

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Softball team triumphs**

Posting a 3-1 record in this weekend's action, the South Carolina Lady Gamecocks tied for first place at the USC Round Robin Tournament, gaining victories over Northwestern, Dayton and South Florida. Leading the Gamecock barrage for USC were pitcher Angie Lear and shortstop Tiff Tootle. Lear, 18-2 overall, threw two shut-out games and allowed only six hits in 17 innings while Tootle had eight hits and five runs over the weekend.

In the first game of the Round Robin event, South Carolina scored two runs in the top of the first and two in the top of the seventh to put Northwestern away 4-0.

Tootle went two-for-three in the game scoring two runs while the team collectively had nine hits and three walks. In addition to offensive power of the Lady Gamecocks, Lear pitched a solid game allowing only four Lady Wildcat hits.

Against Dayton in USC's second match-up of the tourney, South Carolina pummeled the Lady Flyers 12-0, scoring three runs in the first four innings of play. USC catcher Leslie Adams led the Gamecocks going two-for-three with two RBIs, while second baseman Michelle Dellosa went two-for-four with three RBIs.

Hurler Jana Zimmerman worked four innings and limited the Lady Flyers to one hit, while Charity Ballard picked up the fifth to earn her first save this season.

In USC's final two games on Sunday, the Lady Gamecocks lost to Toledo 1-0 and beat South Florida 1-0.

USC was scheduled to face Florida State, 3-1 in the tourney, Sunday afternoon to decide the overall winner of the tournament but the game was canceled because of darkness.

**Golfers place second**

The 17th-ranked Lady Gamecocks' golf team finished second behind 13th-ranked Kentucky in the South Carolina Women's Invitational at the Woodlands Country Club in Columbia. USC posted team totals of 307-312-308-927. These scores should help boost the Gamecocks' national rankings, as they placed ahead of fifth-ranked Indiana and seventh-ranked Furman.

For the Lady Gamecocks, returning All-Metro golfer junior Debbie Eckroth and senior Aileen Robertson finished in a 12th place tie at 232. Eckroth fired rounds of 79-73-80, while Robertson turned in rounds of 77-81-74. Junior Sofia Gervas had an impressive tournament. She posted scores of 79-79-77-235 giving her a 16th place finish. Junior Vikki Valentine finished in an 18th place tie at 236, and sophomore Rachel Bates ended the tournament at 242.

The Lady Wildcats fired a team score of 314 Sunday to take the title. UK was paced by Jayne Lohr, who finished second in the individual running behind UNC-Wilmington's Nina Van Drumpt. Van Drumpt posted rounds of 77-72-74-223.

- The team standings were as follows:
1. Kentucky 307-305-314-926
  2. South Carolina 307-312-308-927
  3. Duke 303-312-308-928
  4. Furman 312-318-308-938
  5. Auburn 322-308-311-941
  6. Memphis St. 321-321-306-948
  7. Minnesota 324-312-326-962
  8. James Madison U. 321-325-322-968
  9. Indiana 327-322-329-978

USC is off to a great start in the 1991 spring season. They won the Country Club of Alabama Invitational in the beginning of March and finished second place in the S.C. Invitational. USC travels to Greenville Friday to take part in the Lady Paladin Invitational this weekend.

**Library exhibit a real home run**



These items and other baseball memorabilia will be on display at the Thomas Cooper Library in the lobby for the next two months.

By MONICA COSTELLO  
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"Right off the bat," a new exhibit on baseball, opened in a new exhibit area at the Thomas Cooper Library on Monday.

The idea for an exhibit area was that of Dean of Libraries Dr. Arthur P. Young.

"I came up with the idea and helped form the committee and they did all the work from then on," Young said.

The purpose of the exhibit area is to give information on interesting subjects.

"Although the first exhibit has many books, we are not looking for exhibits with only books," said Laurie Preston, assistant reference librarian. "We are more interested in memorabilia on any subject as long as it is informational, educational, cultural or intellectual."

The exhibit area is located on the main level of the library. It consists of four glass cases which are locked and insured.

The exhibit committee asked members of the library staff if they had anything interesting that would make a good exhibit for the opening. With the opening of baseball coming soon, the committee felt baseball would be a great way to open the exhibit area.

The first exhibit which is on baseball was donated by Gary Geer, a member of the library

staff. "The exhibit reminds us of the season when the 'boys of summer' come out onto the 'field of dreams,'" Dr. Young said at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Geer's collection has many small press books on baseball. There are also small items of memorabilia such as a brown leather baseball glove, two baseball caps, a crackerjack box, several baseball cards and postcards from the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

One of the books displayed in the collection, *Baseball 3000*, is a science fiction book.

"There is a Rod Serling story in the book about a robot pitcher," Geer said. "Other stories describe what it would be like to play baseball in another planet and how the physics would make it different."

The exhibit committee asks that anyone who has a collection and would like to have their collection exhibited at the library to get in touch with them. For further information and exhibit application forms, contact: Antje Mays, exhibits liaison, Exhibits Committee, Acquisitions Dept., Thomas Cooper Library, USC, Columbia, SC 29208 or call 777-3850.

Each exhibit will run for a two-month period. The baseball exhibit will end May 15.

**Discus thrower aims for spinning success**

By GREG STREHMEL  
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Gamecock discus and shot put thrower Brett Murray is expected to be at the top of USC's track and field team lineup for the next four years.

"I think he will contribute immediately to the team," USC head coach Greg Kraft said. "I think he will come in and score some solid points for us in the discus. That's why we basically recruited him."

The Spartanburg native culminated an outstanding high school career by recording the longest dis-

cus throw in South Carolina prep history, 184-11. He was a two-time South Carolina State Champion in the discus (in his junior and senior year) at Kent High School.

"I'm very dedicated to the sport because I love the sport so much," Murray said. "Each day I try to improve on some aspect of throwing, and my college goal is to win the NCAA meet in track and field. I think I have the potential."

For now, Murray's goal is to get a college degree in criminal justice, and become one of the best discus throwers in the country.

"After getting my degree in criminal justice, I plan to join the military as an officer in the Air Force, and hopefully begin training in the FBI," Murray said.

But before joining the FBI, Murray has four years to enjoy life at USC.

"I like the campus a lot," Murray said. "We have a really good criminal justice college and I'm enjoying my classes."

Murray not only enjoys his classes, but also enjoys being around his teammates.

"Any time I am not throwing, I

spend most of my time with my friends playing football or going out to the movies," Murray said.

"He's really a nice guy," teammate Steve Owens said. "He has unlimited ability, and each day he is developing more and more. He is truly dedicated."

Murray is not only dedicated, but he also has the potential to become an All-American candidate, according to graduate assistant Coach Daniel O'Mara.

"I think he's mentally very strong for a freshman," O'Mara said. "He cares about what he's doing, and he wants to be the best."

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