#### THE GAMECOCK

Sports

## USC, Ellis annihilate East Carolina

By CHRIS SILVESTRI

Sports Editor Numerous season and careerhighs were established in USC's 47-14 thrashing of the East Carolina Pirates Saturday at Williams-

Brice Stadium.

Gamecock quarterback Todd Ellis was 17 of 32 for 360 yards and three touchdowns, his first 300-yard passing performance of the season. Running backs Mike

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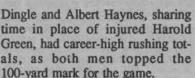
Gamecock quarterback Todd Ellis unleashes a pass in Saturday's

thrashing of East Carolina. Ellis threw for 360 yards and three

touchdowns in USC's 47-14 victory.

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Dingle rushed 19 times for 117 vards and one touchdown, while Haynes carried the ball 21 times for 101 yards and two touchdowns.

Ellis had his most productive passing day this year, and he moved up to seventh on the alltime Division I career passing yardage chart with 9,400 career yards.

The passing of Ellis brought the Gamecocks back from an early 14-3 first quarter deficit to a 19-14 halftime lead as he threw for 262 yards and one touchdown in the first half.

"He's a great football player in every aspect," USC head coach Sparky Woods said of his senior quarterback. "He's been totally unselfish the entire year. He's a great leader. I had a lot of fun watching him play.'

Trailing by eight points late in the first quarter, Ellis led a Gamecock drive from their own 21-yard line. Ellis was three for five on the drive for 55 yards, finishing it with a 15-yard touchdown pass to Carl

Unlike Woods, Ellis was not as impressed with his performance.

"I think it was an all-around ef-

fort today," Ellis said. "I didn't think I played extremely well. I didn't feel extremely great out there . . . I feel like my receivers helped me out a great deal today."

East Carolina head coach Bill Lewis, on the other hand, had nothing but praise for Ellis.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again," Lewis said. "There is no bigger Todd Ellis fan in the country. And today he just made me a bigger fan. He is one of the most outstanding premier quarterbacks in the country.'

USC took the lead for good in the closing minutes of the second quarter when Dingle used his patented leap over the defense from 1-yard out to give the Gamecocks a 19-14 lead.

The Gamecocks dominated the second half from the beginning as they took their first possession of the third quarter 62 yards for a touchdown. Dingle carried the ball four times for 36 yards on the drive, and Haynes scored the touchdown from 1-yard out.

USC put the game out of reach when linebacker Patrick Hinton recovered a Pirate fumble on the East Carolina 23-yard line. On the second play of the drive Ellis, hit Platt for Platt's second touchdown reception of the game, giving USC a 33-14 lead.

The Gamecocks improved to 4-1-1 on the season and for the first time, although still early in the schedule, there was hopeful talk of a bowl appearance.

"A bowl is a long-range goal for us," Woods said. "We always like to go to a bowl game."

USC is idle next week but returns home on Oct. 21 to face Western Carolina at Williams-Brice Stadium. The game is scheduled for a 1:30 p.m. kickoff.

#### SPORTS BRIEFS

Brisson's goal lifts USC over Furman

USC defeated Furman University 1-0 Sunday in their match in Greenville.

The Gamecocks got all the scoring they needed on a Clark Brisson goal midway through the first half. Brisson posted his 15th goal of the season, tops in the nation.

USC, 9-1-2, outshot the Paladins 12-4. Furman drops their season

## Volleyball team still trying for Metro win

By CHRIS SILVESTRI Sports Editor

The Lady Gamecock volleyball team dropped their third consecutive Metro Conference match Saturday at the Sol Blatt P.E. Center to Memphis State 15-8, 4-15, 15-13 and 15-9.

According to USC head coach Bonnie Kenny, the problem is

"We wait for the other team to do something wrong instead of us making something happen," Kenny said. "We play in such streaks. We'll get four of five points in a row, sometimes six or seven, and then that's it."

The crucial point in the match came in the third game. After swapping lopsided wins in the first two games, the third game was closely contested.

The Lady Tigers charged out to a commanding 10-3 lead before a kill by USC senior middle blocker Stephanie Pflughaupt sparked a Lady Gamecock rally.

USC capped the rally by taking a 13-12 lead on a kill by Kim De-Neve, but then Memphis State shut down the Lady Gamecocks and won the next three points and the



Bonnie Kenny

game. The Lady Tigers clinched the victory with a 15-9 win in the fourth game of the match.

"We play with teams," Kenny said. "Every team we play we play close, but when it gets down to the nitty gritty we swallow it."

One bright spot for the Lady Gamecocks in the match was the play of freshman left-hander Tina

"She (Grutsch) played very well tonight," Kenny said. "She has to play like that all the time."

The Lady Gamecocks fell to 7-10 with the loss and they are 0-3 in the Metro Conference. USC's next match will be Friday when they play host to Tulane at 7 p.m.

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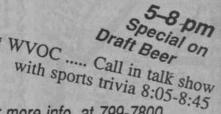
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