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USC's Tommy Loeber heads in the tying goal with just minutes to spare in the Gamecocks 5-2 overtime win over Erskine Wednesday at The Graveyard.

Loeber's goal paces USC

By BRANT LONG
Assistant Sports Editor

Tommy Loeber, captain of the USC soccer team, will not soon forget the first goal he scored. But it wasn't years ago that his first goal was scored. It was Wednesday, in USC's 5-2 overtime victory over Erskine at The Graveyard. The win broke an eight match overtime winless streak for USC that dated back to 1987. Erskine led 2-0 at the end of the first half, and a Jeff Love goal made it 2-1 in the second half. With under two minutes left in the contest, Loeber took a crossing pass from Ruben Tufino and headed in the equalizer, the first goal of his career. "Coach taught us never to give up. With time running out, we just kept pushing and pushing," Loeber said. "Then Scott sent the ball over. I didn't see the goalkeeper, but I heard him call keeper. I thought I was going to get crushed by him. I guess I just out-jumped a 6-foot-5 guy."

The match was sent into overtime where the Gamecocks, 6-1-2, finally capitalized on their chances, scoring three goals, including two by Clark Brisson to push his goal total to 10 on the season. "We came out dead in the first half," Loeber said, "and we were punished for it. Erskine came out strong and put two away on us. From that point on, we woke up. We're really lucky that we pulled it out." Head coach Mark Berson said the game against Erskine was one of the most amazing he's seen. On Loeber, Berson said, "Here's a guy that has come back from knee surgery. He's a great leader and he showed why today. We tried to set him up with one (a goal), a penalty kick earlier in the year, and he didn't make it. The guys have been ribbing him about that. Then he came forward with a tremendous goal today." In 1986 and 1988, Loeber played in every regular season game. He was out of action in 1987 because of ligament tears in his right knee.

Predictions return after Hugo

By CHRIS SILVESTRI
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Even the sports pages of *The Gamecock* were affected by Hurricane Hugo this past week.

Because of the hurricane, the paper didn't run this past Friday; therefore, there was no predictions column.

But the column returns this week, and I am currently 24-5 (an .827 percentage). Since there are no hurricanes in the forecast for the week, let's look at this week's games:

USC AT GEORGIA: A tough Bulldog defense will lead Georgia to a win in a tightly played contest... Georgia, 23-17.

NO. 1 NOTRE DAME AT PURDUE: After another close game, the Irish will breeze through the Boilermakers... Notre Dame, 30-6.

NO. 2 MIAMI, FLA. AT MICHIGAN STATE: These Hurricanes aren't as powerful as Hugo, but they're strong enough to win this one... Miami, 28-17.

OREGON STATE AT NO. 3 NEBRASKA: The Cornhuskers won't face any formidable challengers until they meet Colorado on Nov. 4... Nebraska, 42-10.

NO. 4 AUBURN AT NO. 12 TENNESSEE: The top-ranked defense of Auburn will stifle the Volunteers hopes of winning... Auburn, 17-6.

NO. 5 COLORADO AT WASHINGTON: The Buffaloes will stampee the Huskies... Colorado, 36-18.

MARYLAND AT NO. 6 MICHIGAN: The Wolverines are pumped after their miracle come-from-behind victory against UCLA... Michigan, 27-10.

NO. 7 CLEMSON AT DUKE: The Tigers are just too good for the Blue Devils... Clemson, 34-14.

TEXAS-EL PASO AT NO. 8 ARKANSAS: The Razorbacks should have no problem with this one... Arkansas, 28-0.

NO. 10 PITTSBURGH AT NO. 9 WEST VIRGINIA: It will

USC Football Preview

Game 5: Georgia (1 p.m. Saturday at Sanford Stadium, Athens, Ga.)

Records: USC, 2-1-1; Georgia, 2-0.

Last week: USC defeated Georgia Tech 21-10; Georgia defeated Mississippi State 23-6.

Series history: Georgia leads 33-8-2 (The Bulldogs have won 20 of 23 games in Athens).

The last meeting: Sept. 24, 1988 (Williams-Brice Stadium). In a nationally televised contest, the 14th-ranked Gamecocks defeated the sixth-ranked Bulldogs of Georgia, 23-10.

The Gamecocks were led by quarterback Todd Ellis, who completed 28 of 43 passes for 321 yards and one touchdown. Freshman sensation Robert Brooks had eight receptions for 98 yards, including a one-handed, 36-yard touchdown catch.

Georgia scored early in the contest, on a 27-yard Steve Crumley field goal, and then late in the game, on a Keith Henderson 3-yard run.

Collin Mackie had three field

goals for the Gamecocks, and USC's defense held the Bulldog rushing offense to only 102 yards. The win was the Gamecocks fourth straight and lifted the team to eighth in the national ranking.

The coaches: In his first season as USC head coach, Sparky Woods is 2-1-1. Woods compiled a 38-19-2 record in five years at Appalachian State and was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year three consecutive seasons between 1985-87. His overall record is now 40-20-3.

Georgia's Ray Goff is in his first season as head coach of the Bulldogs and has a 2-0 record. Goff had worked on Vince Doolley's staff at Georgia in 1977 and again from 1981-88. Goff served as an assistant coach at USC from 1979-80, as a runningback coach.

Next week: USC returns to Williams-Brice Stadium against the East Carolina Pirates. Georgia travels to Knoxville for a Southeastern Conference match with the Tennessee Volunteers.

be a great week for Steel City teams as both the Steelers and the Panthers win... upset special... Pittsburgh, 28-27.

NO. 11 SOUTHERN CAL AT NO. 19 WASHINGTON STATE: The Trojans continue to roll after their opening day loss to Illinois... Southern Cal, 31-28.

NO. 13 ALABAMA AT VANDERBILT: After a tough win over Kentucky, the Tide will have an easier day... Alabama, 34-13.

TEMPLE AT NO. 14 HOUSTON: The top-ranked offense in the nation will romp over the Owls... Houston, 48-7.

KENT STATE AT NO. 15 N.C. STATE: An undefeated Wolfpack against winless Kent State. If all the games were this

easy, I'd never miss one... N.C. State, 37-3.

NO. 16 OKLAHOMA AT KANSAS: The Sooners haven't played since their 6-3 loss to Arizona. Kansas will feel their fury... Oklahoma, 52-10.

NO. 17 ARIZONA AT OREGON: Can a football team called the Ducks be that good? I don't think so... Arizona, 24-20.

Dr. Donald Jones — USC AT GEORGIA: Todd Ellis, averaging 323 yards in three starts against Georgia, will have another good day. But the Bulldogs defense, which hasn't allowed a touchdown all year, will slow the Gamecocks running game, and Georgia will win... Georgia, 21-17.

Citadel, S.C. State will play in Columbia

By DAVID CARAVIELLO
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Bulldogs from Charleston and Orangeburg are invading Gamecock territory this weekend.

The Citadel and South Carolina State will meet for the first time ever on the gridiron Saturday at USC's Williams-Brice Stadium.

The game, slated for a noon kickoff, was originally scheduled to be played at The Citadel's Johnson Hagood Stadium in Charleston. But the devastation to the port city caused by Hurricane Hugo forced The Citadel Athletic Director Walt

Nadzak to find an alternate site.

And USC Athletic Director King Dixon was ready for the call.

"We were not aware of the condition of The Citadel's stadium," Dixon said Wednesday by telephone. "If we had been, we would have invited them first. We're glad that the stadium is available."

Dixon also mentioned that Johnson Hagood Stadium had been severely damaged by the storm. "Their (The Citadel's) stadium has suffered severe structural damage and probably

won't be able to be used for the remainder of the year," Dixon said. "... I would never even think of letting a fellow institution pay for something like this."

According to Dixon, the game could not be moved to S.C. State's Bulldog Stadium in Orangeburg because it also suffered some damage from the storm. Also, nearly 22,000 tickets have been sold for the game, nearly the capacity of Johnson Hagood, while Bulldog Stadium holds only about 14,000.

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