# Coaches receive probation, time

By D.R. Haynes Sports editor

Three former USC coaches were sentenced Aug. 10 for their involvement in supplying steroids to players. The sentences ranged from three to six months probation to three years probation.

Tom Kurucz, Jim Washburn and Keith Kephart all pleaded guilty to the charges before U.S. District Jugde G. Ross Anderson on June

Kurucz, 42, was sentenced to serve six months in a community facility and three years probation. Kurucz received the minimun sentence under federal guidelines. He faced up to six years in prison and a stiff \$350,000 fine.

Kurucz, a USC coach from 1982 to 1986, was found guilty of lying to a grand jury and a misdemeanor

count of dispensing steriods.

Kephart and Washburn faced one year in prison and a \$1,000 fine for importing steriods through



Keith Kephart

the mail without a prescription. Both, however, received three months in a halfway house and three years probation.

John Carter, an assistant coach from 1982 to 1986, pleaded guilty to giving steroids to former USC player Tommy Chaikin. Carter faced a maximum penalty of two years in prison and \$200,000 in fines. Carter was sentenced three



Tom Kurucz

months in the halfway house and three months probation.

Chaikin, who played for South Carolina from 1983-1987, said he and other players used steriods and about half the 1986 team used the muscle-building drug.

Chaikin's story in the Oct. 24 issue of Sports Illustrated, charging widespread steroid use among USC football players, prompted a

five-month grand jury investigation that resulted in indictments of four former coaches.

Chaikin and former players Woody Myers, David Poinsett and George Hyder, among others, received immunity from federal prosecution.

Tom Gadd, also an assistant coach for USC from 1982-1986, was charged with importing steriods and encouraging players to use them. A federal jury found Gadd innocent of the charges on June 21.

In handing down the sentences, Anderson said he took into account that none of the coaches had previous criminal records and all expressed remorse for their actions.

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