

## Soccer tourney begins this weekend

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Four of the nation's premier soccer teams will be playing at The Graveyard this weekend as USC plays host to the third annual Met Life Classic.

USC, Akron, Howard and UCLA will be participating in this year's tournament.



**USC:** The Gamecocks, coming off a season that ended in the NCAA semi-finals, are 13-2-2. USC is led by junior Clark Brisson, who has scored 19 goals this season, and freshman Ruben Tufino, who has 14 assists. This past year's leading scorer, Jonas Gudjonsson, is also back on offense. Team captain Tommy Loeber, Scott Henderson and Amar Jonsen anchor a solid defense, with Chris Foley manning the goalkeeper position. The Gamecocks have shut out nine opponents this season, with the only home loss of the year coming from South Region foe Wake Forest.

had six goals and three assists this past season, while Wells had five goals and four assists. David Zupko and Andy Lonneman are expected to be strong in the goal for the Zips.



**Howard:** The Bison, this past year's NCAA runner-up, are coached by Keith Tucker and have a 9-3-2 record. Howard is led by this past season's NCAA Co-Most Valuable Defensive Player Shaka Hislop. This past year as goalkeeper, he allowed only seven goals in 19 matches. Mike and Irving Williams, Chris Conti and Chris Thomas also look to stop opposing offenses on the defensive side for the Bison. All-America candidate Peter Isaacs leads the offense. In 1988, Isaacs totaled 12 goals and six assists. He is joined by Anthony Laird, Harold Heath and Sheldon Jones.



**UCLA:** The Bruins are led by Sigi Schmid, who is in his tenth year as head coach. With a record of 16-0-1, UCLA is the highest-ranked team in the tournament at third in the nation. They are led by junior Ray Fernandez, who tallied five goals and seven assists this



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past year. Bill Thompson and Mark Sharp help Fernandez out on the offense. Senior Steve Black returns at midfield, and Will Steadman and Mike Lapper anchor the defense from the fullback slots. Senior Anton Nisl returns in goal. He has compiled 25 shutouts in

three years at UCLA.

**Tournament schedule:** Saturday — Akron vs. Howard at 12 p.m. and USC vs. UCLA at 2 p.m. Sunday — UCLA vs. Howard at 12 p.m. and USC vs. Akron at 2 p.m.

### USC Football Preview

**Game 9:** USC travels to Tallahassee, Fla., Saturday, for a 2 p.m. game against the sixth-ranked Florida State Seminoles at Doak Campbell Stadium.

**Records:** USC is 5-2-1; FSU is 6-2-0.

**Series history:** FSU leads the series 12-3-0 (6-1 at Tallahassee). **Last meeting:** Nov. 5, 1988, Williams-Brice Stadium. In a nationally televised contest, the Seminoles dominated USC, handing the Gamecocks their worst home loss ever, 59-0.

The Seminoles returned a blocked punt for a touchdown and ended the first half with 31-0 lead. USC's Todd Ellis completed only nine of 23 passes for 79 yards and three interceptions. Harold Green ran for only 77 yards on 21 carries as the Gamecocks dropped from 15th place in

the national rankings. **The coaches:** USC's Sparky Woods, in his first season as head coach, has a record of 5-2-1. In his four years at Appalachian State, Woods was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year for three consecutive seasons between 1985-88. His overall record now stands at 43-21-3.

Florida State's Bobby Bowden is in his 14th season with the Seminoles, where he has compiled a 118-40-3 record. He holds the third highest victory total for an active coach with an overall record of 191-72-3 in 24 seasons.

**Next week:** USC travels to Chapel Hill for a 2 p.m. kickoff against the Tarheels of North Carolina. Florida State has the week off.

## Forecaster forced into tough choices

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It was another crazy week in college football as two teams, including USC, fell from the Top 25.

To go along with that, No. 2 Miami, Fla., lost to interstate rival Florida St., and Brigham Young lost to Hawaii (who?) 56-14.

In my last predictions column I was 9-3, bringing my totals for the year to 44-14 for a .758 percentage.

This week may be just as crazy, but I'll give it a shot anyway:

**USC AT NO. 6 FLORIDA ST.:** Florida St. is playing their best football of the year, and without Ellis at quarterback for the Gamecocks, this may not be pretty... Florida St., 42-3.

**NAVY AT NO. 1 NOTRE DAME:** The Irish continue to prove they are the best team in the country... Notre Dame, 50-7.

**NO. 3 NEBRASKA AT NO. 2 COLORADO:** The Buffaloes will roam at the top of the Big Eight Conference when they beat the Cornhuskers... Colorado, 24-16.

**PURDUE AT NO. 4 MICHIGAN:** The Wolverines keep rolling after their opening day loss to Notre Dame... Michigan, 34-10.

**MISSISSIPPI ST. AT NO. 5 ALABAMA:** The Tide will remain undefeated — and thankful for the blocked field goal which preserved their win over Penn State this past week... Alabama, 30-17.

**EAST CAROLINA AT NO. 7 MIAMI, FLA.:** The revenge-laden Hurricanes will provide some rough sailing for the Pirates... Miami, 40-9.

**NO. 8 ILLINOIS AT IOWA:** The Fighting Illini remain undefeated in their conference and keep their hopes of playing in the Rose Bowl alive... Illinois, 20-10.

**OREGON ST. AT NO. 9 SOUTHERN CAL:** Freshman Trojan quarterback Todd Marinovich keeps getting better and bet-

ter... Southern Cal, 35-3.

**NO. 11 ARKANSAS AT RICE:** The Razorbacks keep in the running for the Southwest Conference title with an easy win... Arkansas, 51-13.

**NO. 19 FLORIDA AT NO. 12 AUBURN:** Emmitt Smith finds running room is hard to find against the Auburn defense... Auburn, 17-14.

**NO. 13 WEST VIRGINIA AT NO. 16 PENN STATE:** The Nittany Lions have one of the best defenses in the nation. The Mountaineers will need some major magic to win this one... Penn St., 21-13.

**NO. 15 ARIZONA AT CALIFORNIA:** The Wildcats should have no problem bringing the Golden Bears Pac-10 record to 0-6 on the year... Arizona, 33-14.

**NO. 17 HOUSTON AT TEXAS CHRISTIAN:** The Cougars had a little trouble moving the ball against Arkansas this past week. They only scored 39 points. This week won't be a whole lot easier, but this time they'll win... Houston, 48-28.

**NO. 24 VIRGINIA AT NO. 18 N.C. STATE:** Shawn Moore leads the Cavaliers to sole possession of first place in the ACC... upset special... Virginia, 27-24.

**SMU AT NO. 20 TEXAS A & M:** Is SMU still on the death penalty? They're playing like it anyway... Texas A & M, 52-19.

**NO. 21 CLEMSON AT NORTH CAROLINA:** The Tarheels lost to Maryland 38-0 this past week, and the Tigers seem to be back in prime form... Clemson, 35-3.

**Dr. Donald Jones — USC AT NO. 6 FLORIDA ST.:** Dickie DeMasi will lead an impressive Gamecock effort, but the Seminole's Peter Tom Willis will light up the airwaves with his wide receivers, known as the "Fab Four."

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