

Sports



Pete Rogers/The Gamecock

Junior center fielder Toinette Reed had two base hits in USC's 10-0 victory in game one Saturday.

USC softball team dominates Charleston Southern, 10-0, 16-1

By **TIM THORSEN**
Sports Editor

Behind dominant pitching and fearsome hitting, the 16th-ranked USC women's softball team opened up their season in commanding style, blitzing Charleston Southern 10-0 and 16-1 Saturday afternoon.

Sophomore pitcher Darlene Gareis, the ace of the staff, was the star of game one for the Lady Gamecocks, tossing a no-hitter. Gareis walked only one batter in the game, while striking out three.

The no-hitter was Gareis' first

and also her first shutout. It was the first Lady Gamecock no-hitter since Charity Ballard's in 1990.

Two-time All-American Tiff Toodle led the offensive onslaught, piling up three hits, two runs and two stolen bases. Lady Gamecocks with two hits were junior left-fielder Toinette Reed, sophomore catcher Dana Fulmer, freshman third baseman April Farr and senior right-fielder Tanya Evania. Evania also had the Lady Gamecocks first home run of the season.

The bats stayed blazing for game two as South Carolina lambasted

the Lady Bucs 16-1. Fulmer, the nation's reigning runs-batted-in champion, continued her slugging, blasting a grand slam in the 13-run second inning. Fulmer banged out three hits in the second game and collected six RBI.

Also, head coach Joyce Compton continues her assault on the record books. With the two wins, Compton has tallied 398 Division 1 career victories. She has a shot at cracking the magic 400 barrier when the Lady Paladins of Furman come to Columbia Tuesday. The doubleheader starts at 2 p.m.

Baseball team wins season opener

By **TIM THORSEN**
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South Carolina's baseball team made their 1993 debut a successful one, defeating Charleston Southern 5-2 Saturday.

With the score tied 2-2 in the ninth, the Gamecocks took apart Charleston Southern relief pitcher Tim Yohe. Freshman designated hitter Ray Baksh led off the ninth

with a single. Attempting to sacrifice Baksh to second, junior second baseman Stacy Stokes beat out a bunt for a base hit. Senior shortstop Joe Biernat also beat out a sacrifice bunt to load the bases. Sophomore outfielder Joe Edwards, pinch-running for Baksh, then scored from third on a Yohe wild pitch. Sophomore third baseman Mike Dezeno then ripped a double off

Yohe, scoring Stokes and Biernat.

In the bottom of the ninth, Charleston Southern threatened to tie the game again, putting two men on base with no outs. Senior relief pitcher Rob Mosser, however, came in to put out the fire by retiring the next three batters.

The Gamecocks' first home game of the year is 5 p.m. Tuesday against Georgia Southern.

Gamecocks flat in 83-63 loss

By **ANDREW BORGERT**
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The operative word for Carolina's basketball 83-63 loss to Mississippi State was "flat," as in the style of play exhibited by the Gamecocks Saturday.

After playing catch-up ball for a week, the team was unable to muster any enthusiasm or offense against a struggling Mississippi State team in Starkville.

Emmett Hall, who posted career highs in points and rebounds against Tennessee Wednesday, was held to a season-low three points and seven rebounds. The other members of the front line, Chris Leso and Edmond Wilson, combined for nine points and eight rebounds.

The lack of an inside game was a key factor for the Gamecocks because the first-chance shots did not fall. The team was 26 of 64 from the floor and was out-rebounded by the Bulldogs 34-29.

According to Jamie Watson, the team was unable to generate any enthusiasm for the game.

"We were out of it mentally," Watson said. "We had no enthusiasm. We weren't ready to play. We dug a hole that we couldn't come

THE FINAL SCORE: U.S.C. vs. M.S.U.

Gamecocks	(9-12)	Bulldogs	(12-10)
63		83	
Points		Points	
J. Watson	16	V. Thomas	22
T. McKoy	15	M. Grant	17
W. Franklin	8	J. Walker	14

back from."

After taking a 14-11 lead in the first half, the Gamecocks went ice cold from the field, and when MSU's Johnny Walker canned a jumper to give his team a 15-14 lead, the rout was on. State went on a 16-4 run to finish out the first half.

The Gamecocks were held to 25 points at the half and were out of the game for three minutes into the second half, never getting closer than 15 points.

"I think fatigue was a factor," guard Terry Bynum said. "A couple of guys said they were losing their legs. We were tired in practice yesterday. Our legs felt like

rubber."

For MSU, the team leaders were point guard Chuck Evans and freshman forward Vandale Thomas. Evans had 11 points, 14 assists and five steals. Thomas, averaging only 7.7 points per game, posted a career-high 22 points and eight rebounds.

Coach Steve Newton was impressed with Evans' play. "We knew he was awfully tough," he said.

The loss drops Carolina to 9-12 overall and 5-6 in conference play. Next for the team is Kentucky Wednesday night in Lexington.

Second half surge boosts lacrosse club

By **ROB RODUSKY**
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With their backs against the wall, USC's lacrosse club saved their best for the end in their 10-5 victory over The Citadel on Saturday.

Greg Fagan gave South Carolina an early lead when he put a shot past The Citadel's goalie only 29 seconds into the game. South Carolina then allowed three unanswered goals to trail 3-1.

USC came back to tie the game with a two-goal run of their own. Kevin Edwards scored on an assist from Fagan to make the score 3-2. Captain Doug Carl tied the game at three with 2:40 left in the half.

"It was due to a lack of prac-

tice," coach Dave Basile said about the team's sluggish play in the first half. "We were lacking in fundamentals."

During the final 30 minutes, the Gamecocks, now 2-0, turned their play up an extra level.

John Houck broke the tie 28 seconds into the half with a shot that sailed past the Bulldog goalie. Carl scored his second goal of the game 3:33 later to increase the lead to 5-3.

The Citadel stormed back with two goals in a span of 14 seconds to tie the score at five. South Carolina then put the phrase "Defense wins games" into effect for the last 24 minutes as they put the clamps on the Bulldog offense.

Goalie Frank Casuci, who had 10 saves until leaving the game after the third quarter with a knee injury, said he was impressed with the play of the defense.

"Our defense slid well, and Brenden Clark played exceptional," he said. "Our offense kept the ball a lot, so that helped."

Fagan scored the game winner with an assist from Rich Abbott with 5:32 left in the third quarter. Abbott continued his exceptional play with three goals in the final 18 minutes of the game.

Abbott was impressed about the play in the second half. "We really picked it up," he said. "We finally settled down."

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