

Fifth-ranked Gamecocks tie UNCC 2-2

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Staff Writer

The fifth-ranked USC soccer team tied UNC-Charlotte Sunday in a brutal game which saw six yellow cards issued and an ejection of a USC player.

Playing at The Graveyard, the Gamecocks scored first at the 23:35 mark of the first half on a goal by sophomore midfielder Rob Smith. Junior midfielder Ruben Tufino had the assist.

The 49ers tied the game 17 minutes later on a header by forward Dionde Harris. The goal was set up by Shawn Kowaleski from an Ian Dennis cornerkick.

Carolina took a 2-1 second half lead when senior Chris Crosby nailed a diving header on a Smith assist.

Seven minutes later a penalty kick by UNCC's Chan Roush tied the score at 2-2. The penalty kick was the result of a handball foul committed by USC junior defender

Helgi Bjorgvisson. Bjorgvisson was given a red card.

No more goals were scored in regulation play, so USC found itself facing its third overtime game of the season.

With 2 minutes remaining in the overtime period, USC best scoring opportunity disappeared as freshman defender Billy Clifford's shot sailed over the net.

UNCC's had once last chance to break the tie came with 50 seconds left. Roush drilled a shot at the USC goal, but USC goalkeeper David Turner smothered the shot to preserve the tie giving the Gamecocks an overall season record of 4-0-2.

USC's Turner gave an excellent performance recording 10 saves. Charlotte's Kevin Shockey had six saves. UNCC outshoot the Gamecocks 20-11.

USC will next play Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, N.C. at 3 p.m. Last season the Deacons defeated USC 1-0.



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Greg King (18) and Chris Faklaris (11) converge on the UNCC goalie in Sunday's penalty-marred match.

The Magic is back

By **JIMMY DEBUTTS**
Staff Writer

Magic Johnson announced his return to the National Basketball Association at a Tuesday press conference in Los Angeles.

Johnson will return to the Los Angeles Lakers after a one-year absence from the NBA after he learned he had contracted the HIV virus.

After competing in the summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, Johnson was cleared to play professional basketball again.

Johnson said he will not play back to back games and will only play between 50 to 60 games this season.

Johnson said he has gained 15 pounds and has worked out to get in shape for the upcoming season.

He said he and his wife, Cookie, have been praying that he would be able to return.

"God has answered our prayers," Johnson said. Johnson retired on Nov. 9 last year when he announced he had tested HIV positive.

Gamecock Weekend Athletic Schedule

Volleyball:

Blatt P.E. Center
USC vs. Georgia Southern 7:00 pm

Soccer:

The Graveyard
USC vs. Furman 2:00 pm
"Youth Day" - 12 & under with uniform admitted free

Rugby:

Blatt P.E. Center B & C Field
USC vs. Clemson 1:00 pm

Football:

Tuscaloosa, Alabama
USC vs. Alabama 3:30 pm

Source: USC Athletic Department

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USC swimmers ready for SEC

By **KRISTIN BEARNARTH**
Staff Writer

With a strong contingent of returning swimmers and the addition of five top recruits, the Gamecocks are ready to face the challenges of their second season in the Southeastern Conference.

Head Coach Keith Switzer expects the team to be strong in every event and looks to his new recruits to make a big impact.

"This team with only three seniors is probably the most talented group we have ever had at South Carolina, and we should be able to meet the challenges and in the process accomplish all of our goals," Switzer said.

Leading the challenge in the sprint freestyle events will be All-American Pete Cadwell. Freshman Brandon Short will team with Cadwell to bolster the sprint attack.

"With Cadwell leading the group and the addition of Short, I think this event should be one of the strongest parts of our program," Switzer said.

The distance freestyle events will be led by senior Jeff Palm, who promises to be a contender for a spot at the NCAA championships.

Junior Ric Leishman will again lead the way for USC in the butterfly. The event should be well-covered with Leishman, a 1992 Great

Britain Olympic team member, and freshman Dino Verbrugge, a Canadian Olympic trials performer.

The backstroke events will be strong with the return of junior SEC finalist Drew Ruggieri and senior Tom DeJarnette. Switzer expects both Ruggieri and DeJarnette to contribute significantly to the Gamecock attack.

Switzer will look to Michigan State transfer Jon Moore to anchor the breast stroke events. Joining Moore in the breast stroke lane will

be sophomore Mark Dicus and freshman Flin Coleman. The breast stroke events will be well-stocked with this trio of talented swimmers.

Gregg Higson, DeJarnette, and Verbrugge will lead USC in the individual medley events.

Coach Glen Galembo and his corps of divers look to improve on their second place finish at the SEC championships. USC will be led by Matt Borman and Chris Gregory, a pair of talented divers who placed in the SEC top six last season.

USC Men's Swimming and Diving Schedule:

Date	Location	Time	Home/Away
Oct. 24	College of Charleston	10 am	Away
Nov. 1	N.C. State	1 pm	Home
Nov. 13	Kentucky	5 pm	Home
Nov. 14	Cincinnati	1 pm	Home
Nov. 20	Clemson	5 pm	Away
Dec. 4-6	UNC Invitational	All Day	Away
Jan. 7	Florida Atlantic	TBA	Away
Jan. 9	Miami	12 noon	Away
Jan. 15	Alabama	1 pm	Away
Jan. 16	Auburn	12 noon	Away
Jan. 23	Virginia Tech	11 am	Away
Jan. 30	Georgia	12 noon	Away
Feb. 6	Louisiana State	1 pm	Home
Feb. 17-20	SEC Championships	All Day	Fayetteville
March 5-6	Gamecock Invitational	TBA	Home
March 25-27	NCAA Championships	All Day	Indianapolis

Sources: Athletic Department

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