

Sports

Sports Briefs

Johnson resigns

The feud between Dallas Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones and coach Jimmy Johnson culminated Tuesday with the resignation of Johnson. Johnson, who guided the Cowboys to back-to-back Super Bowl victories, became upset last week when rumors of Jones firing him surfaced. Immediate speculation has Jones replacing Johnson with former University of Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer.

NIT Final set

Vanderbilt downs K-State
Billy McCaffrey and Ronnie McMahon scored 28 and 27 points respectively Monday to lead Vanderbilt to a 82-76 win against Kansas State and advance the Commodores into the NIT Finals tonight.
The Wildcats Askia Jones, who scored 62 points in his last outing, was held to 17 points on just 4 of 11 shooting.

Villanova stops Siena

Siena's Cinderella-like run in the NIT ended Monday night as Villanova downed Siena 66-58. Villanova trailed only twice. Kerry Kittles led Villanova with 21 points. The Wildcats will play Vanderbilt tonight.

Ice hockey in Columbia?

A press conference is scheduled for Thursday at Capitol City Stadium in which city officials and private business owners are expected to announce that Columbia has been approved for an East Coast Hockey League expansion franchise. Mayor Bob Coble, speaking Tuesday to a USC sports administration class, said he's in favor of a hockey franchise. Coble said a new convention center would probably be built to house the team. He added that a two-cent tax increase on hotel and motel accommodations could be implemented to pay for the center.

Olbermann returns to ESPN

Keith Olbermann will return Sunday night to ESPN from ESPN2 to resume his position as co-anchor on "SportsCenter." Olbermann said he was happy most of the time at ESPN2 and added, "It was an amicable parting."

Today's sports on TV

NCAA Basketball:
NIT Championship game: Vanderbilt vs. Villanova at New York (ESPN, 9 p.m.)
Pro Basketball:
CBA playoffs: Fort Wayne at Quad City (ESPN2, 7 p.m.)
CBA playoffs: Yakima at Sioux Falls (ESPN2, 11:30 p.m.)

Tennis

Rolex Collegiate Tennis Poll

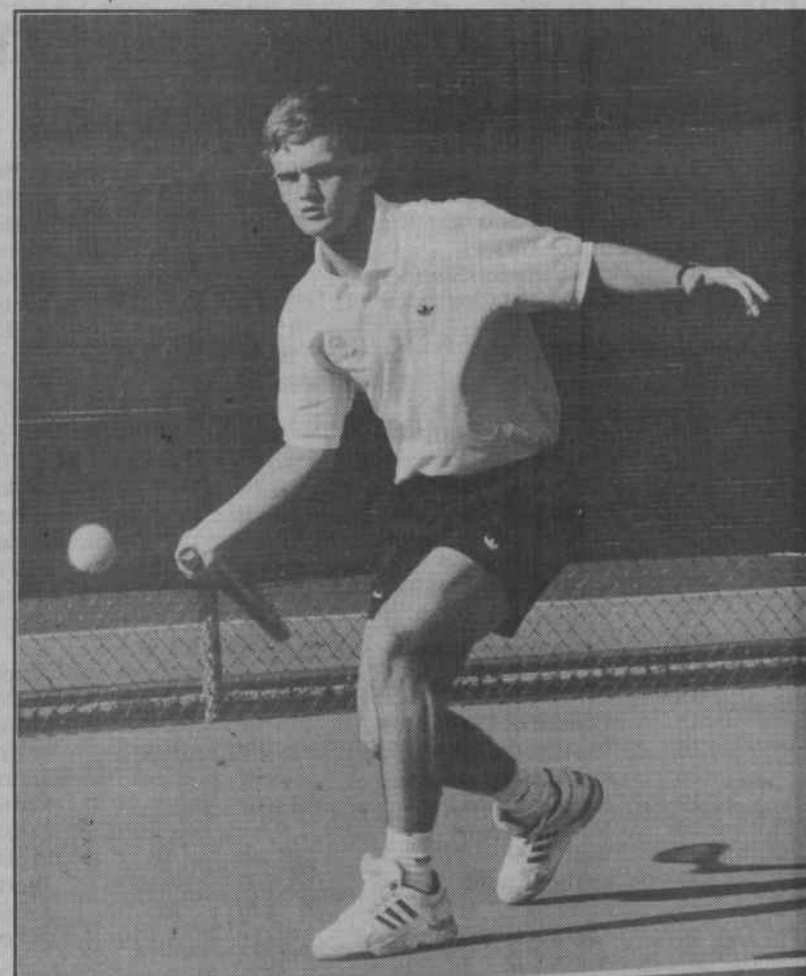
TOP 20 MEN'S TENNIS TEAMS

1. Stanford
2. Georgia
3. Kentucky
4. Texas
5. Duke
6. Mississippi State
7. Southern California
8. Texas Christian
9. Pepperdine
10. Miami
11. UCLA
12. Florida
13. Ole Miss
14. Tennessee
15. Notre Dame
16. California
17. Virginia Commonwealth
18. South Carolina
19. UAB
20. Harvard



BOLD Text indicates SEC Team

Pat Holland/The Gamecock



File photo

Junior Ben Cook leads the Gamecocks into one of the toughest weeks on their schedule. USC will play No. 2 Georgia and No. 13 Mississippi.

Men's tennis to take on Georgia, Ole Miss

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The USC men's tennis team, ranked No. 18 in the latest Rolex Collegiate Tennis Poll, will face stiff challenges Thursday against No. 2 Georgia and Saturday against No. 13 Ole Miss. The Gamecocks (11-4, 1-4) suffered a slight setback Sunday against LSU, falling 4-2 to the Bengal Tigers in Baton Rouge, La. However, USC pulled off one of its biggest upsets ever by stunning then-No. 4 Duke Wednesday

in Durham, N.C. Carolina's grueling schedule will continue as the Bulldogs roll into Columbia with six wins against Top 20 opponents. Their most recent victory was a 7-0 thumping of Vanderbilt. Georgia (10-2, 5-1) hasn't lost on the road this season, while USC is 9-1 at home. A key matchup for both squads will be the No. 1 singles match between Johan Sandberg and Georgia All-American Mike Sell. Sandberg is ranked No. 42 in the

latest polls, while Sell has recently returned to the Bulldogs No. 1 spot after suffering a back injury in the fall. The men battled two years ago in Columbia when both were playing No. 2 singles. Another key to Gamecock success could be the doubles point. When USC takes two of three doubles matches to capture the doubles point, Carolina is 6-2. When the Gamecocks lose the point, they are 1-2. The Gamecocks' top two doubles teams, Sandberg/Jose Frontera and Maxy Jimenez/Jim Panagopoulos, are a combined 17-5 this season. USC hasn't defeated Georgia since 1990, with the Bulldogs sweeping the Gamecocks 7-0 in their last meeting, in Athens, Ga. Results from the Georgia match and a preview of the Ole Miss match will appear in Friday's edition. Both the Georgia and Mississippi matches will begin at 2 p.m. at the Sam Daniels Tennis Center.



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SA	APR 2	Glenn Phillips and The Supreme Court
SU	APR 3	Greg Ginn w/Rig & King Sour
M	APR 4	Godplow w/Drown Mary
TU	APR 5	Jelly Roll

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