

## Gamecocks open Metro play tonight

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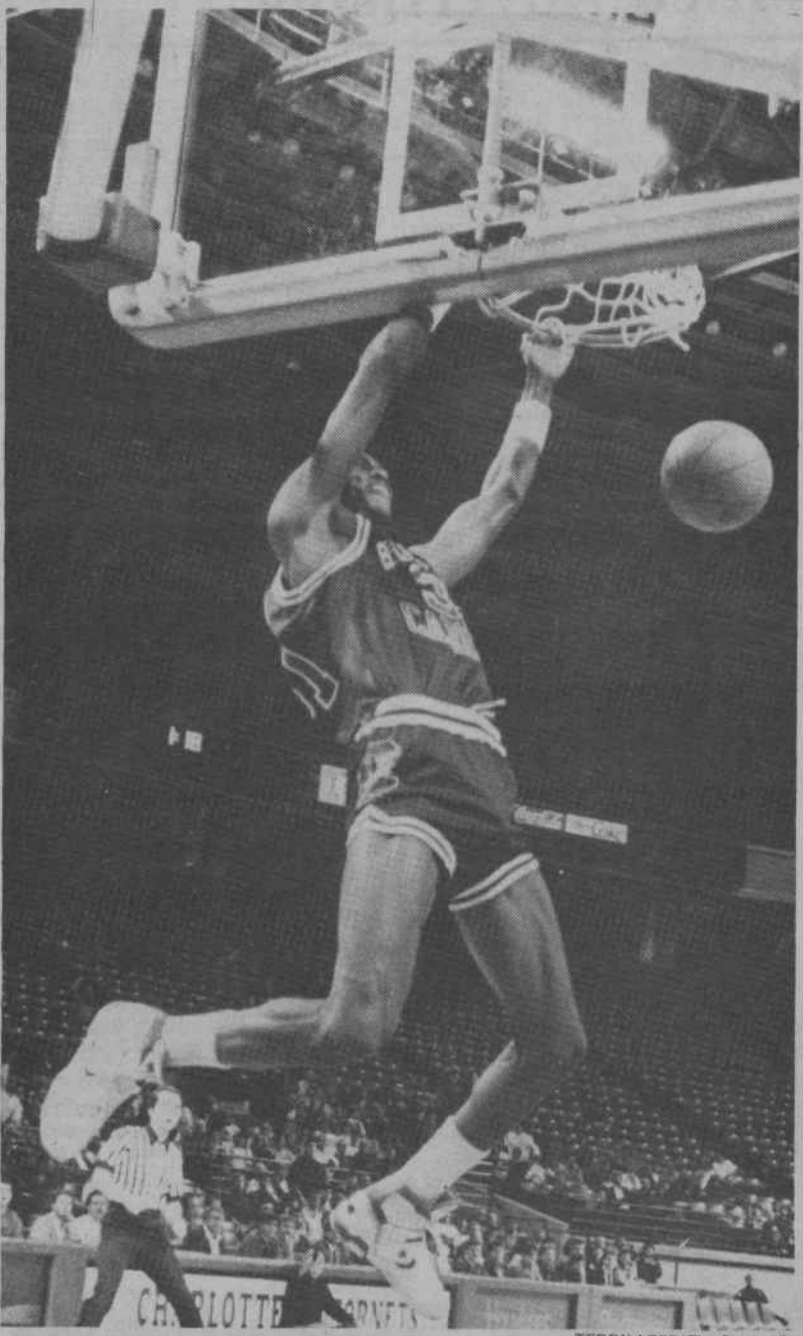
After a holiday rest and a couple of breathers against Augusta and Davidson, the USC basketball team is ready to head into the meat of its schedule.

It all begins tonight as George Felton's 8-2 Gamecocks travel to Louisville to meet the ninth-ranked Cardinals, 10-2. The game will mark the beginning of USC's sixth season in the Metro Conference and is the first of three consecutive Metro contests for the Gamecocks. USC will be host to Cincinnati Saturday and Memphis State Jan. 18.

The Gamecocks are led in scoring and rebounding by senior center John Hudson, who averages 16.4 points and 9.0 rebounds a game. Sophomore guard Brent Price is next at 15.7 points per game, followed by sophomore guard Barry Manning, who is averaging 13.2. Senior forward Terry Dozier is also in double figures at 10.5 points a game, while freshman forward Joe Rhett has played well recently, scoring 18 and 10 points in the wins over Augusta and Davidson, respectively.

Louisville, coached by Denny Crum, opened its Metro schedule Monday night with an 82-73 win at Virginia Tech and has won its last 10 games after opening the season with upset losses to Xavier and Vanderbilt.

The Cardinals will be led once again by senior center Pervis Ellison, who will be joined in the starting lineup by forwards Kenny Payne and Tony Kimbro and guards Keith Williams and LaBradford Smith. Key reserves are center Felton Spencer and Everick Sullivan.



USC senior forward Terry Dozier slams one home in the Gamecocks' 65-48 win over Davidson Saturday in Charlotte. Dozier and the rest of the Gamecock squad open Metro Conference play tonight at No. 9 Louisville.

## USC professor looks for ways to reduce sport event violence

From staff reports

Most sports fans are familiar with the line, "I went to a fight, and a hockey game broke out."

But sports violence is no joke to Dr. Geoffrey Alpert, a USC professor who has researched the issue and suggests ways to reduce violent behavior at sporting events.

"The issue of sports violence is multi-faceted in that it occurs not only among players and among fans, but sometimes between players and fans," said Alpert, a sociologist in USC's College of Criminal Justice.

Some violent behavior among players is inevitable, he said, especially in certain types of sports such as football.

"Contact sports are hard, tough games fought by hard, tough people," Alpert said. "Very often, the translation of the play on the field will dictate the activity among fans in the stands."

Fighting has even broken out at high school and college games. USC's basketball team was embroiled in an incident in February 1988 that also involved a fan.

However, Alpert maintains that violence at sporting events can be prevented with the use of architectural designs in combination with other measures.

"You simply keep fans of one team apart from fans of the other team in the stands and in the parking lots around the stadium," he said. "Much of this may sound like common sense, and it really is, but it takes concerted cooperation between architects, stadium security officials, ticket managers and others."

A player's actions during a game can defuse a potentially violent situation, according to Alpert.

"If a player who has just sacked the opposing quarterback then offers his hand to the quarterback to help him to his feet, the crowd sees that action as a reminder that this is, after all, a game and not a life-or-death struggle," Alpert said.

Alcohol should be banned from sports events because it is another source of potential trouble, he said.

"Alcohol, while it makes a lot of money for the vendors, causes more problems than it's worth at an athletic activity. At stadia where sale of alcohol is banned, there needs to be stricter enforcement of those policies."

Sports violence is a complex issue, Alpert said, noting that part of the solution is in the hands of coaches and referees.

"Referees and coaches need to be firm with young players and teach good sportsmanship," he said. "It's hard to control a player who weighs 210 pounds and can bench-press 500 pounds. Officials also should crack down more on players deliberately inciting fan reaction by posturing on the field and taunting the opposing team."

In the future, the threat of legal action may become a deterrent to violence both on and off the field. Spectators may become more likely to sue players, coaches, team owners or other fans for injuries they have suffered, Alpert said.

"In hockey and several other sports, criminal charges have been filed for assault," he said. "Questions will continue to be raised about illegal actions, such as spearing or a late hit in football that potentially can cause serious harm to an opponent."

"Let's face it, we live in a litigious society. The players are aware of this threat hanging over their heads like a hammer; that's what prevents them from slugging a referee or taking off their helmet to swing at an opposing player. They know the potential consequences."

Alpert's research originally was conducted for the American College of Sports Medicine, which wants to adopt a policy statement on violence at sporting events. The Journal of Applied Research in Coaching and Athletics also has published Alpert's findings.

## Orgel, Bell headed for Georgia staff

USC assistant football coach has been named to a similar position at the University of Georgia, according to an announcement by new Georgia head coach Ray Goff.

Frank Orgel, who has coached inside linebackers at USC for the past three years, has been named linebacker coach with the Bulldogs.

Orgel came to USC from Auburn, where he was defensive coordinator from 1981-85. He has also held coaching positions at Clemson, East Carolina and North Alabama. Orgel graduated from Georgia in 1961 and was a three-year letterman for the Bulldog football team as a tight end. The announcement of Orgel's hir-

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ing comes one day after Goff announced the hiring of former USC head coach Richard Bell as secondary coach. Bell served as defensive coordinator at USC under former head coach Jim Carlen and had a 4-7 record as USC head coach in 1982, his only season at the helm of the Gamecocks.

Bell was fired for refusing to fire some of his assistant coaches, as requested by former USC athletic director Bob Marcum.

## USC swimmers split in Cincinnati

The USC men's and women's

swim teams competed against Metro Conference foe Cincinnati Saturday in Cincinnati. The men's team improved their record in dual meets to 2-1 with a 95-50 victory. The Lady Gamecocks dropped to 1-2 in their 99-46 loss.

Gamecocks Ray Burton, Gary Binfield and Jeff Hyde were all two-time winners for USC. Burton won the men's 100 freestyle with a time of 47.19 and the 50 freestyle in 21.08. Binfield took the 100 backstroke in 52.69 and the 200 individual medley in 1:55, while Hyde captured the 400 individual medley with a time of 4:06.78 and the 1650 freestyle in 16:09.81.

Michelle Smith was a two-time winner for the Lady Gamecocks, winning the 200 backstroke in 2:08.3 and the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:00.15.

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in it the whole way."

The next task for the Lady Gamecocks is No. 7 Georgia, who comes to town Thursday.

"Georgia is always tough," Wilson said. "They're very strong again. They're very quick, and their guards are exceptionally quick. They're an extremely athletic team, and they're scoring a lot of points inside, plus they score a lot in transition as well. We're going to have to shoot well."

According to Banner, the team is ready for the Lady Bulldogs, who have won the last five meetings with USC and lead the series 6-1.

"Now that this game is over, our minds are set on Georgia. If we pick up the intensity that we had before Christmas and right after we came back from Christmas, there's no

doubt in our minds we can beat Georgia."

### SOUTHERN MISS (80)

McCants 12-21 4-5 32, Griffin 2-4 3-4 7, Jones 4-10 2-4 10, Magee 2-4 2-2 6, Sullivan 0-2 0-0 0, Sanders 1-3 0-0 2, Hall 6-12 1-2 15, Scott 2-2 1-1 5, Slater 1-1 0-0 3, Harris 0-1 0-0 2. Totals 30-60 13-18 80.

### USC (85)

Hunt 10-19 3-4 23, Parker 1-4 2-4 4, Banner 12-19 4-6 28, David 2-5 1-3 5, Diaz 6-8 7-7 19, Middleton 1-7 0-0 2, Hawkins 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 34-66 17-24 85.

Halftime — USC 42, Southern Miss 35. 3-point goals — Southern Miss 7-10 (McCants 4-5, Sullivan 0-1, Hall 2-3, Slater 1-1), USC 0-5 (Middleton 0-5). Rebounds — Southern Miss 25 (McCants, Jones, Magee, Hall 3), USC 42 (Hunt 16). Assists — Southern Miss 20 (Magee 8), USC 17 (Parker, Diaz 6). Total fouls — Southern Miss 19, USC 15. Attendance — 1,124.

## Hunt receives Metro honors

Lady Gamecock Beth Hunt has been named Metro Conference Player of the Week for her efforts in two games last week.

In a 98-71 win over North Carolina Jan. 4, Hunt scored 25 points for the third straight game, while also pulling down 12 rebounds and blocking a shot.

Three days later, Hunt scored 24 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and dished out three assists in a 97-72 Metro victory over Memphis State.

Hunt, a 6-2 sophomore forward, currently leads USC in scoring with 21.8 points a game and in rebounding with 9.7 a game.

### Intramural schedule



Activity	Entries open	Entries close	Play begins
Basketball	Jan. 9	Jan. 12	Jan. 18
2-on-2 Friendship basketball	Jan. 9	Jan. 16	Jan. 16
Floor hockey	Jan. 16	Jan. 19	Jan. 22
Racquetball doubles	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	TBA
Sports Trivia Bowl	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 29



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