

SPORTS

Gamecocks battle-ready for ESPN

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The Kentucky Wildcats come to Columbia Thursday for an SEC Eastern Division battle that will be covered live nationally on ESPN.

Kickoff is scheduled for 8 p.m. at Williams-Brice Stadium. The Wildcats come into the game with a 1-2 record, while the Gamecocks are 2-1. Kentucky is coming off two consecutive losses against Florida (24-20) and Indiana (24-8).

1992's game between USC and Kentucky in Lexington was a battle of the kickers. USC scored first on a 30-yard Marty Simpson field goal in the first quarter. The Wildcats were able to tie the score in the second quarter with a 24-yard field goal by Doug Pelfrey. With 25 seconds left in the first half, Simpson connected on a 22-yard kick to put the Gamecocks up 6-3 at halftime.

Kentucky scored the game's only touchdown in the third quarter when Terry Samuels ran in from two yards out. Simpson finished USC's scoring with a field goal from 46 yards out. Although the Gamecocks were able to gain more yardage than the Wildcats (215-203), they were unable to get into the end zone. Pelfrey closed the door on the Gamecocks by nailing a 34-yard field goal with 52 seconds left in the game, putting Kentucky up 13-9.

Thursday's game marks the 20th time USC has played on ESPN. The previous time the Gamecocks appeared on ESPN was for the N.C. State game in 1991. It is the first SEC game that USC has played on national television. It is only the fourth ESPN game for

Kentucky, though. The Wildcats previously appeared on ESPN in 1985 against Louisiana State.

Kentucky's offense has been led this year by junior quarterback Pookie Jones. He had 311 yards passing in the Wildcats' first game against Kent. The past two weeks, however, he has been shut down by Florida (82 yards) and Indiana (74 yards).

Although he hasn't been able to pass effectively, Jones has accumulated 121 yards rushing, including two rushing touchdowns. In 1992, he set a Kentucky record for total offense with 1,729 yards. In his three years with Kentucky, Jones has amassed 3,421 yards of total offense.

The Wildcat's leading receiver this season has been senior split end Mark Chatmon. He has five receptions for 91 yards. Alfonzo Browning has contributed to Kentucky's offense with four catches for 79 yards, including two for touchdowns.

Kentucky comes into Thursday's game pretty much healthy. The only player that is listed as doubtful is starting tailback Mo Williams, who suffered a sprained ankle in the Indiana game.

USC does not fair as well. Outside linebacker Robert Smith (pinched nerve in the neck) and offensive tackle Antwan Jackson (shoulder) are listed as questionable for the Gamecocks. Running back Cleon Jones (fractured foot) and inside linebacker Hank Campbell (fractured left foot) are listed as out for Thursday's game. Returning to action will be defensive end David Turnipseed, who was out of the Louisiana Tech game because of a



Ernest Dixon, shown here in the Louisiana Tech game, looks to help the Gamecocks avenge 1992's 13-9 loss to Kentucky.

viral infection.

Brandon Bennett is going into Thursday night's game with 1,652 rushing yards, which places him 13th on USC's all-time list. He is just five yards behind Spencer Clarke. Bennett amassed 256 all-purpose yards against Louisiana Tech and reached the end zone twice, giving him 19 career touchdowns.

Bennett's yardage, combined with Steve Taneyhill's career best game of 311 passing yards, made Saturday's game the second most successful in Gamecock history.

USC was able to gain 631 total yards, just five yards short of the school record established in 1985 against The Citadel.

Thursday night's game will showcase two Butkus Award candidates, senior inside linebacker Marty Moore of Kentucky and senior outside linebacker Ernest Dixon of USC.

After Thursday's game, the Gamecocks will have nine days to prepare for the defending national champions, Alabama. The Crimson Tide come to Columbia Saturday, Oct. 2.

Scoreboard graphics no easy task for USC

By WENDY HUDSON
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It's third and goal. Steve Taneyhill gives the call, and the ball is snapped into his hands. He sweeps his gaze over the field, sees an open player and throws the ball. It sails right into the receiver's hands, and the crowd goes wild.

The crowd looks up to the scoreboard and sees "Great Play" flashing across the screen. The fans wonder, How did they do that so quickly? Do they have a remote attached to the quarterback? Was it a lucky guess?

Actually, teamwork in the graphics box made the great graphics happen just as teamwork on the field scored the touchdown.

Every home game, Jack Bailey and Gary McKeever watch the game from the control booths and help keep the excitement high at Williams-Brice Stadium. As the graphics directors, they are responsible for designing graphics that go onto the message board, making sure the right messages go along with the right plays and corresponding any spoken words to text the fans can see.

"One of the best parts is being in with the crowd," McKeever said. "Up here, we get a lot of crowd noise. It's good to know that we are doing something to help get the crowd going."

The duo arrives at the stadium about two hours before every home game to start preparing.

"During the week, we get sheets from Jim Petrus (in the athletics department) that tells us what is going to go onto the message board the following week," Bailey said. "When we get here, we finalize the starting lineup, so as Jean McKay (the announcer) reads it out, we can run it at the same time."

"We find out a lot of informa-

tion the day of the game. We find out who the vocalist is that is going to sing the national anthem and the alma mater and who leads the prayer. We also put up a welcome to the visiting team and the name of the head coach. Pregame is pretty much set up."

During the game, the pace in the graphics box picks up. There are two phones in the box, one that rings to the statistician's box and one to the control room, to let them know statistics or emergency announcements.

"During the game, we run whatever the situation calls for," Bailey said. "If a player is about to break a record, the people in the stat box will call us and tell us so we can put it into the message board. After a touchdown, we find out how many yards it was and how many plays it took."

Both men work with computers in their regular jobs. Bailey, who has been working the graphics box since 1990, is a small computer consultant. McKeever, who has been at Williams-Brice since 1979, works for the state government in data processing.

"Getting to see all of the games is wonderful," McKeever said. "Most of the time, though, you only get to see a quarter of the game because you are spotting when you aren't working the computer."

Sometimes it's difficult to keep the crowd into the game.

"If you get a game that gets completely out of hand and is very lopsided, you still have to put up messages like 'Defense,'" McKeever said.

In spite of all of the challengers and drawbacks, McKeever loves his job.

"It's kind of hard, but I just enjoy the work," he said. "Of course, it's the best when we beat Clemson."

Soccer team shut out at Carolina Classic

By JACK PRINGLER
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Despite a valiant team effort and some outstanding individual performances, the USC soccer team fell to the University of North Carolina 3-0 Sunday in the Carolina Classic in Chapel Hill, N.C.

The two teams played an even first half. Both sides threatened to score on several occasions. With just seconds remaining in the opening half, UNC freshman Hector Suarez played a cross into the offensive third that managed to drop in between the Gamecock backs and goalkeeper David Turner. Forward Todd Haskins chipped the ball over the advancing Turner and into the net at 44:53.

The Gamecocks battled back in the opening minutes of the second half, applying a great deal of pressure in the box and managing a number of shots on goal. At 75:10, UNC's Ben DiMeco scored on a breakaway goal despite a protest from the USC that he had received the ball in an offside position. Two minutes later, Victor Suarez added insurance for the Tar Heels.

USC Coach Mark Berson was disappointed with the final score but was effusive in his praise for the team and its composure.

"This team showed a great deal of character today under adverse circumstances," he said. "After that first goal, we could have folded, but we came out strong in the second half."

Berson described all three scores as "heartbreaker goals that went against the flow of the play." He singled out midfielder Rob Smith, named USC's Outstanding Player for the tournament, for his performance during the weekend and complimented the defense on playing "the best they've played all season."

The Gamecocks will play Erskine at 5 p.m. today in The Graveyard.



Berson



Volleyball Coach Kim Hudson prepares to get the Lady Gamecocks back on track with a win tonight at Clemson.

Lady Gamecocks winless at ETSU tourney, prepare for Tigers

By TRACI LONG
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After a rocky weekend of tournament play, the USC women's volleyball team will travel to Clemson today in hopes of avenging its 1992 loss to the rival.

USC, which is 6-3, will face the 12-0 Clemson team. USC's first three seasonal losses came in the East Tennessee State Invitational Tournament.

In Friday's loss to Southeast Missouri State (10-15, 8-15, 6-15), USC hit for a .188 average

with 25 kills in 69 attempts. Leading with six kills in 10 attempts was Amy Iannocari, a junior outside hitter.

Saturday proved no better for the Lady Gamecocks, who fell to Virginia Tech for the first time ever. The Gamecocks were defeated by the Lady Hokies 15-12, 2-15, 7-15, 15-7, 8-15. Senior middle blocker Jennifer Guess recorded eight kills in 19 attempts and two service aces.

For the second consecutive year, USC fell to East Tennessee State University. With 11 kills in 31 attempts, senior outside hitter Diane

Mitchell led USC through its final tournament match.

Despite the disappointment of losing three consecutive games, USC left Tennessee with one member named to the ETSU Classic All-Tournament team. Freshman Kelly Morrow received the honor at the setter position.

The Gamecocks will play at home Sept. 24-25 in the Blatt P.E. Center, hosting the 1993 Gamecock Invitational Tournament. USC will face Appalachian State at 7 p.m. Friday. Saturday at noon, USC will take on Western Kentucky, followed by UNC-Asheville at 6 p.m.

How hard are we to beat?

From now until the end of the football season, the sports staff will be predicting scores of several games. We believe that our selections can't be beat. Season results: 4-4.

USC	31	Colorado	31
Kentucky	24	Miami, Fla.	28
Georgia Tech	18	Georgia	16
Clemson	17	Mississippi	14

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Charlotte next stop for USC cross country

From Staff Reports

The USC cross country team travels to Charlotte, N.C., Saturday to compete in the UNC-Charlotte Cross Country Invitational.

Other teams competing in the race are Davidson, UNC-Asheville, Duke (women only) and East Tennessee State. In the college division, the teams consist of Catawba, Johnson C. Smith and

Lenoir Rhyne.

USC's women's cross country team is 11-0, and the men's team is 11-1. Senior Sue McGuire leads the women's team, recording two consecutive meet championships for the season.

Both the men's and women's teams will compete in three more invitationals before heading into the SEC Championships.

Optimism rallying cry for lacrosse team

By ROB RODUSKY
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Optimistic. This is the word for the 93-94 season for the South Carolina lacrosse club. The Gamecock lacrosse club is getting ready to compete in the Southeastern Lacrosse Conference again this season with at least half of the team returning from last year's squad.

Coach Dave Basile has a bunch of new recruits for this year. "There were 75 guys and even some girls who signed up which is great," Basile said.

John Houck, Eric Gomperts, Scott Hill and Jason Scarf look to be the leaders this season.

According to Basile, "I hope some of the new guys step up."

The SELC consists of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Emory, Clemson and The Citadel.

The goal for their season is simple. "We want to do as well as last year and be in the top three teams in the SELC," Basile said.

The Gamecocks, who will play a 10 to 12 game schedule, will be playing at least seven of the ten teams from their conference.

They begin the season in October, competing in the Peachtree Classic in Atlanta. They will also play three or four games this fall to get ready for the regular season in the spring.

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