

SPORTS

Arkansas nips Gamecocks in final minutes, 18-17

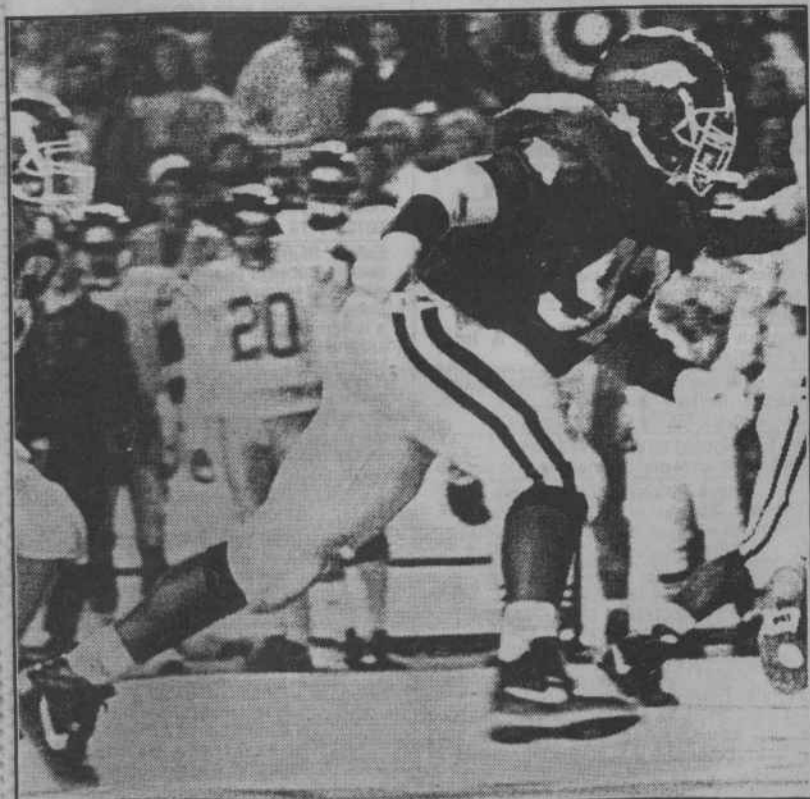


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Senior defensive end Henry Ford led the Hogs' defense in Saturday's victory over the Gamecocks.

By **ROB RODUSKY**
Sports Editor

The USC football team's hopes of an undefeated season and a national championship were dashed Saturday by a late rally by the Arkansas Razorbacks.

The Gamecocks fell to Arkansas 18-17 in front of 47,321 fans at Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville.

Sophomore tailback Oscar Malone's 2-yard touchdown run with 1:57 left gave Arkansas the victory.

"Where we messed up is we should have scored more points in the third quarter," USC coach Sparky Woods said. "If we'd have gotten seven or 10, we'd have put ourselves in the position to win."

USC scored first when quarterback Steve Taneyhill threw a 55-yard touchdown pass to freshman wideout Corey Bridges with 11:27 to go in the first quarter. Bridges used his speed to pull away from Arkansas defender Tyrone Chapman.

Arkansas kicker Lance Ellison kicked two 23-yard field goals to

cut the Gamecocks lead to one.

USC answered with a 65-yard drive that was capped by Brandon Bennett's one-yard dive over the right side of the line. A 26-yard pass to junior wide receiver Toby Cates had brought the ball to the four yard line. From there, Bennett carried the ball three times before scoring with 31 seconds left in the first half.

The Gamecocks concluded their scoring for the afternoon on their first drive of the second half with a 42-yard field goal by freshman Reed Morton. Taneyhill's third-and-11 pass was batted away by Arkansas' Vernon Wade, forcing the field goal.

USC made four first downs on the drive. However, the team only made two for the rest of the game.

The defense shut out the Razorbacks in the third period but could not stop them in the fourth. Through three periods, Arkansas ran 48 plays for 254 yards. In the final period, the Razorbacks gained 126 yards on 25 plays.

Sophomore quarterback Barry

Lunney, who threw for 172 yards and one touchdown, directed Arkansas to two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

The first score, which cut USC's lead to 17-12, came with 10:32 remaining in the game. Sophomore wide receiver J.J. Meadors ended the 63-yard drive with a five-yard touchdown catch. The seven-play drive took 3:28 off the clock.

Arkansas' triple option caused problems for USC's defense.

"We didn't play the alley very good," Woods said. "Their wideouts did a good job of turning our people up outside. The tailback caught the ball and got it up inside in the alley between the wideout and the tight end."

Arkansas' next drive ended USC's hopes of an undefeated season. Arkansas received the ball with 6:18 remaining thanks to a tough Razorbacks defense that limited the Gamecocks to 11 yards on three plays in the fourth quarter.

Arkansas started the drive throwing two passes. The next nine plays were runs.

Sophomore tailback Oscar Malone ran two yards for a touchdown with 1:57 left. The drive covered 42 yards on 11 plays.

Flashes of the Georgia game appeared when the Gamecocks had to travel the field for a final, winning score. However, two sacks and a dropped pass felled USC.

The celebrating for Arkansas came with 37 seconds remaining when senior linebacker Henry Ford caused Taneyhill to fumble the ball on fourth down.

The Gamecock players did not hang their heads after the loss.

"We just lost a game," said senior linebacker Eric Brown. "There ain't nothing to be happy about. Everybody talks about how we're lucky to come out 1-1 on two away games. We don't feel that way. We thought we should have come out 2-0."

The Gamecocks play their first home game of the season Saturday against Louisiana Tech.

Cross country teams stellar at UNCW Invitational

By **JIMMY DeBUTTS**
Senior Writer

The USC women's cross country team finished first in the ninth annual UNC-Wilmington Seahawk Invitational Cross Country meet, and the men's team placed second.

Senior Sue McGhie led the Lady Gamecocks, finishing the five-kilometer race in first place (18:10). Jeanne McFeely of Duke finished second (18:15), followed by USC's Tracey Capper (18:20).

Sixty-three runners from seven schools participated in the meet. The Lady Gamecocks finished with 28 overall points, Virginia Tech came in second with 47 points, followed by Duke (85), Campbell (116), UNC W (128), Richmond (141) and UNC-Greensboro (194).

The men's eight-kilometer race featured 58 runners from six schools. Virginia Tech captured the title with 19 points. USC finished second with 67 points, followed by UNCW (70), Campbell (100), Richmond (120) and UNC-Greensboro (175).

Virginia Tech had the top



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three finishers at the meet. Mike Cox finished first (24:58), followed by Joe Edwards (25:06) and Brooks Martin (25:07). The top finishers for USC were junior Tom Cronin, who finished fourth (25:11), senior Mark Cruz, who finished 18th (26:11), and senior Keith Gorski, who finished 19th (26:55).

On Saturday, Sept. 18, USC will travel to Atlanta for the Georgia State Invitational.

Undefeated season continues for Lady Gamecocks

By **TONY SANTORI**
Senior Writer

The Lady Gamecock volleyball team came from behind Saturday afternoon to defeat Winthrop, allowing USC to win the Palmetto State Invitational championship at the Sol Blatt P.E. Center.

USC began the weekend by defeating Coastal Carolina 15-7, 15-5 and 15-4.

The Lady Gamecocks were led by senior outside hitter Diane Mitchell, who recorded nine kills and six service aces.

Senior middle blocker Jennifer Guess contributed four consecutive service aces in the second game.

USC then defeated the College of Charleston 15-8, 10-15, 15-8 and 15-6.

Mitchell led the Lady Gamecocks with 17 kills and received help from freshman setter

Kelly Morrow, who recorded four aces.

Coach Kim Hudson reached a career milestone in the third USC victory of the tournament. With the win against Charleston Southern (15-7, 15-9, 15-11), Hudson increased her career record to 175-44.

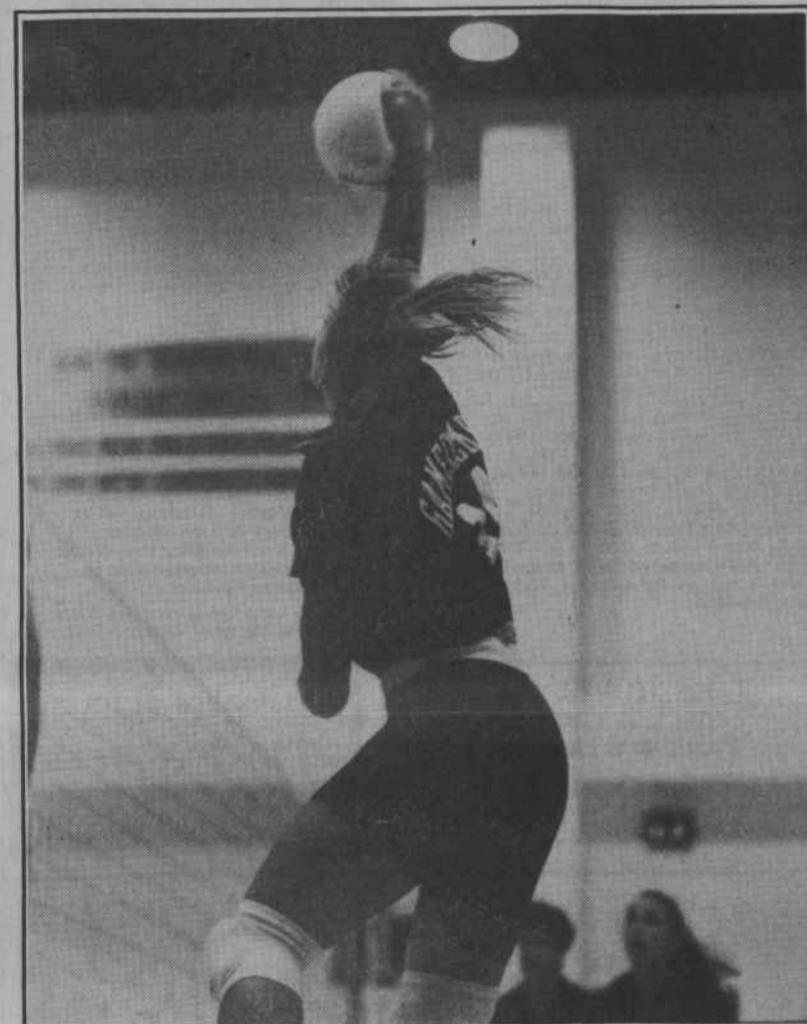
In the win against CSU, senior Amy Collinsworth recorded 11 kills with a .429 hitting percentage.

The Lady Gamecocks dropped the first game against Winthrop but rallied to win the next three games 15-6, 15-11 and 15-1.

With the four weekend victories, the Lady Gamecocks improved to 6-0 for the season.

USC travels this weekend to Johnson City, Tenn., to play in the East Tennessee State Invitational.

Virginia Tech and Southeast Missouri State will also compete in the tournament.



Eric Glenn/The Gamecock

Senior Diane Mitchell recorded 49 kills in four matches this weekend in the Palmetto State Invitational.

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