

SPORTS

# Kentucky edges Carolina in fourth quarter



Keith Jones/The Gamecock

Kentucky's Damon Hood attempts to break through the Gamecock defensive line in the first quarter. USC linebacker Eric Brown makes an effort to deny Hood.

By MATT PLODINEC and JAWAD ASHY Staff Writers

USC — The Gamecocks were upset Thursday night by the Kentucky Wildcats, 21-17.

USC lost the nationally televised game before a crowd of more than 69,300 fans at Williams-Brice Stadium and countless others watching on ESPN.

The Wildcats came out scratching and clawing on their first drive of the game, running the ball to their 30-yard line. Three plays later, the Wildcats had a first and goal at the Gamecock's three yard line thanks to big gains by Alfonzo Browning and Donnell Gordon.

After big stops by USC defensive men Aubrey Brooks and Eric Brown, Kentucky drove up the middle for a touchdown. John Leonoff tacked on the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

After several Wildcat drives, Leonoff missed a Kentucky field goal, and the Gamecocks took over.

Spurred by an acrobatic recep-

tion by Brandon Bennett, USC drove the ball 37 yards to set Reed Morton up for a 45-yard field goal. The attempt sailed right.

After an exchange of punts, Kentucky took over on its 19-yard line. O'Ferral received the snap and was hit by Stacy Evans, forcing a fumble. USC's Earnest Dixon recovered on Kentucky's 15-yard line. But the Wildcat defense stiffened and held the Gamecocks on fourth and one when DeBoer tried the middle for no gain.

USC would not be denied. Seconds later, Gordon recovered a fumble on Kentucky's six yard line.

Two plays later, Bennett dove over the top for the Gamecock's first touchdown to tie the score at seven.

Kentucky took the ensuing kickoff and drove 56 yards to USC's 24-yard line before settling for another field goal attempt. The game's first penalty, an illegal motion call against the Wildcats, turned the field goal attempt into a 45-yarder, which sailed left.

In the first half, the Wildcats outgained the Gamecocks by 50

yards. As the second half started, the USC offense began to assert itself.

Brandon Bennett led USC to the Kentucky 42 on the Gamecocks' first drive of the half. Spurred by Bennett's success, the USC offensive "brain trust" called for a long pass play. Steve Taneyhill's pass over the middle was tipped and intercepted by Wildcat cornerback Dan Robinson.

Once again, the USC defense forced a Wildcat punt. Starting at their own 25, the Gamecocks drove the ball 75 yards and scored when Bennett dove over the top from one yard out. Mike Reddick keyed the drive with a 15-yard run up the middle.

"I thought we did a good job stopping the option, and the defense did a good job," said Eric Brown, a USC inside linebacker. "We just had a breakdown."

"We have a vision we are trying to complete, and we just have to get back on track."

*Editor's note: Fourth quarter results were not available at press time.*

## Oliver keeps USC athletes in top condition

By GREG AIRASIAN Staff Writer

USC - Ray Oliver was hired earlier this year as Director of Physical Development for the Gamecock sports teams. Oliver works with every revenue and non-revenue team at USC. He assists the athletes with their strength and conditioning programs to help them improve their performance during the season.

Oliver comes to USC with a long list of credentials. After playing football at Ohio State, Oliver decided to get involved with coaching in order to stay involved with athletics. Since



Oliver

then, Oliver has coached at Cincinnati, Kansas, Pittsburgh and Kentucky, all of which experienced athletic success during his stay.

In 1992, Oliver was strength coach for the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. However, he jumped at the chance to return to the college ranks because he felt that professional athletes didn't listen to him the way collegian athletes do.

Oliver said he was "put on earth to help young people," not just USC athletes. Oliver feels strongly about giving to the community, especially helping inner-city youths to be successful.

"I'm really happy to be here at USC," said Oliver, who is pleased with the people he works with in the athletics department, especially football Coach Sparky Woods.

Oliver said Woods deserves more credit for the great job he has done the past two seasons.

"Coach Woods is one of the best coaches I've had a chance to work with," he said.

When asked about this year's football team, Oliver said he is "excited about the direction" it is taking. To be successful in the SEC, he said the football team must be strong on the offensive and defensive lines. Oliver said, "You win with the big guys."

In the future, Oliver would like to get involved with administrative work and eventually become an athletics director. He said there needs to be more minority athletics directors to serve as role models for today's youth.

For now, Oliver would like nothing more than for USC to win a bowl game. He thinks Woods and the football players deserve it.

## Soccer team routs Erksine, 6-1

From Staff Reports

USC - The Erskine Flying Fleet fell to a strong and powerful USC soccer team 6-1 Wednesday at The Graveyard. USC is 4-2 for the season.

USC trailed at 5:50 into the match when Erskine midfielder Pieter Zeeff sent a shot past USC freshman goalie John Mills, who was making his first start for the team. The lead was short lived, however. USC forward Chris Faklaris rocketed a double assist from freshman Mike Solano and senior Matt Haiduk at 11:52 past Erskine goalkeeper Crispin St. Louis, who recorded 21 saves on the day.

Wing midfielder Billy Baumhoff scored his second game-winning goal of the season four minutes later when he took a pass from captain Peter Duitsman and sailed it into the left side of the net. Duitsman made it 3-1 at 23:09

when he chipped in a cross from Faklaris over St. Louis. USC attempted 22 first half shots but were frustrated by St. Louis, who made 13 saves in the opening period.

In the second half, USC fired 14 shots on goal and connected on three. Faklaris and Rob Smith teamed up for the fourth goal at 68:39. Forward Cedric Marshall gave the Gamecocks a 5-1 lead at 78:22 as he dribbled the ball into the penalty area and passed the ball past a diving St. Louis. Freshman midfielder Chuck Prosser ended the scoring with just under five minutes left as he bounced a shot off an Erskine defender that sailed over St. Louis' reach.

USC will host Virginia Commonwealth, who is 6-0 for the season, at 2 p.m. Sunday at The Graveyard. This will be USC's inaugural Metro Conference Match.

Intramural Report			
FOOTBALL			
Week 1			
Rough Riders	36	PKA B	31
Dre Day	44	Catch 22	0
Pi Kappa Alpha	46	TKE	23
Zeta Beta Tau	58	Sigma Chi	30
Hall of Famers	44	Chi Psi 2	16
Patterson Hall	20	Kappa Delta	0
MIBS	50	Preston Patriots	6
Week 2			
Yahoos	42	Rough Riders	0
Snowden Invaders	43	4th Floor Snowden	38
Men of Moore	50	Bates Boys	38
Illegitimate	76	NROTC	36
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