

Gamecocks to play in Jamaica

By D.R. HAYNES
Sports editor

The USC men's head basketball coach George Felton announced Monday that the Gamecocks will play exhibition games throughout South America this month.

The 13-day tour will begin Sunday when the team leaves Columbia 6:40 a.m. in route to Kingston, Jamaica. Other stops will include Guatemala and Colombia.

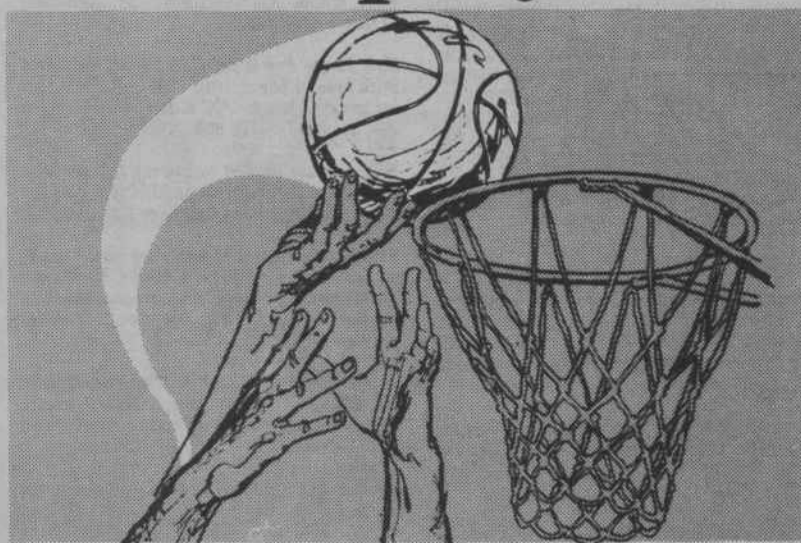
"I'm not concerned about the wins or losses, I'm more concerned about the progress that we can make. Everybody looks at wins but basically I'm looking at the progress of the team," Felton said.

The main reason for the trip is to see how the Gamecocks have developed and to see how they are going to prepare for next season, Felton said. Every game is going to be filmed, he said.

Felton plans to take a nine-man squad on the tour including Yugoslavians Obrad Ignjatovic and Bojan Popovic. Both were at USC last year but were not eligible to play.

The team is scheduled to play two games while in Jamaica with probable dates of Aug. 14-15. The tours will be arranged to view such sites as Ocho Rios and Dunn's River Falls and Exceptional Gardens.

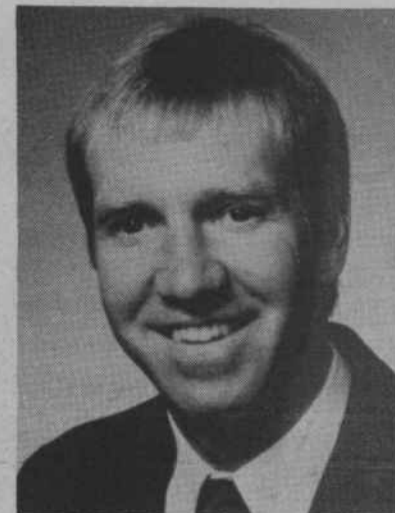
On Aug. 17 the team will fly into Guatemala City with games on the Aug. 18 and 19. From there they fly



for us. It'll be a good experience for all the players," he said. Rhett said he plans to enjoy the educational trip to Latin America.

The pressure went with his freshman year, and now he can be more relaxed and do more of what he wants to do, Rhett said.

The trip is sponsored by USC and Partners of Americas. The organization is dedicated to the promotion of friendship among the nations in the western hemisphere. Marvin Efron is the local representative of Partners of the Americas.



George Felton

"With me having the ball a lot, it's going to improve my ball handling skills," Manning said. The vacancy will put Jo Jo English and Troy McCoy in a better situation with more playing time, he said.

"All of us wish he was still here. He gave a lot to our offense and a lot to the team with his hustle and defense," he said.

Sophomore forward Joe Rhett said the trip will help in unifying the team. With such a young squad, the

seniors and sophomores will have to assume leadership roles, Rhett said. "I think it's going to be a good trip



Guard Barry Manning dunks for two points as teammate Jeff Roulston looks on.

USC swimmer sets 1989 world record

From staff reports

Senior member of the USC men's swimming program Wade King posted a 1989 world record at the United States Senior National Long Course Swimming Championships in Los Angeles Aug. 1.

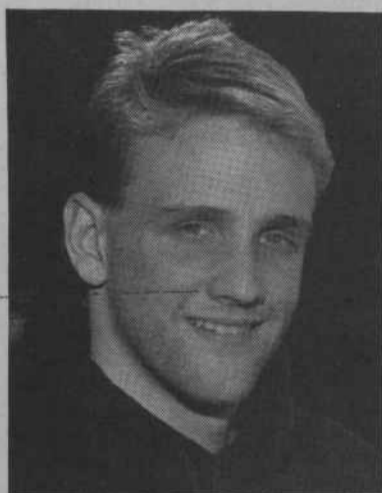
The 21 year old finished first in the 100 meter butterfly, notching a time of 53.73 seconds, some seven-tenths of a second faster than the second place finisher. The time is the best recorded in the world during 1989 in any age category.

With the performance, King qualifies for the United States National Team, which left Aug. 3 for Tokyo, Japan and the Pan-Pacific Games.

Later in the month, the U.S. National Team will face off against the Soviet Union in Atlanta. Actual dates for the meet are to be announced.

King has been an all-star performer for the Gamecocks in his four seasons at USC. The Saginaw, Michigan native participated in five events in the NCAA Championships last March, won two Metro Conference meet events and was part of three Metro meet relay teams that won in the February event in Columbia.

King and head coach Kris Kirchner were out of town Tuesday and could not be reached for comment.



King

Baseball alumnus to manage Roost

From staff reports

A USC graduate and four year baseball letterman has returned to his alma mater as manager of The Roost, South Carolina's residence for student-athletes.

Chris Boyle, who starred as a catcher with the Gamecocks, 1981-84, has spent the past three years at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he earned the Master of Education degree in June 1989. At Southern Mississippi, he served one season as a graduate assistant baseball coach and two years as a graduate assistant in athletic administration.

He earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the USC in 1984. From January 1985 to July 1986, Boyle worked as an insurance salesman in his home town of York, Pa., before entering graduate school. He is a graduate of York Catholic High School.

"I'm really excited about returning to the University of

South Carolina," Boyle said. "I have many fond memories of my playing career and career as a student here."

Sterling Brown, associate athletic director for sports programs, said Boyle would be a valuable addition to the staff.

"Chris was a fine player and is very interested in athletic administration," Brown said. "His background and training make him very qualified to manage our new Roost, which is nearing completion."

As a player, Boyle appeared in 208 South Carolina baseball games and holds school records for most at 766 bats and 198 runs batted in and was the first of six players in South Carolina history to hit three home runs in a game.

He ranks among the top three in six career statistical categories and compiled a career batting average of .292.

Lawyers ask for delay of disciplinary action against Rose during suit

By The Associated Press

Pete Rose's lawyers asked a federal judge Monday to delay any disciplinary action against the Cincinnati manager while a dispute over his suit against baseball is being resolved.

Robert Stachler filed the motion minutes after an hour-long, closed-door meeting with U.S. District Judge John Holschuh and attorneys for baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti.

Stachler declined comment as he left the courthouse. Baseball attorneys Louis Hoynes and John Elam told reporters the discussion involved "scheduling matters."

Hoynes said no attempt to reach a settlement had been made by either side during the meeting. He declined further comment.

Stachler's motion came one week after Holschuh ruled that Rose's suit against Giamatti belonged in federal rather than state court.

In state court, Rose had gained a temporary order protecting him from being fired or other possible disciplinary action by Giamatti resulting from baseball's gambling investigation.

That order was issued June 25 by Judge Norbert Nadel of Hamilton County Common Pleas Court. In his ruling last week, Holschuh extended those protections until Aug. 14.

In his new motion, Stachler asked for an order that would delay a scheduled Aug. 17 meeting with

Giamatti. Stachler also requested a stay in all further proceedings in the case because "the pressing issue to be resolved is federal jurisdiction, not the substantive merits of the controversy between the parties."

According to the motion, Rose "believes that he is more than likely to win at the appellate level."

Rose's lawyers are expected to ask the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati to overturn Holschuh's decision to keep the case in federal court.

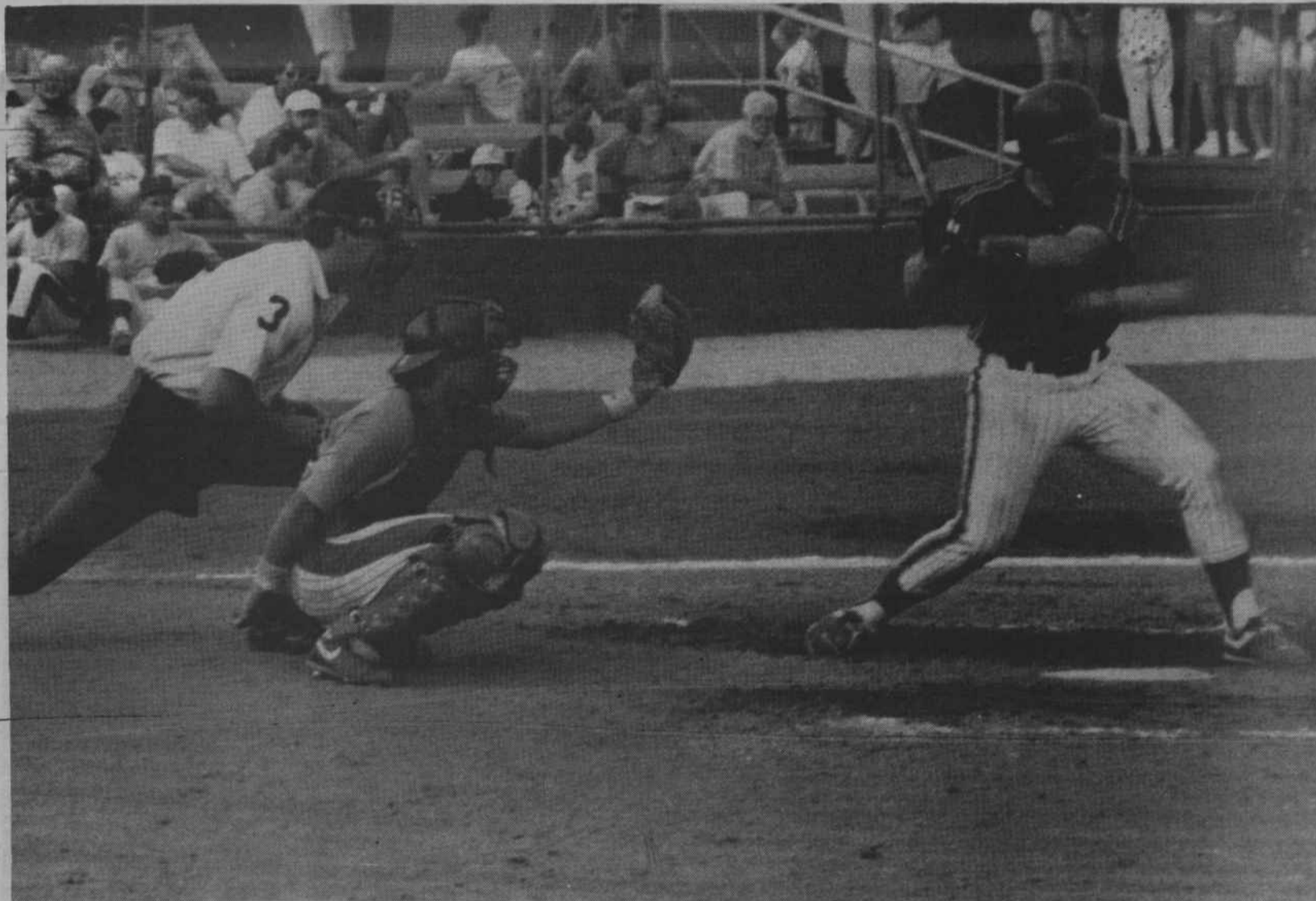
The latest motion said baseball's attorneys inundated Rose and his lawyers with "a barrage of discovery requests" on Aug. 1, the day after Holschuh's ruling.

"Plaintiff is apparently supposed to be responding to these numerous and varied discovery requests and preparing for the simultaneous depositions of (Rose's) lawyers, all while prosecuting his appeal," the motion said.

The motion claims Rose's reputation will be ruined if Giamatti is allowed to proceed with disciplinary proceedings and bans the all-time hits leader from baseball "for any length of time."

"It will forever brand Pete Rose as dishonest in the public's eyes, particularly in the eyes of the youth of America, whether or not Giamatti's decision is ultimately reversed," the motion said.

Holschuh did not rule on the motion.



Wheeler Kevin Roberson looks at a strike as Mets catcher Todd Hundley prepares to catch the ball.

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Team loses three out of five games in series

Mets remain in second place, but continue to dream

By D.R. HAYNES
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In a five-game series with the Wheelers of Charleston, West Virginia, the Columbia Mets lost three games out of five to remain in a three-way tie for second place.

Through Sunday the Mets share second place with the Augusta Pirates and the Savannah Cardinals. Columbia's 23-22 record has them 1.5 games behind the first-place Charleston Rainbows. The Mets are on the road playing a five-game series with the Spartanburg Phillies. From there they play the Rangers of Gastonia in another five-game set.

The Mets dropped the opener in the Spartanburg series Sunday by a score of 3-1. The Mets were dominated by good starting pitching by the Phillies which only yielded four hits.

Second baseman Sam Maisanaive scored the only Mets run in the sixth inning when he singled, advanced to second on catcher Todd Hundley's groundout and scored on first baseman Vince Zawaski's single.

Friday night the Mets were defeated in the last game of the five-game series with the Wheelers 3-1. Game four was a different story as the Mets shelled out 10 hits to clobber the Wheelers 7-0. The game was almost over in the first inning when the Mets scored four times.

Lee May led off the game with a single. He advanced to second when Lonnie Walker was hit by a pitch. Todd Hundley grounded into a double play.

First baseman Bob Olah started more first-inning damage by reaching base on a throwing error by Wheeler third baseman Matt Franco. Designated hitter Vince Zawaski drew a two-out walk. Third baseman Jim Morrisette emptied the bases with a double. Morrisette then scored on rightfielder Derrick Young's single. Second baseman Doug Saunders ended the inning by flying out to rightfield.

Tuesday's game was rained out so a double-header was played Wednesday night. The double-header meant double trouble for the Mets who lost both games.

The Mets struck early in the second game. In the second inning catcher Kenny Graves singled and came home on centerfielder Lee May's triple. May then scored on leftfielder Lonnie Walker's single.

First baseman Vince Zawaski and third baseman James Morrisette supplied the fireworks in the third inning when they hit back-to-back home runs. Morrisette wasn't satisfied with one, so he hit yet another long ball in the sixth inning.

The offensive explosion went to waste as the Wheelers rallied to steal the game by a score of 6-5.

Jason Doss handcuffed the Mets in the first game. The 18-year-old Doss pitched six innings and struck out five. Doss gave up five hits and walked three. John Gardener pitched the final inning to pick up his fourth save.

A double by Doug Saunders to score Derrick Young was the only run to cross the plate for the Mets.

In game one last Monday, four errors committed by the Wheeler defense cost them a 5-3 loss. Lonnie Walker and Vince Zawaski both had two hits and one RBI to lead the Mets.

Tom Fine pitched six and two-thirds innings to get his second win. Fine gave up only four hits and two runs with only one being earned. However, Fine showed control problems by giving up six walks.

Second place seems to be a fixture for the Columbia Mets but manager Bill Stien said he is not worried at this point in the season.

"I'm not worried about it right now. We still have a month to go in the season. We've been hurt a lot by injuries. We had to reshuffle our pitching staff which has really hurt us," Stien said.

The division is not real strong, Stien said. The race for first is going to be close down to the end, he said.

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