

# Sports

## Braves deserve thanks, praise

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guys! Tom Glavine, Steve Avery and John Smoltz (actually that is seven words, but I guess since I am a loser

Braves fan, I cannot count) plus the Braves have a solid hitting lineup. Try names like Terry Pendleton (who is my MVP), Sid Bream, Brian Hunter, David Justice, Ron Gant, Otis Nixon (if you think he is ugly, some of you guys should look in the mirror, and ask your girlfriends why they always want the lights down real low) and Deion Sanders (Tim McCarver's new drinking pal).

In addition, the Braves have one of the best baseball managers in Bobby Cox. No, Cox is not God. He makes mistakes like any human being (except for sports editors, of course).

Plus, Cox's players look up to him and, let's face it, he did not get Manager of the Year last year for nothing.

And yes, John Schuerholz is a genius. He is the man who put the icing on the cake for the Braves by acquiring guys like Sid Bream and Terry Pendleton.

Yes, I am agitated the Braves came up short in the World Series, but I am not throwing in the towel.

The Braves will lose a couple of people, but they will still have most of their great, young pitching staff left, including a bullpen with a lot of potential with guys like Mark Wohlers, Mike Stanton, Kent Mercker and Marvin Freeman. Also, look for Barry Bonds to be in the outfield with Gant, Nixon and Justice at first.

So expect the Braves to give it another try in the World Series after they win their third straight National League pennant.

Go Braves!

## Woods prepares team for Vols

By NANCY SALOMONSKY  
Sports Editor

With two wins under their belts, Head Coach Sparky Woods and the Gamecock football team are confident going into the Saturday matchup with the 16th-ranked Tennessee Volunteers.

The Volunteers were ranked as high as the No. 4 team in the nation at one point in the season. Now things are different. UT has lost its past two games against Arkansas, 24-25, and Alabama, 10-17. This past weekend, the Volunteers were idle.

On the other hand, South Carolina is coming off two consecutive victories, one at home against No. 15 Mississippi State, 21-6, and one on the road against Vanderbilt, 21-17.

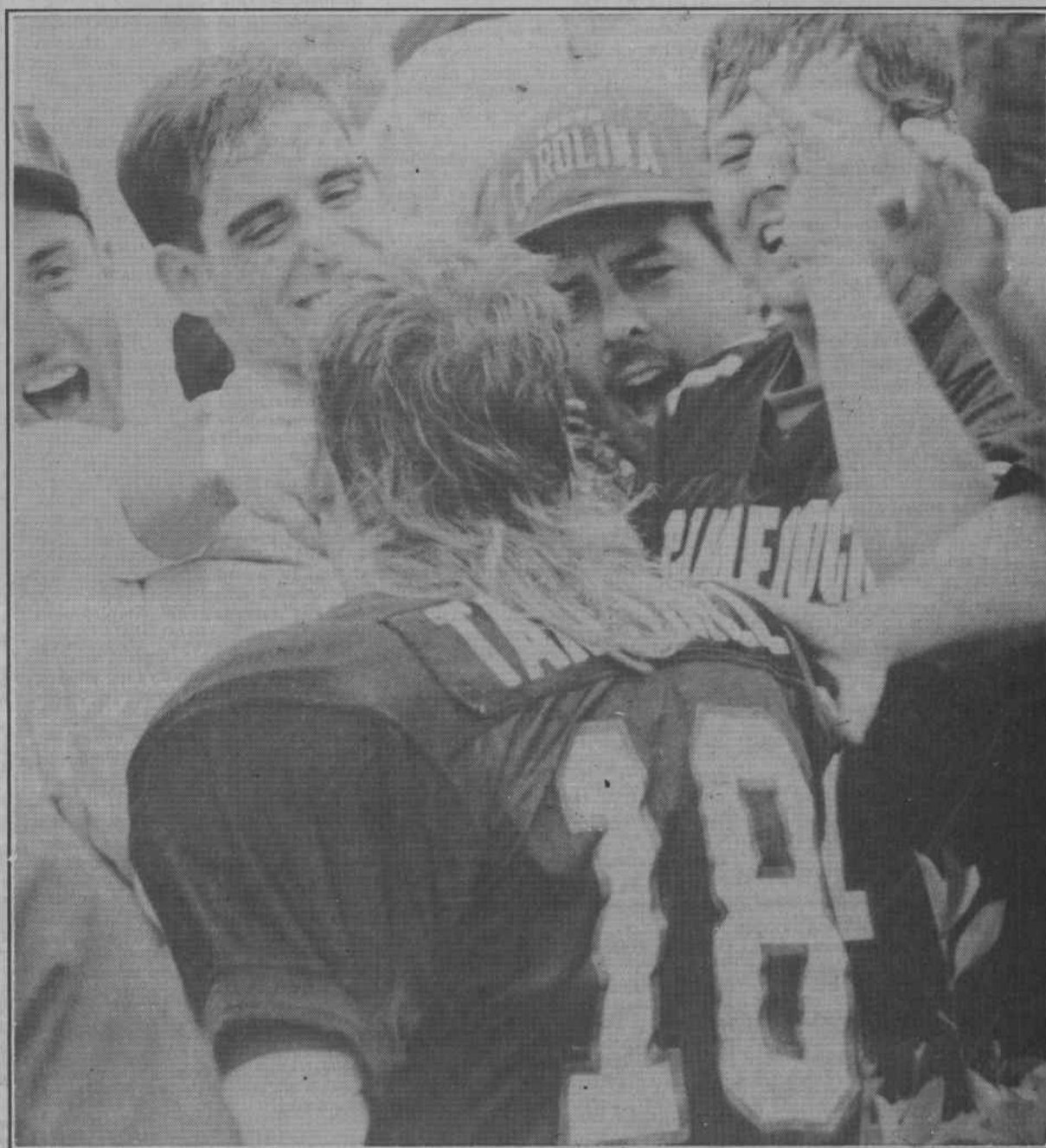
"The Gamecocks are playing harder and with more confidence than they were over three weeks ago," UT Head Coach Johnny Majors said.

The Vanderbilt win was an important one because it proved the Gamecocks can win on the road and come from behind to win.

"The Vanderbilt win was a team victory and a great win for us," Woods said. "Not only was it a win on the road and against an SEC team, it was a win on turf, which is something that we haven't done in a while."

"The victory relieves a lot of pressure," outside linebacker Ernest Dixon said. "We are playing good but not as good as we can. We will beat Tennessee if we play to our capability. Our confidence is great, and our defensive line is good."

True freshman quarterback Steve Taneyhill bruised his arm and elbow in last weekend's game but will be playing against



Stephanie Newlin/The Gamecock

Steve Taneyhill was nominated for SEC Player of the week for his performance against Vanderbilt.

Tennessee.

"I wouldn't miss this game for anything," he said. "I will be ready to go."

Taneyhill and Blake Williamson compliment each other on the

football field. Taneyhill moves the team down the field with his powerful passing, and Williamson puts the ball in the end zone.

"We are very lucky to have both freshmen," Woods said. "In the

attack offense, Blake is too valuable not to have involved in the football team."

"The game isn't really about the quarterback," Taneyhill said. "It's about the team."

## USC downs Cougars in dual meet

By ANDREW BORGERT  
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The USC men's swimming and diving team had a successful weekend, defeating the College of Charleston in a relay dual meet Saturday, winning all but one event.

Team captain Rik Leishman and senior Tom DeJarnette each set individual records as they helped the squad earn seven pool records.

Leishman, a junior, was a member of the Great Britain's Olympic team that competed in Barcelona, Spain, this past summer. He not only set the two individual records but also swam on the 4x100 medley relay team which set another pool record.

Other members of the relay team were junior Drew Ruggieri, sophomore Mark Dicus and junior Dan Schar.

Senior Jeff Palm and junior Jon Moore joined Leishman and DeJarnette on the record breaking trend.

### Gamecocks overlap Cougars

The Men's Swimming and Diving team defeated the College of Charleston in a relay dual meet Saturday, October 24 at Charleston. The Gamecock swimmers broke seven pool records on their way to a 67-43 win.

#### Winning Relay Times:

Events	Times	Swimmers
3x100 Butterfly	3:03.15	Leishman, Schar, Verbrugge
3x100 Backstroke	3:03.15	DeJarnette, Ruggieri, Palm
3x100 Breaststroke	3:25.76	Moore, Coleman, Dicus
500 Crescendo	4:48.51	Palm, Higson, Cadwell, Short
4x100 Medley	4:06.77	Ruggieri, Dicus, Leishman, Schar
4x50 Freestyle	1:40.50	Short, Cadwell, DeJarnette, Moore
4x100 Individual Medley	4:10.04	DeJarnette, Ruggieri, Higson, Verbrugge

Source: Sports Information

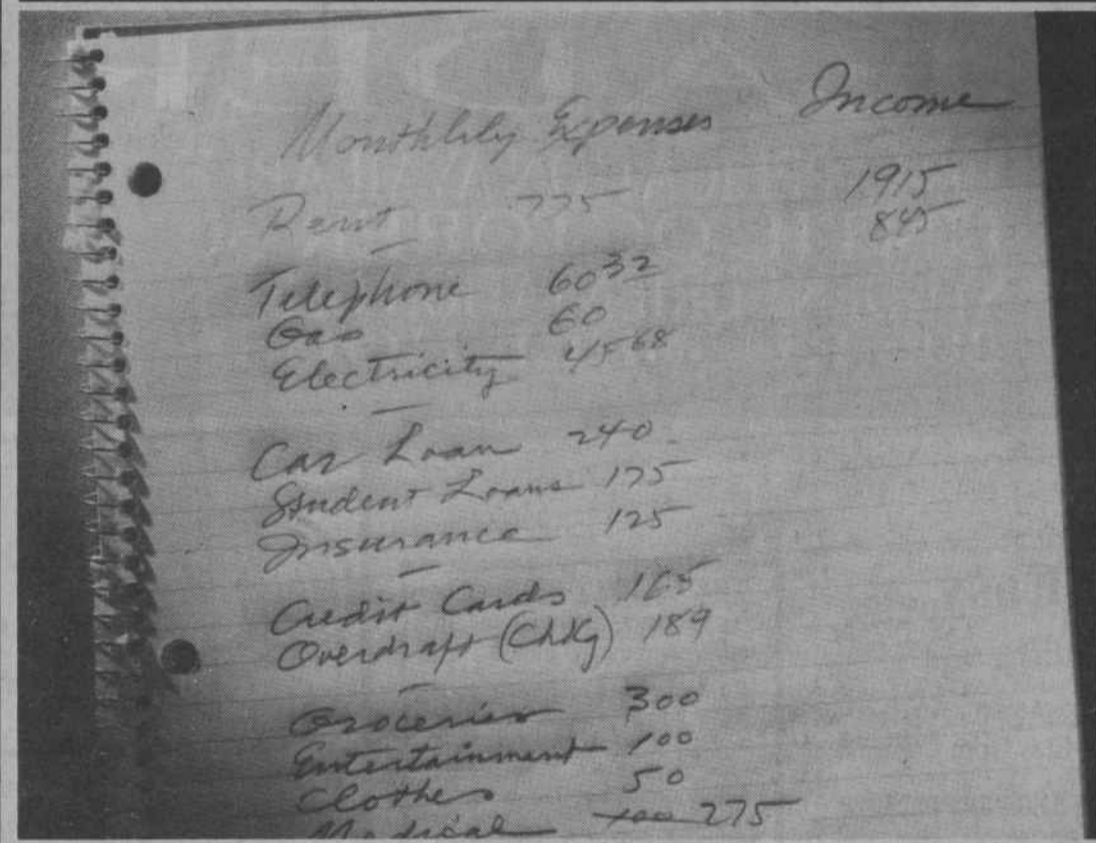
### Gamecock Weekly Athletic Schedule

<b>Football:</b>		
Oct. 31	USC vs. Tennessee Williams Brice Stadium	12:30 p.m.
<b>Volleyball:</b>		
Oct. 29	USC vs. Georgia P.E. Center	7 p.m.
<b>Soccer:</b>		
Oct. 28 Nov. 1	USC vs. Wofford USC vs. Clemson The Graveyard	2 p.m.
<b>Women's Swimming:</b>		
Oct. 31 Nov. 1	USC vs. Tennessee USC vs. N.C. State P.E. Center	10:30 a.m. 3 p.m.
<b>Men's Swimming:</b>		
Nov. 1	USC vs. N.C. State P.E. Center	3 p.m.

Source: USC Athletic Department

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