

USC gets first SEC win against Vols

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Senior forward Joe Rhett scored 24 points and pulled down a career high 15 rebounds in the Gamecocks' first Southeastern Conference win over Tennessee Wednesday night.

USC defeated the Volunteers 73-59 in a game highlighted by good rebounding on the Gamecock defensive boards and strong plays from the Gamecock bench.

The Gamecocks began the first half with a two point lead off an eight-foot jump shot by senior guard Jo Jo English.

Tennessee then went on a 4-2 run to lead the game, 8-5, with 15:02 left in the first half.

English, who went 7 for 27 from 3-point range in the last seven games, nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key to tie the game, 8-8, with 16:49 left in the first half.

English emerged from his shooting slump when he sank another 3-pointer, but he spent the remainder of the first half on the bench after committing his third foul with 8:53 left in the first half.

Senior guard Barry Manning then committed his third foul with 5:35 left in the first half.

Head coach Steve Newton called upon his bench to make up for his missing starters. Sophomore forward Jamie Watson and freshman guard Melvin Hartry ran the USC offense and built a four-point lead before Manning had to sit.

Senior center Jeff Roulston replaced junior forward-center Chris Leso, who started at center in place of Roulston. In the first half, Leso went on a two-minute run in which he blocked two shots, sank two jump shots and made a free-throw.

Leso also drove home a slam off an assist by junior swingman Troy McKoy to give the Gamecocks a four-point lead with 1:05 left in the first half.

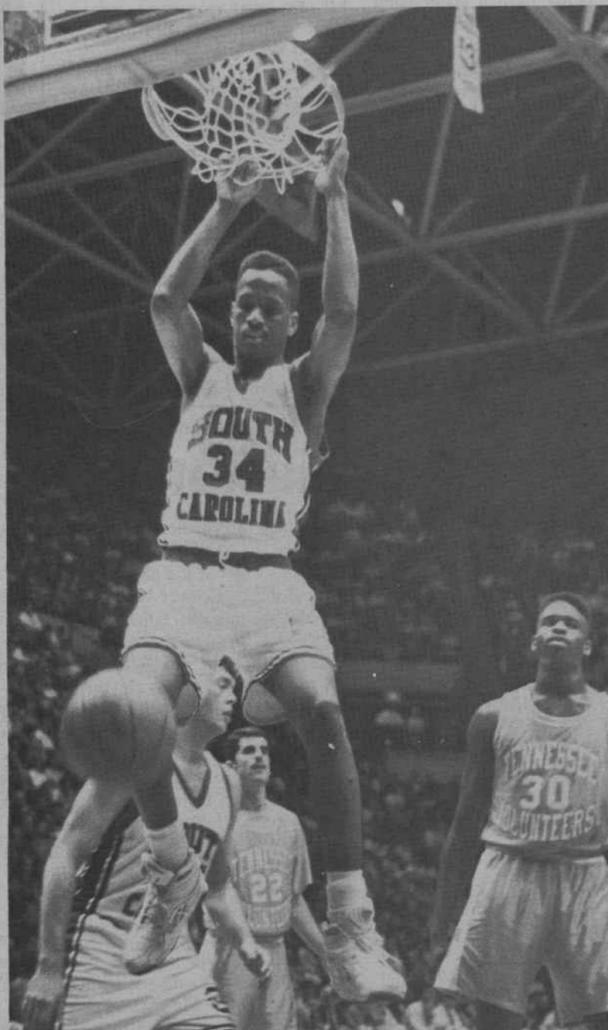
USC then took a six-point lead off a 19-foot jump shot by McKoy to end the first half.

English and Manning returned in the second half to lead the Gamecocks against Tennessee's tough defense. The Gamecocks spread the Vols' defense with a series of good passes, and they kept Tennessee out of the picture with a strong series of defensive plays by Roulston, Manning and English.

English kept All-American guard Allan Houston from scoring any points in the second half, and he limited Houston to two defensive rebounds in the second half.

The big story, however, was Rhett's 12 defensive rebounds. Rhett eliminated Tennessee's chances of coming back by dominating the boards and not giving the Volunteers any chances at a second shot in the second half.

McKoy put an exclamation point on USC's first SEC victory with a slam dunk with :28 left in the game to give the Gamecocks a 14-point lead over Tennessee.



Senior forward Joe Rhett dunks a ball in USC's victory over Tennessee Wednesday night.
Eric Glenn/The Gamecock

Williams quiet in SEC loss to Vols

By CHAD BRAY
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The No. 2-ranked Lady Volunteers defeated the Lady Gamecocks 78-58 Wednesday night.

The Lady Vols dominated in a game in which the Lady Gamecocks held close in the first half and sputtered in the second.

The Lady Gamecocks pulled out to a 2-0 lead over Tennessee with 19:46 left in the first half after controlling the opening tip. Tennessee then went on a 4-1 run and built a four-point lead off key jump shots by senior guard Dena Head and by senior center Kelli Casteel.

USC went on a 5-2 run and regained the lead, 13-12, off free throws by freshman guard Christi Timmons and sophomore guard Nikki Bass and two layups by Bass and senior center Marsha Williams.

The lead changed hands four times before the Lady Vols pulled ahead by four points with 6:44 left in the half, off a layup by sophomore forward Peggy Evans, a jump shot by Casteel and a free throw by freshman guard Tiffany Woosley.

Tennessee lead the game until Timmons hit a 22-foot, 3-pointer to tie the game 31-31 with 1:25 left in the half.

The biggest surprise of the first half was the Lady Vols dominating defense inside. Williams, USC's leading scorer this season, went 4

for 9 from the floor and only pulled in one rebound.

The second half did not look good for the Lady Gamecocks. The only lead they saw in the second half was by one point for 23 seconds.

Tennessee came out and showed USC why they are ranked second in the Associated Press poll. The Lady Vols built a six-point lead with 13:06 left in the game off key jump shots by junior forward Lisa Harrison, Casteel and Woosley.

USC pulled to within four points with 11:48 left in the game off a jump shot by sophomore guard Britanna Canty.

The Lady Gamecocks' comeback, however, was doomed from its start. Tennessee went on a 2:38 run in which they gained a 14-point lead off a jump shot, a free throw and an assist to freshman center Dana Johnson by Woosley.

The Lady Vols advanced their lead to 20 points off a 21-foot 3-pointer by junior guard Jody Adams with 3:35 left in the game.

USC tried to cut into the lead with a 22-foot 3-pointer by freshman forward Jenny Randall with 1:46 left in the game, but fate would not allow the Lady Gamecocks to pull off a victory.

Bass lead USC with 12 points and two rebounds. Sophomore forward Peggy Evans lead the Lady Vols with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

Gamecock track and field team does well in meet at Clemson's Littlejohn

By BEN BREAZEALE
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The Gamecocks began the indoor track and field season Sunday by capturing two first-place and several top-three finishes at Clemson University's Littlejohn Coliseum.

The Gamecocks competed against Clemson University, Georgia Tech, the Citadel, Furman University, Wallace State College, Western Carolina University and East Tennessee State University.

The USC men had top-three finishers in several events.

In pole vaulting, they placed third with a jump of 14 feet two inches. They finished second in the high jump with a 6-foot-eleven-inch effort.

First and second place went to the men in the 35-pound weight throw, with throws of 57 feet three inches and 51 feet.

In the men's 55 meter high hurdles, USC captured second and third place with times of

7.56 and 7.67 seconds. In the 800 meters, they captured third with a time of 1:53.36. The men also captured second in the 3,000 meters with a time of 8:40.02.

The women's mile run was a bright spot for the lady Gamecocks. In that competition they captured their only first place

finish with a time of 5:06.67.

In the women's 800 meters, they came in third place with a time of 2:20.16

Spring intramurals offers sports for all amateur athletes at USC

By BEN BREAZEALE
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From beginners to experts, USC intramurals will offer something for everyone this semester.

"Those eligible are faculty, staff, students or their spouses," said Herbert Camp, intramural sports director. "We encourage anyone to sign up."

Racquetball, team basketball and two-on-two basketball sign-ups have closed this semester. Team basketball play begins Sunday, rac-

quetball begins Monday and the two-on-two basketball tournament will be a one-day event Sunday at the Blatt P.E. center.

Badminton, floor hockey, bowling and softball will open within the next month. Later in the semester, indoor soccer, swimming, doubles tennis, track, ultimate Frisbee and wallyball will be offered. Some will be one-day events.

"Competition is good this semester," Camp said. "Sign-ups are up 12 percent from last semester, and we have 20 more basketball teams than last year."

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- Investigative Reporting
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