

USC win over Georgia Tech wasted on NCAA guidelines



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During the first half of this past weekend's game against Georgia Tech, did anyone else get the feeling they were no longer watching USC?

When Bobby Fuller dropped back into a shotgun formation in the Gamecocks' first possession of the day, I thought I had lost all the sanity I had left. When Darren Parker faked a first quarter punt by passing to Frank Adams, I was ready for a trip down Bull Street. A fake punt at USC? The next thing you know the Atlanta Braves will be in the World Series.

Growing up in rural Georgia, I was reared listening to Larry Munson on the radio asking the Georgia Bulldogs to "hunker-down, one more time." As the bumper sticker reads, my two favorite teams were Georgia and who ever was playing Georgia Tech. My all time favorite bumper garnish, however, was "Avoid the rush, hate Tech now."

So when the hated Yellow Jackets brought their rambling-wreck to Williams-Brice Saturday, most of my journalistic un-biasedness went out the window. Before the game, I figured this was the surest loss for USC this season (if I were a betting man, that is).

When Brandon Bennett scampered into the end zone early in the first quarter I figured it was just luck — Tech coach Bobby Ross had his second team in, right? But what was this, another Carolina score? Tech quarterback Shawn Jones has a broken arm right? But when the final horn sounded a 23-14 victory, I couldn't figure out if I should celebrate or drive myself down Bull Street.

The worst part about this win is it brings up question after question about the first six games of the season. Where was this wide-open offense in Blacksburg, W.Va., or Greenville, N.C.? Where was it at home against Louisiana Tech? Now Gamecock fans must face the

reality that USC can win a few more games this season. North Carolina State, UNC and even Clemson are attainable wins for the Garnet and Black. Let's not even talk about Florida State, OK?

But say the Gamecocks do win three of their last four games, the strings attached to a bowl bid will still be out of reach. According to NCAA guidelines adopted this past year, a team must defeat at least six Division 1-A opponents to qualify for post season play, leaving the Gamecocks one win on the short side.

In the day and age where a 9-7 record will get an NFL team a wild-card spot in the playoffs, where a major league baseball player who bats .260, swats 18 home runs and drives in 65 more gets million-dollar contracts, a 6-3-2 college football record is not enough to land a spot even in the Independence Bowl. It's a crying shame, or is it a crying sham?

It's crunch time again for the Atlanta Braves. Down 2-0 in the World Series the Braves again have their backs to the baseball wall. To some, however, the big story is not the amazing season the Braves and American League champs Minnesota Twins have had, it's whether or not the Braves and other sports organizations are being insensitive by using Native American symbols as logos and nicknames.

Commissioner Fay Vincent made an excellent point during Sunday's second game. Vincent said this was not the time to talk about such topics. This is time to celebrate the Fall Classic. Where were all the Native Americans during the regular season? Why do they have to put a damper on the World Series, the first championship opportunity for any of Atlanta's three doormats?

Native American. When did the term American Indian fall out of the politically correct dictionary? Seeing as how I was born in Virginia, which as far as I know is still in the United States of America, doesn't that make me a native to America? To my reasoning, yes, and this Native American says play ball now, politic later.

1991 Gamecock Football Pickem's Panel

	Rich Taylor 73-58	Teddy Lepp 69-42	Aaron Sheinin 69-42	David Bowden 68-43	Terry Chick 68-43	Gordon Mantler 68-43	Chris Silvestri 65-46	Patrick Villegas 64-47	Tige Watts 64-47	Brant Long 60-51
CLEMSON vs. N.C. State	CLEMSON	CLEMSON	CLEMSON	N.C. State	CLEMSON	N. C. State	N. C. State	CLEMSON	N. C. State	CLEMSON
MARYLAND vs. Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	MARYLAND	MARYLAND	MARYLAND	Duke	MARYLAND
ARIZ. STATE vs. UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	ARIZ ST	UCLA	ARIZ ST	UCLA	UCLA	ARIZ ST	UCLA	ARIZ ST
AUBURN vs. Miss St.	AUBURN	AUBURN	AUBURN	AUBURN	AUBURN	AUBURN	AUBURN	AUBURN	AUBURN	AUBURN
E. CAROLINA vs. Pitt	ECU	ECU	ECU	ECU	Pitt	ECU	ECU	ECU	Pitt	ECU
NOTRE DAME vs. So. Cal	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
OLE MISS vs. Vanderbilt	OLE MISS	OLE MISS	OLE MISS	OLE MISS	OLE MISS	OLE MISS	OLE MISS	OLE MISS	OLE MISS	OLE MISS
PENN ST. vs. W.Va.	PENN ST	PENN ST	PENN ST	PENN ST	PENN ST	PENN ST	PENN ST	PENN ST	PENN ST	PENN ST
GA TECH No. Carolina	GA TECH	GA TECH	GA TECH	GA TECH	GA TECH	GA TECH	GA TECH	GA TECH	GA TECH	GA TECH
CALIFORNIA vs. San Jose St.	CAL	CAL	CAL	CAL	CAL	CAL	CAL	CAL	CAL	CAL
SAINTS vs. Bears	SAINTS	SAINTS	Bears	SAINTS	SAINTS	SAINTS	SAINTS	Bears	SAINTS	SAINTS
FALCONS vs. Rams	FALCONS	FALCONS	FALCONS	Rams	Rams	Rams	FALCONS	FALCONS	FALCONS	FALCONS
49ERS vs. Eagles	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers	EAGLES	49ers	49ers	49ers	EAGLES
LIONS vs. Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	LIONS	Cowboys	LIONS	Cowboys	Cowboys	LIONS	Cowboys
GIANTS vs. Redskins	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins	GIANTS	Redskins	Giants	GIANTS	GIANTS	Redskins

Volleyball team winless in SEC

By SEAN RYAN
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The Lady Gamecock volleyball team continued to struggle in SEC play this past weekend. Losses to Florida and Auburn dropped their record to 9-12, and 0-6 in the SEC.

On Oct. 18, the Lady Gamecocks lost three games to one to a nationally ranked Florida squad. Amy Iannocari led the team with 11 kills, while Caryn Case added 10 kills.

"I'm proud of the effort we put forth against a top 20 team," USC head coach Bonnie Kenny said.

"We played well, and with more confidence, we will win."

On Oct. 20, the Lady Gamecocks could not hold a two game to none lead. The Lady Tigers of Auburn roared back to win the final three games and the match. The team was led by a strong performance from Libby Ralston, who had 9 kills.

The team will try to end a six-match losing streak in Athens against Georgia, Thursday, and will return home on Nov. 6 to continue SEC play.

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