

Sports

Gamecocks fall in final seconds, 88-87

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Despite a school record-tying shooting performance by Troy McKoy, and a career-high 16 rebounds by junior Emmett Hall, the Gamecock basketball team dropped a squeaker to the Georgia Bulldogs by an 88-87 score.

In a game that came down to the final possession, both teams were hot from the field; however, no player was registering higher in degrees Fahrenheit than the swingman McKoy.

The 6-foot-6 senior from East Hartford, Conn., lit up the Bulldogs for 24 points on an astounding 11-for-11 shooting from the field, as well as two free throws.

When it came down to "crunch time," though, the Bulldogs simply made the crucial play where USC failed.

After leading at halftime by two, the Gamecocks relied heavily

THE FINAL SCORE: U.S.C. vs. GEORGIA			
Gamecocks	87 (9-16)		Points
		T. McKoy	24
		E. Hall	20
		J. Watson	18
Bulldogs	88 (13-12)		Points
		C. Strong	18
		C. Jackson	17
		A. Bennett	15

on McKoy, Hall and Jamie Watson. The trio scored all of South Carolina's 41 points in the second half.

McKoy hit a double-clutch jumper in the lane with just under a minute left to play to give USC an 87-85 lead and close out his incredible shooting night. Then, after missing a reverse layup with less than half a minute remaining, Georgia forward Cleveland Jackson took a pass in the corner following a loose-ball scramble and drilled a three-pointer to put

the 'Dawgs on top by one. It was Jackson's only hoop in the second stanza.

Rather than go to the nearly combusting McKoy, the Gamecocks looked to Watson to try to regain the lead, and win. With an apparent open lane to the basket, Watson dribbled and drove... only to have the ball deflect off his left foot and out of bounds, Gamecock fans' hearts trailing close behind.

With the game on the line, USC had what they wanted. A slashing

player, with a path to the basket, with the ball.

"If there wasn't (a path to the basket), I was going to make one", Watson said. "I was going to get to the hole. I wasn't trapped. No gimmick defenses. I just got in a hurry."

The loss, though dampening McKoy's spirits, couldn't erase the stats.

"I didn't think I could miss," McKoy said. "I told the guys on the other team they couldn't stop me. Fortunately for me, every shot went in."

The loss drops the Gamecocks to 9-16 overall, and 5-10 in the SEC.

USC closes out the regular season at home Saturday versus 7th-ranked Vanderbilt before traveling to Lexington for the SEC-tournament next weekend.

The Gamecocks will take on the Alabama Crimson Tide in the first round of the tournament next Thursday.

Women's tennis team still looking for first SEC victory

From Staff Reports

The USC women's tennis team is looking for its first victory in the Southeastern Conference today as they take on Mississippi State at 2 p.m.

The Lady Gamecocks, riding a three-game losing streak, suffered a 5-1 loss to the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill Saturday. For UNC, fifth-ranked Cinda Gurney defeated sophomore Pauline Rodriguez 6-1, 6-0, and junior Helen Crook beat Arlana Cervenka 6-3, 6-1, at the top two singles spots. South Carolina seemed to be in command of every other match on court. The Lady Gamecocks' bad luck, however, began when sophomore Victoria Davies suffered a severely sprained ankle and was forced to retire while ahead one set and 4-2 in the second-set tiebreaker against Alisha Portnoy.

Looking for her eighth win in a row, sophomore Heather Coburn fell 2-6, 6-3, 7-6, (8-6), to the Tar

Heels' Freddy Uihlien after earning three match points at five singles. The frustration for Coach Elkins' team continued at the sixth position as senior Nathalie Acacio lost a 4-1 third-set lead to UNC's Scotti Thomas and was defeated 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Junior Claire Hammond expects to return to the singles lineup today because of Davies' ankle injury. Hammond posted a 18-10 record last year after seeing action primarily at the five and six singles positions.

As a team, the Lady Gamecocks are a combined 23-23 in singles action against conference competition.

The Lady Gamecocks are hoping history repeats itself during the upcoming four-game road swing. South Carolina posted a 3-1 mark on last season's spring road trip. The 5-1 win at LSU on the second stop was the beginning of a season-high eight match winning streak.

Out with the old, in with the older

Lemme get this straight. Baseball bans Marge Schott, getting rid of one problem owner, only to welcome George Steinbrenner back with open arms.

Have you people lost your minds? In New York, why don't you let perennial drug casualty Steve "Nose Candy" Howe come back to the Yankees? Oops, you already have.

While you are at it, why not go all the way and let all the criminals play in New York? I can see it now. Patrolling the outfields will be the South's favorite crackhead Otis Nixon, track dopeman Butch Reynolds and Canadian candyman Ben Johnson. The only problem is that Nixon can only play center field, since those long, white lines in left and right would distract him too much.

Now we can't discriminate against



SPORTIN' FOOL
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the hardened criminals, since baseball has no morals anyway (See: Marge Schott). Thus, the infield will be a little more hardened.

At first base, how about the "Gamblin' Man" Art Schliester. We'll put him there, since his horses never finished there. Plus, he can make small-money wagers. He is, after all,

broke (playing arena football), with the fans and his second baseman...

Pete Rose. Who better to have out on the diamond? Sure, there's the little thing about the lifetime suspension, but this is baseball after all.

At shortstop, Alan Wiggins. Oops, he's dead.

At shortstop, the entire Portland Trail Blazers franchise. What a platoon that ought to be. At least it'll keep them away from the 14-year-old girls.

Buried under third base for good luck will be Jimmy Hoffa. Look what he did for the Giants.

Since the Yankees are in the American League, they will naturally need a designated hitter. What about

Mike Tyson? You want power, who better? Hey, New York, lock up your daughters. The real designated hitter is coming. Not only that, but can you imagine a hot night on the town consisting of Tyson and the Trail Blazers?

Manager is an easy selection. First, we go to the undisputed king of sleazy sports and look for the undisputed king of sleazy managers. We need someone who will feel at home in New York, someone who has run numbers and served hard time for manslaughter. Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the next manager of the Yankees, Don King. Let's get ready to rumble!

As long as we're in New York, have I got news for you. Surely you have all heard about the tragedy at the World Trade Center. Several groups have claimed responsibility for the bombing, but I have the inside scoop. It wasn't the Serbs or the Croats or the Canadians.

Has anyone seen the USC Swim Team lately? Think about it. Weren't the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships in the Big Apple? I can see it now, "Home Alone 3: The USC Swim Team in New York." It's sure to be a blast.

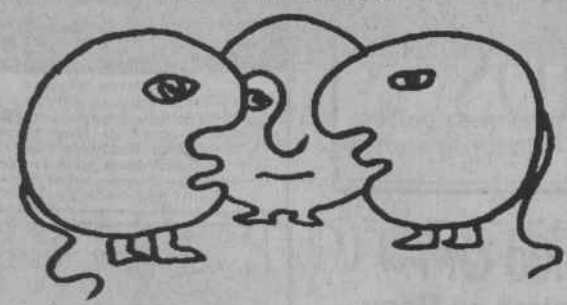
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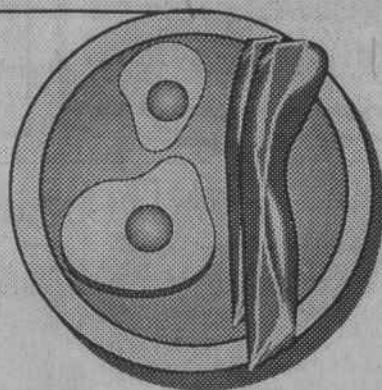
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One week before Christmas in 1984, Jeanne White was told that her son Ryan, a hemophiliac, had contracted the HIV virus from a tainted blood product. Ryan's battle for a normal life inspired Jeanne to teach people about the realities of AIDS.

Come listen to Jeanne on Monday, March 29 at 8:00pm in the Russell House Ballroom.

Prior to Jeanne White's speech, the Ideas and Issues Committee of CPU and the Charlotte Chapter of the NAMES Project of San Francisco will sponsor a display of AIDS Memorial Quilt panels of South Carolinians who have died of AIDS. A memorial ceremony will be held March 29 at 7:00pm in the Russell House Ballroom. CPU is accepting Quilt panels from everyone, and after the ceremony, the panels will be mailed to San Francisco to the NAMES Project to be added to the Quilt.

Please call 777-7130 for information about creating a Quilt panel.



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