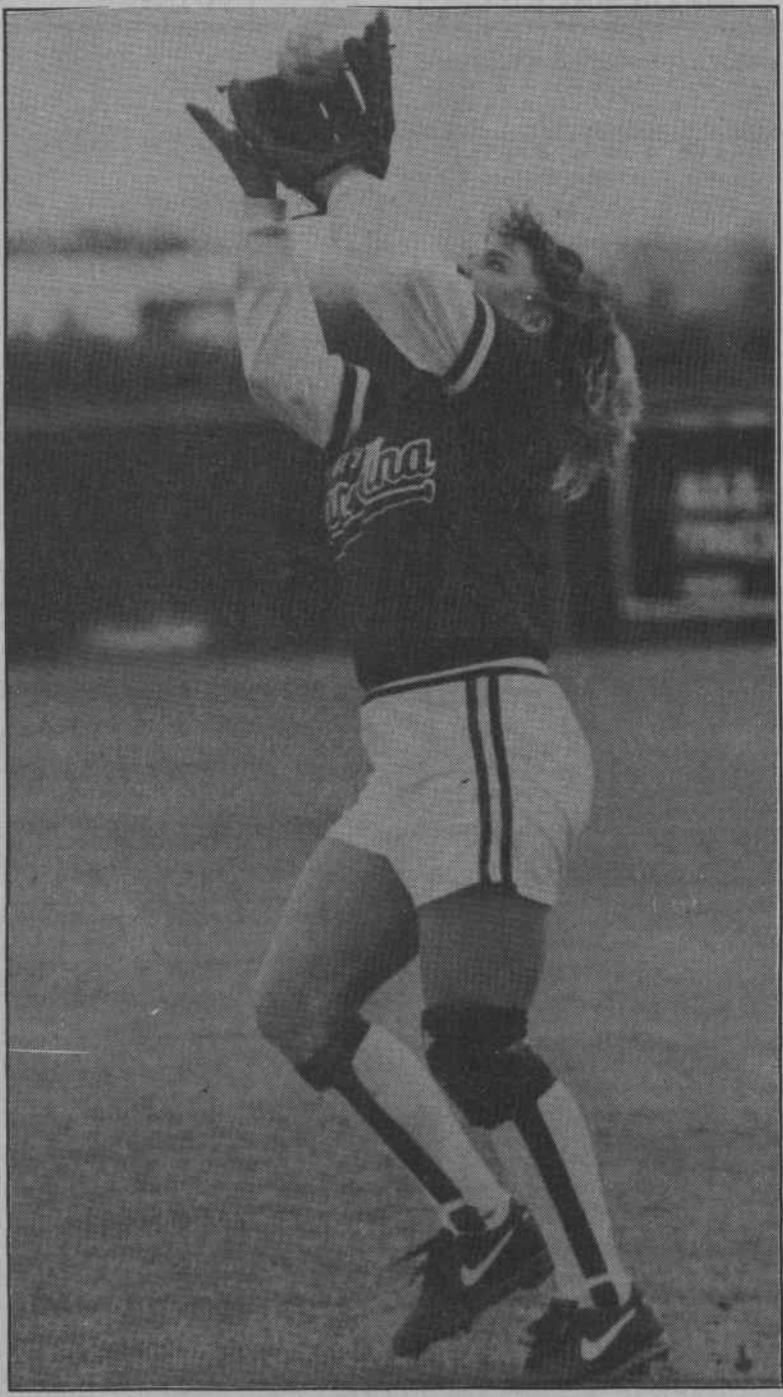


Sports

I got it!



The USC softball team defeated Furman 3-0 Wednesday in the first game of a double header. Game two was called because of darkness with the score tied 1-1.

In the USC victory, sophomore pitcher Darlene Garies was the winner, throwing a two-hitter. Her record now stands at 2-0. As a team, Carolina is 3-0-1.

The Lady Gamecocks next game will be Saturday at Georgia Tech when coach Joyce Compton goes for her 400th career win.

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USC diver sets sights on SEC Championships

By ALTHEA COUNTS
Staff Writer

In the '91-'92 season, the USC men's swimming and diving team placed fifth in their first year of SEC competition. The diving team finished second in the SEC Championship. This can be attributed in part to Matt Borman.

Borman, a junior business management major, is a two-year letterman for the diving team, and those two years have been impressive.

His freshman year was the best in Gamecock history. Borman was an NCAA finalist in the one-meter diving event and placed eighth. He also won the 1991 Metro Conference Championship in the three-meter diving event, is an All-American in the one-meter and ten-meter events, was named to the All-SEC second team and was USC's diver of the year.

Borman says the 1992-93 season has been a good one, "but the SEC has been much more competitive than the Metro."

But you would have not been able to tell by his credentials. He finished second in the one-meter and third in the three-meter events in last year's SEC Championship. He also recorded the highest finish of all Gamecock swimmers and divers at the SEC meet.

Borman has been described by teammate Tom DeJarnette as "a hell of a diver." When asked what drives him to be so dedicated, Borman replies, "Enjoyment! I enjoy traveling to different schools. The facilities in the SEC are really good."

Borman has been swimming for 10 years. He also said his teammates are a factor in his dedication. They are his best friends.

When Borman finds the time, he likes to water-ski and fish. He hopes to manage a business one day, but he explains that he has not had the time to co-op or hold any related jobs because of his commitment to diving.

Although the swimming and diving



Borman

ing team has been successful (they won the Metro for eight years straight), they have received little or no publicity.

"It's pretty depressing not getting any publicity when you work so hard," Borman said.

Now that the regular season is over, Matt had his sights set on the SEC Championship, which began Wednesday and end Saturday at the University of Arkansas.

Willis sets record

Thrower qualifies for championships

From Staff Reports

Junior thrower Ron Willis set an American Collegiate record Friday night in the 35-pound weight throw.

His 71-feet-6.25-inch throw shattered the old record by four inches and led a fine performance by the men's and women's track and field squads at the Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.

With the achievement, Willis, a native of East St. Louis, Ill., automatically qualifies for the NCAA Indoor Championships to be held March 12-13 at Indianapolis, Ind. He also finished fourth in the shot-

put with a heave of 55 feet 8.25 inches. Junior sprinter Terry Winston, who won the 55-meter high hurdles competition with a school record time of 7.31 seconds, also automatically qualified for the championship.

In other events, sophomore Brett Murray, a native of Inman, finished third in the 35-pound weight throw with a distance of 58 feet 5.25 inches. Adrian Bonner of Hampstead, N.Y., also placed third in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:52.98. Freshman sprinter Frank Mensah of Brooklyn, N.Y., turned

in a fourth-place performance in the 55-meter high hurdles with a time of 7.40 seconds.

The Lady Gamecocks were paced by Liz Figlar's personal best of 2:57.84 in the 1,000-meter run and the 4 x 800-meter relay team's fifth-place time of 9:13.20. The team's members were Tracey Capper, Figlar, Sarah Singletary and Marielle Bertrand.

Both squads will have next week off as they prepare for the Southeastern Conference Indoor Championships to be held in Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 27-28.

Wildcats trounce Gamecocks, 87-66

By TONY SANTORI
Staff Writer

The Gamecock basketball team tangled with some 'Cats of a wrong variety Wednesday night as they were soundly defeated for the second time this season by the University of Kentucky, 87-66.

Emerging from a cast of stars at UK to lead the victory charge over USC was unheralded guard Tony Delk.

The 6-foot-1-inch freshman from Brownsville, Tenn., exploded down the stretch, scoring all 18 of his career-high points in the final 13 minutes of the game. Amazingly, Delk did not even play in the opening 20 minutes of the game.

He officially checked into the game at the 15:15 mark of the second half, and he proceeded to drive a stake through the Gamecocks' hearts. Delk hit six of his eight attempts from the field, including four of five from three-point land, and both of his free-throw attempts.

Before Delk's effort, the Gamecocks remained relatively

close to Kentucky, hanging as close as eight points with 13 minutes left on a Troy McKoy three-pointer.

McKoy led USC with 17 points on the evening, and Emmett Hall and Jamie Watson also contributed with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

USC's biggest downfall on the evening, however, was their inability to rebound against the athletic Wildcats.

Kentucky outrebounded the Gamecocks by a 48-27 margin, including 13 by All-American forward Jamal Mashburn to go along with his 14 points. Mashburn

racked up these numbers despite sitting out eight minutes of the second half with foul trouble.

This pounding on the glass was the difference in Kentucky's early first half lead as the 'Cats scored 19 second-chance points off of offensive rebounds in the first stanza.

USC dropped to 5-7 in SEC play with the loss and 9-13 overall.

The Gamecocks resume play next Wednesday night when they play host to the Florida Gators at the Carolina Coliseum.

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

Gamecocks	Points
66 (9-13)	T. McKoy 17
	E. Hall 15
	J. Watson 14
Wildcats	Points
87 (19-2)	T. Delk 18
	R. Rhodes 15
	J. Mashburn 14
	T. Dent 14

Chris Muldrow/The Gamecock

Roller hockey club sticks it to Augusta

By BRAD BROKER
Staff Writer

The USC Roller Hockey Club faced off against the Augusta Roller Hockey Club in a regional clash last Wednesday. The USC club was joined by members of the Columbia community to defeat Augusta 8-3.

This was the second time the Columbia team has played Augusta, losing by a score of 2-0 in their first contest.

"They were missing a key player this time, and we were better organized," said Ben St. Jacques.

St. Jacques scored three of the team's eight goals.

The game was played in the Red

Wing Rollerway in Augusta. Robert Abowitz, a graduate student in Student Personnel Services who scored one goal, was especially impressed with the rink.

"They have a great facility here in Augusta," Abowitz said. "It's much different than what we are used to playing on in Columbia."

The Roller Hockey Club practices on the basketball courts adjacent to the Sol Blatt P.E. Center on a pavement court almost one-third the size of the Augusta rink.

Mark Levine, a senior at USC and goalie for the Columbia team, made about 25 saves during the game, which lasted about one hour

and 45 minutes.

"We're trying to become a more cohesive team in preparation for the tournament in Atlanta," Levine said. "This was a good workout for us."

The Columbia team will travel to Atlanta for the Regional A Tournament on Feb. 29. Tentative plans have been made for several more scrimmages against the Augusta team before the tournament. Any member of the USC community is welcome to come down to the P.E. center to join the club for daily scrimmages at 5 p.m. during the week and 1 p.m. Sundays.

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