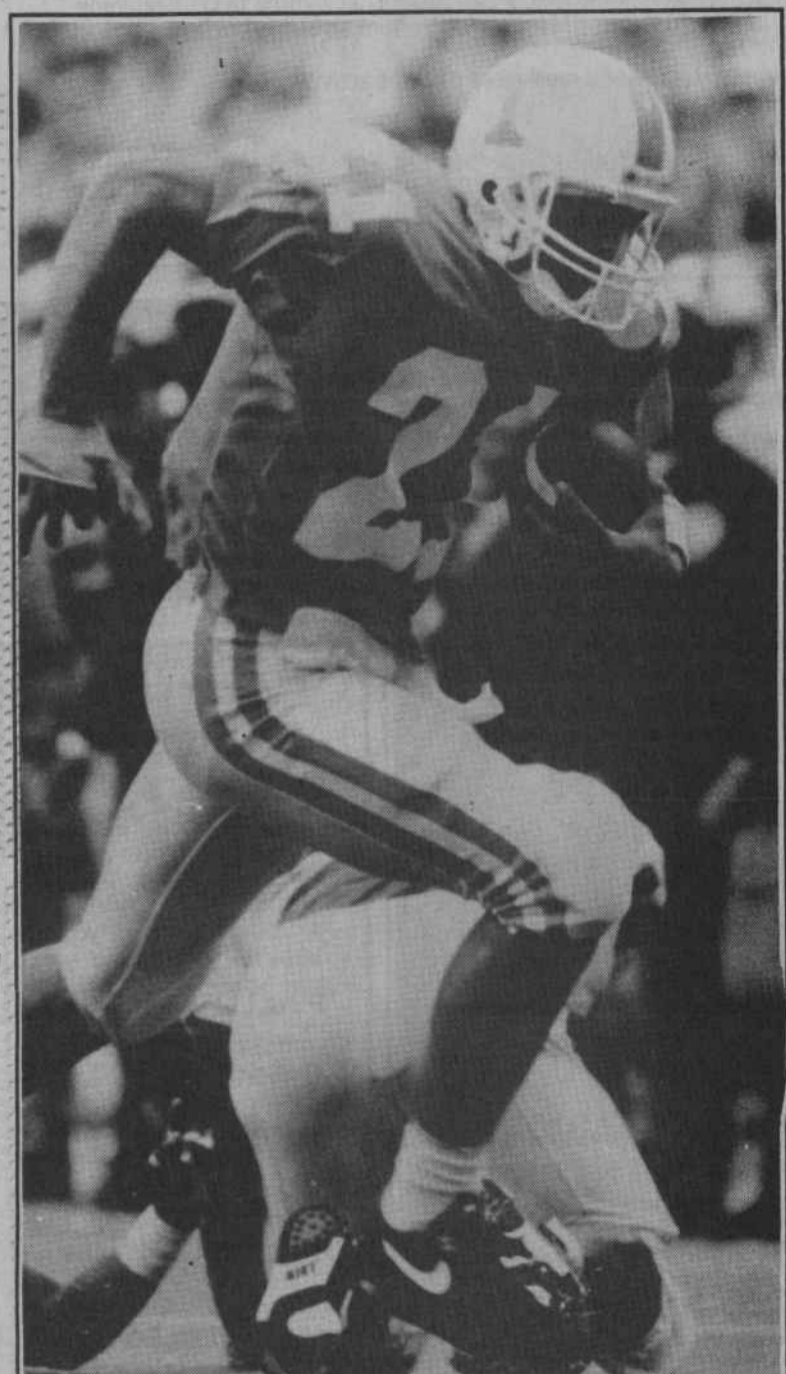


# SPORTS

## USC travels to Rocky Top to tangle with Vols



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### T E N N E S S E E **SHULER**

Junior quarterback Heath Shuler ranks fifth in the nation in passing. He has thrown for 1,616 yards and 19 touchdowns on the season. He should be a tough task for the USC defense.

By **ROB RODUSKY**  
Sports Editor

**T**he Gamecocks will play their final road game of the season Saturday against the Tennessee Volunteers in hostile Neyland Stadium.

The No. 8 Volunteers (5-1-1/3-1-1) are coming off a bye week. The week before the Volunteers managed a 17-17 tie with Alabama, which was then ranked No. 2.

The game will be televised by Jefferson-Pilot as the SEC Game of the Week. Kickoff will be at 12:37 p.m.

USC's defense turned in a great effort in the thrashing of Vanderbilt. The Gamecocks rank third in the SEC and 10th nationally in scoring defense, allowing just 13.25 points per outing. USC is also third in the league in total defense and ranks 12th in the nation in that category, giving up 294.13 yards per contest.

Redshirt Luther Dixon anchored the defense this past week, seeing action in all 78 offensive plays. He was the only offensive lineman that didn't come out while the offense was on the field.

Tennessee runs a multiple-set offense under the direction of a Heisman Trophy candidate, quarterback Heath Shuler, who leads the SEC and ranks fifth nationally in passing with 1,616 yards on 117 of 180 completions, an average of 230.9 yards per game. The deep threats for the Volunteers are seniors Craig Faulkner and Cory Fleming.

Fleming leads Volunteer receiver receivers with 28 catches for 434 yards and seven touchdowns.

The SEC's top returning rusher from 1992, Charlie Garner, along with Aaron Hayden and James Stewart rotate at tailback. Mario Brunson and junior Mose Philips handle the duties at fullback.

The Volunteers use a 4-3 defensive formation. This defense is ranked sixth in the SEC and 29th in the nation in total defense.

James Wilson and Horace Morris are the defensive ends. Wilson ranks fifth all-time on Tennessee's career sack list with 18.5. He leads the team in sacks with five and a half for minus 41 yards. Linebacker Ben Talley heads the list of an impressive set of linebackers, leading the team with 54 tackles.

The Gamecocks will be looking to junior runningback Brandon Bennett to lead the offensive attack against the Volunteers. Bennett had an impressive game against Vanderbilt, his first game back from a knee injury.

He had the best receiving game of his career against Vanderbilt with seven receptions. Bennett enters the Tennessee game six yards shy of 2,000 career rushing yards.

USC must have a good day running the ball Saturday to help quarterback Steve Taneyhill establish the passing game. Taneyhill had limited time to pass the ball against Vanderbilt, and he will need more time this week.

Against Vanderbilt, Taneyhill had a career high in pass completions (23) and attempts (42). The Gamecock receivers will have to pull the ball in this week to compete with the Tennessee tandem of Faulkner and Fleming.

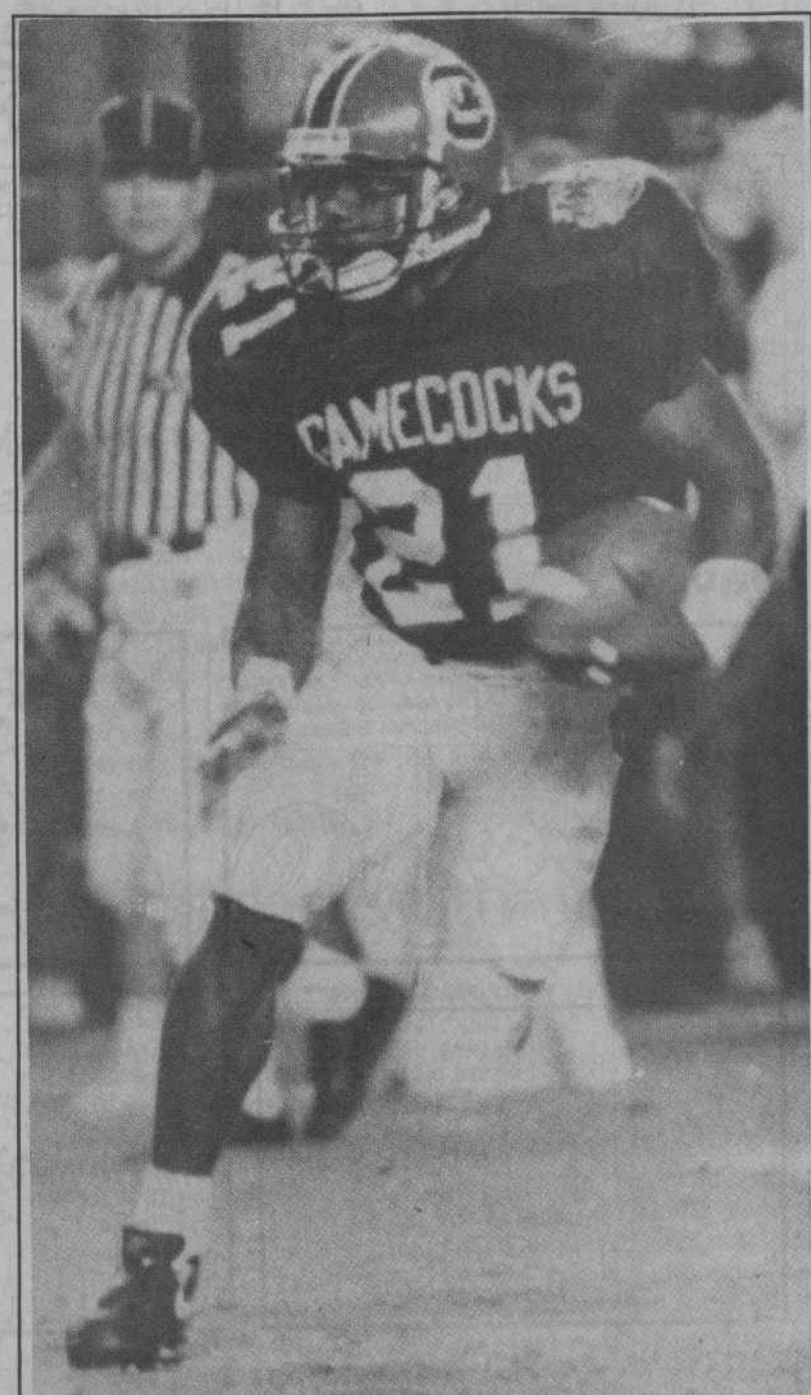
Vol kicker John Becksvoort is five of six in field goal attempts this season with a long of 51 yards against Louisiana Tech.

USC continues to be hampered by injuries. Jerry Inman, Norman Greene, David Turnipseed, Benji Young and Hank Campbell are all listed as out for Saturday's game.

For Tennessee, Jamie Henry and defensive end Chester Ford are listed as out for the season.

Defensive back Shawn Summers and linebacker Jesse Sanders are listed as questionable, while running back Aaron Hayden is listed as doubtful.

Saturday's game in Knoxville will be the biggest challenge of the year so far for the Gamecocks, who will face the eighth-ranked team in front of more than 91,000 fans.



### S O U T H C A R O L I N A **ADAMS**

Senior cornerback Frank Adams has 40 hits in the eight games he has started this season. He has also blocked two kicks. Adams and the other Gamecock defenders must contain Shuler.

## Softball team optimistic about upcoming season

By **TRACI LONG**  
Staff Writer

USC — While the Phillies and the Blue Jays were battling to decide the best professional baseball team of 1993, the women's softball team was starting its venture toward excellence in 1994.

Coach Joyce Compton had the team on the field Sept. 15, and they'll stay there until the 1994 season wraps up in success. Until November 9, Compton and her staff will concentrate primarily on molding the players on both offense and defense.

So far, the evaluations have been positive, and Compton said she's "happy with fall practice" and "very optimistic right now."

During fall break, the Gamecocks traveled to Greenville to compete in a tournament sponsored by Furman. After chalking up victories against the Paladins, UNC-Charlotte, Georgia Tech and Tennessee Tech, USC fell to Georgia State 1-0.

Junior shortstop Shani Cannon said the defeat was a positive learning experience, one from which the team was able to pinpoint areas that need better execution.

"Our fall season has been the most productive we've had since I've been here," said Cannon, who played second base her first two seasons. "We played well (against Georgia State), but we should definitely beat that team in the spring."

According to Compton, the Gamecocks will play top caliber teams in 1994. Topping the list of strong opponents are UCLA, Texas A&M, UNLV, Florida State and Virginia. South Florida and UNC-Chapel Hill are also expected to be competitive.

Fans can expect to see more power from the Gamecocks at the plate and strong defensive contributions on the mound. Much of the success to come might be partially credited to first-year Pitching Coach Carie Dever and Assistant Coach Karen Sanchelli, whose input has "really elevated the program," Compton said.

The loss of starters Tiff Tootle, Tania Evinana, Charity Ballard and

Dawn Lantieri, all of whom graduated in May, hasn't discouraged high expectations for the upcoming season.

"You just go in a different direction when you lose key people," Compton said.

Joining the Gamecocks are freshmen Chanda Lee and Tina Tlew and two California transfers, Christi Dammers and Carri Fredricks.

The goal of Compton and the squad is ultimately "to qualify for regionals and go to the world series," an achievement the Gamecocks haven't accomplished since 1989.

USC will open the 1994 season Feb. 15 at home against Furman.

### SERIES NOTES

Series: 7-2-2 (Tenn.) — Last Year: 24-23 (USC)  
The Gamecocks have never won in Knoxville-0-6...Tennessee won the last meeting in Knoxville by a 35-6 score...Until last season's upset USC had not beaten Tennessee since 1903... In last year's contest, UT had a chance to win with seconds to play. But the Gamecocks snuffed a short pass play on a Tennessee two-point conversion attempt to hang on for the upset over the nationally ranked Vols. UT enters the contest ranked 8th in the AP Poll and 9th in the CNN/USA Today Poll. USC coach Sparky Woods is 1-0 vs. Tennessee. Vols head coach Phillip Fulmer has never faced the Gamecocks.

### This just in...

The Gamecock soccer team played to a scoreless tie on Thursday with the Wake Forest Demon Deacons at The Graveyard. Full coverage of the game will appear in Monday's edition of The Gamecock.



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