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## Gamecocks top Huskies, win Met Life Classic

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Freshman midfielder Rob Smith notched two goals and two assists in two games as USC won the two-day Met Life Classic at The Graveyard over the weekend.

Still with me? Good. Smith was named the tournament's offensive MVP as the Gamecocks captured their second Met Life title in as many years as they won Sunday's match with Washington 3-2. Because Washington had beaten Adelphi and USC had defeated Notre Dame, the winner of Sunday's match was declared tournament champ. Adelphi and Notre Dame battled to a 2-2 tie in overtime in Sunday's opener.

In the matinee, the Huskies struck first blood with just more than 25 minutes gone in the match. Senior Tim Babcock took a pass from Chad Crithfield, who had dribbled past four Carolina defenders, and drilled a shot past goalkeeper Spencer Leuders to the left to give Washington a 1-0 advantage. The Gamecocks wasted little time in equalizing and then taking

the lead.

At the 30:02 mark, Smith got his first of two assists, finding fellow freshman Chris Faklaris open to the left of the Huskie goal. Faklaris put the ball past Washington keeper Dusty Hudock to tie the contest.

Less than three minutes later, Smith hit a hard cross on the ground at the top of the goal box. Sophomore Matt Haiduk drilled it just inside the left side of the goal to give USC the 2-1 advantage. The Gamecocks outshot the visitors 8-5 in the match.

Smith got a goal of his own early in the second half as junior Ruben Tufino lofted a cross to him just to the right of the goal. Smith controlled the ball, and slipped the ball past Hudock for a 3-1 USC lead.

Washington mounted a late charge to pull within one goal, as Chirs Sarver scored unassisted at the 75:55 mark but the Gamecocks held on for their 13th win of the season and head coach Mark Berson's 200th career win at USC. The Huskies fell to 7-7-1.

Both Leuders and Hudock col-

lected two saves in the match. Washington junior midfielder Jeremy Turnbull was named the Defensive MVP of the Classic.

Haiduk, Tufino and defender Chris Crosby were named to the All-Tournament team along with Adelphi's Chris Armas and Tamir Daniel, Notre Dame's Brett Hoffman and Jean Joseph and Washington's Tim Babcock and Charles Sletten.

In Sunday's first contest, Notre Dame freshman Jean Joseph scored twice — both times to tie the match — as the Irish fought to a 2-2 deadlock with Adelphi.

After a scoreless first stanza, George Gjakaj notched a goal to put the Panthers ahead 1-0 with 25 minutes left in the game. But Joseph came through with less than four minutes left for Notre Dame off an assist by Mario Tricoci to force overtime at 1-1.

The Panthers, 8-4-3, took the lead in the first of the two 15-minute overtime periods when Yossi Cohen scored unassisted. Joseph scored his second goal with less than three minutes remaining in the second overtime unassisted to

give the Irish, 9-4-2, the tie.

After watching Washington defeat Adelphi 2-1 Saturday, on goals by Crithfield and Eric Penner, USC got two early goals and held on to defeat Notre Dame 2-0.

Hans Lohner set up the Gamecock's first goal, when he found Smith six yards away from the Irish goal. Smith drilled a shot past Notre Dame's Bert Bader at the 6:35 mark for a 1-0 lead.

Senior captain Andrew Coggins added some insurance seven minutes later when he flicked in a corner kick from Haiduk. USC outshot the Irish 12-5 in the game.

The Gamecocks have one of their toughest tests left on Sunday when they travel to Clemson to take on the rival Tigers, who dropped a 2-1 decision to Virginia Sunday. This past season, USC traveled to Clemson for the first round of the NCAA Tournament and flattened the hosts 3-0. Sunday's match against Clemson may well decide if the Gamecocks will advance to the NCAA Tournament for the seventh consecutive year.



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USC freshman defender Jamie Posnanski dribbles upfield in Sunday's 3-2 win over Washington.

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