

Dingle

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"It didn't bother me. I feel the more I get the ball, the better I'm going to get. I'm more of a second-half player. I just felt real good out there and relaxed."

Dingle stayed relaxed, and after an interception by Joe Reaves, the Gamecocks scored their final points, as Ellis hit receiver Carl Platt for a 22-yard score, to make it 24-17.

Georgia could only muster a field goal by John Kasay and the Gamecocks upset the 23rd-ranked Bulldogs 24-20.

"We knew we could come in here and play four quarters," Dingle said. "We just did what we felt we could do."

Head coach Sparky Woods said of Dingle, "He came back in the second half and held on to that football, ran physical. He's a good back."

"It felt real good," Dingle said of the victory. "Real, real good. The guys had the confidence, had all heart and we just came out and we played, and that's what you've got to do."

Defense

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defense as hard as we could play. That is one of the better halves we've played. We all came together as a team . . ."

According to Hinton, who finished the game with 11 tackles (which was second to Marty Dye's 12 for the team high), the key to USC's defensive success against Georgia was execution.

"We executed good today and the guys concentrated . . ." Hinton said. "We stayed in our zone and nobody drifted."

The only letdown for the Gamecocks came in the second quarter when they relinquished a 14-3 lead by surrendering 14 points and 11 first downs to the Bulldogs.

"I feel so good about the defense," Woods said. "The fact that we fought back in the second half. It's a great boost for our defense. I'm very happy for the people of South Carolina."

SPORTS BRIEFS

USC captures fifth place in Florida

The Lady Gamecock cross country team finished in fifth place out of 20 teams at the Florida State Invitational Saturday in Tallahassee. The men finished in fifth place out of 19 teams.

Dana Purser led the Gamecocks in the 5,000 meters with a time of 19:29.4. Teammates Daniel Adams and Jill St. Peter had times of 19:06.2 and 19:20, respectively. The event was won by the University of Georgia.

The men were led by Mike Hedgecock, who finished 13th in the five mile run. Other Gamecock finishers were Paul Laymon, 16th, Jim Karcanes, 31st and three others placing 41st, 49th and 62nd. The University of Florida was the event winner.

USC is scheduled to participate in The Citadel Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 7th.

Volleyball team drops two matches

The Lady Gamecock volleyball

team lost two Metro Conference matches over the weekend, dropping their record to 7-9 overall and 0-2 in the conference.

On Friday, USC lost to Louisville in five games 15-11, 11-15, 12-15, 15-10 and 13-15.

In Cincinnati Saturday, the Lady Gamecocks lost to the Bearcats in three games, 15-9, 15-13, 15-9.

USC's next action is Saturday, Oct. 7, against the Lady Tigers of Memphis State. The match will be held at the Sol Blatt P.E. Center at 7 p.m.

Radio broadcast contract renewed

The South Carolina Network, which has been broadcasting Gamecock sports for nine years, has reached an agreement with USC on a three-year renewal of the agreement under which the network originates radio broadcasts of Gamecock football and basketball.

The new agreement runs through the 1992 football season and the 1992-93 basketball season and was announced jointly by Athletic Director King Dixon and Tom Stevens, vice-president for operations of the South Carolina Network.

South Carolina Network has been packaging broadcasts of USC

games for nine years.

"South Carolina Network and the University of South Carolina have been a strong partnership for nine years," Dixon said. "We look forward to continuation of our relationship."

Simian defeated in three-set match

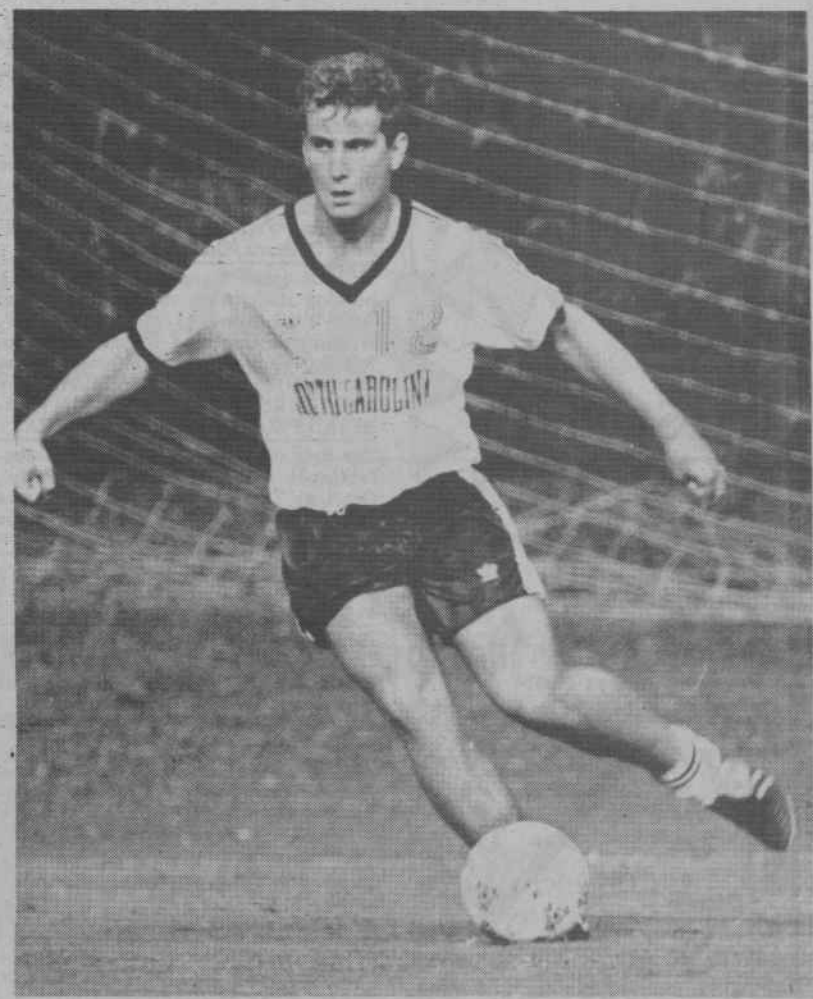
Gamecock tennis standouts Stephane Simian and Dave Hopper participated in the Bay Pointe Collegiate Clay Court Championships, in Panama City, Fla., over the weekend.

Simian, seeded third in the championships, advanced all the way to the quarterfinals before falling to Ellis Ferreira of Alabama, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, in a two-hour match. Simian was the highest seed of the tournament to reach the semifinals. The finals of the event were nationally televised on ESPN Sunday at 11 p.m.

Simian will compete in the Pro Pre-qualifying event at the Sam Daniel Tennis Center in Columbia Oct. 6-8.

Hopper, unseeded in the tournament, advanced to the second round of play until losing to Mississippi State's Juan Rios 6-3, 6-4.

A squad led by Louie Gloria and Jamie Frontera is participating in the Clemson Classic.



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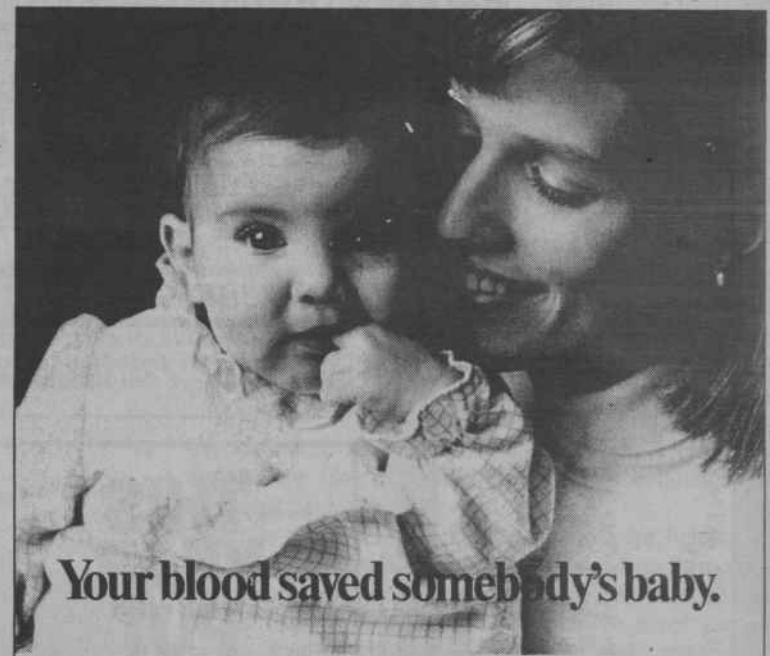
Scoring machine

USC forward Clark Brisson scored two more goals in the Gamecocks' 2-0 win over Appalachian State Sunday at The Graveyard. Brisson leads USC, 7-1-2, with 13 goals this season.

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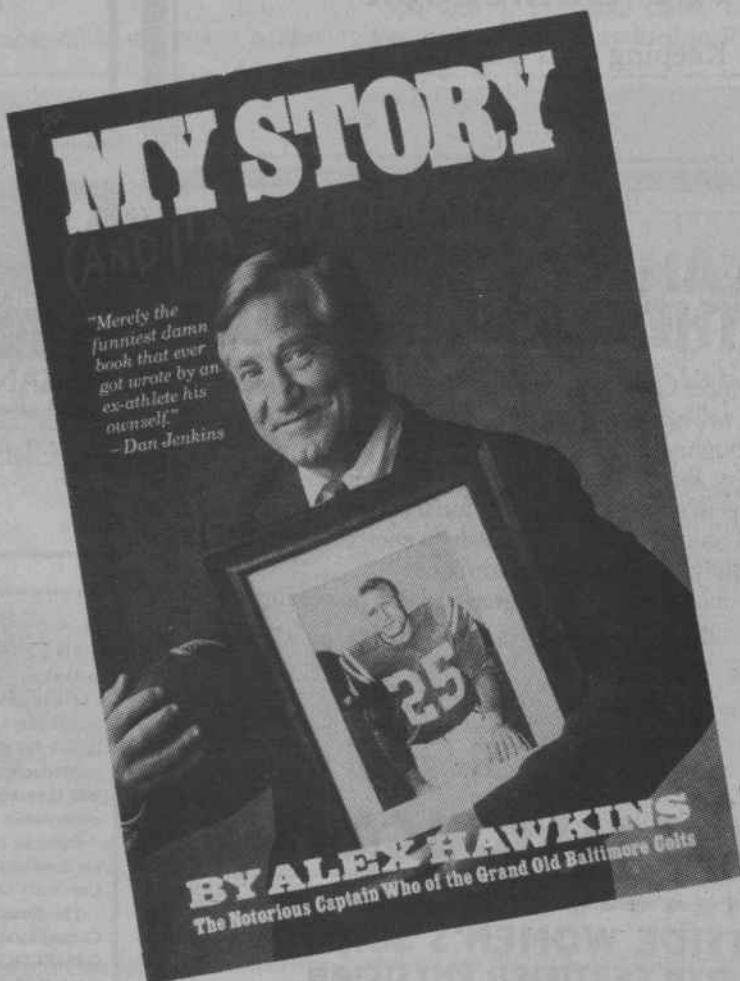
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