dec. 8 USC 89, UNC-Charlotte 71 Dec. 12 USC 89, Georgia Southern 68 * Dec. 14 USC 110, S.C. St. 58 *

Jan. 4 USC 98, North Carolina 71 *

Jan. 7 USC 91, Memphis St. 72 * Home game



USC sophomore guard Barry Manning scores two of his 16 points in the Gamecocks' 65-48 win over Davidson Saturday in Charlotte.

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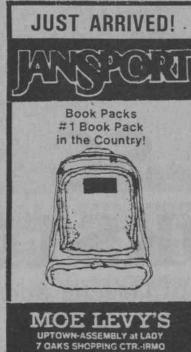
Arndt receives national accolades

USC goalkeeper Charlie Arndt has been named National Goalkeeper of the Year by the Missouri Athletic Club and was also selected to the first team Academic All-American squad as named by ISAA/Adidas.

Arndt was also named second team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association.

This past season, Arndt helped lead the Gamecock soccer team to the NCAA Final Four for the first time in school history. For the year, Arndt had 13 shutouts to tie a school record and allowed only 12 goals in 22 matches, a goals against average of 0.55. Overall in his USC career, Arndt allowed only 41 goals in 65 matches for a school record .63 goals against average.

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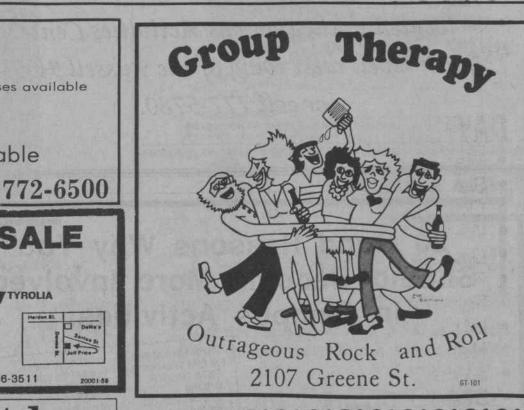
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