



David Mandrell/The Gamecock
Runningback Mike Reddick catches a Steve Taneyhill pass Thursday in practice.



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Junior Norman Green confers with coach Brad Scott. Green won't be playing his final season because of chronic health problems.

Defense shines in spring game

From staff reports

Junior runningback Brandon Bennett rushed for 112 yards on nine carries Saturday in USC's first scrimmage under coach Brad Scott.

Bennett and junior tight end James Cummings, who caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Steve Taneyhill, highlighted the offense.

"I'm impressed with some of the things we are doing out on the field this early in our spring practices," Scott said. "I'm a little disappointed in the number of times the ball landed on the ground from dropped passes."

However, dropped passes weren't the only offensive problems. The defense intercepted four passes.

Junior defensive back Reggie Richardson intercepted a pass from quarterback Blake Williamson and ran

it back for one touchdown, and Konata Reid ran back an intercepted pass from Taneyhill for another touchdown.

"We definitely had problems with our passing game today," Scott said. "The passing game takes a lot of time. The quarterbacks have to learn to read better, and it is a good thing we don't start playing until September."

The 110-play scrimmage was the first since the Gamecocks started spring practice Thursday. They will take two days off before returning to practice Tuesday.

Linebacker Chris Rumph suffered the only injury, a sprained ankle.

Taneyhill, the incumbent quarterback, completed six of 12 passes and threw two interceptions. Williamson was two of seven and also threw two interceptions.

Second-ranked Florida smashes Gamecocks, 6-0

From staff reports

The USC women's tennis team was defeated 6-0 Sunday by No. 2 Florida at the Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center.

The Lady Gamecocks, in the midst of a solid season, were no match for the overpowering Lady Gators, who have lost one dual match in SEC play in the past 10 years.

Sunday's matchup was USC's first home loss of the season, where the Gamecocks (12-2, 4-2) are 9-1.

Senior Helen Crook, who played No. 1 singles for USC, was overmatched against Florida's Annuschka Popp, the No. 17 player in the country. Popp downed Crook 6-1, 6-2.

USC sophomore Heather Greene was matched up against No. 43 Divya Merchant at the No. 2 singles spot. Merchant defeated Greene 6-3, 6-1,

giving Greene her second loss in 13 spring matches.

Junior Victoria Davies, usually one of USC's steadiest players, couldn't get anything going against Florida's Lori Ann Freedman, who controlled the match from start to finish, winning 6-1, 6-0.

Senior Claire Hammond came closest to picking up a victory for the Gamecocks. She lost a tough match 6-4, 7-5 to Florida's Lisa Pugliese at the No. 4 singles position.

Freshman Sophie Ljucovic dropped a tough decision to the Gators' Kristin Osmond at No. 5 singles. Osmond defeated Ljucovic 6-4, 6-3.

Florida's Erika Kuttler defeated sophomore Tracy Pulliam 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6 singles.

The Lady Gamecocks will play Kansas State at 2 p.m. Wednesday at home.

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