

# Mason finishes 9th at PING International

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The USC men's golf team finished 11th at the PING Intercollegiate golf tournament this weekend at MacGregor Downs Country Club in Cary, N.C., while junior Chad Mason tied for ninth individually.

Mason of Mansfield, Texas, turned in his best performance of the season with a three-day total of 217, which is one-over-par. He fired a season-best round of 69 Friday and followed it with rounds of 76 and 72.

Mason finished four shots off the pace set by medalist Kris Cox of Oklahoma State.

The Gamecocks as a team shot a three-day total of 900, closing Sunday with a team-low 296. USC shot consecutive 302s Friday and Satur-

day.

Team champion Oklahoma State finished 39 shots ahead of USC with a three-round total of 861, which is three under par.

For USC, David Seawell tied for 29th. Seawell, a sophomore from Aiken, shot rounds of 75-76-72 to finish with a seven-over-par 223.

David Steelman, a sophomore from Lexington, tied with Seawell for 29th. Steelman fired rounds of 78-70-75 during the three-day tournament.

A pair of USC freshmen tied for 62nd. Brad McFadden and redshirt freshman Will Waters both shot a 238, which is 22 over par.

The Gamecocks will compete in the Billy Hitchcock Invitational April 22-24 in Opelika, Ala., at Saughatchee Country Club.

### Men's Golf

## PING Intercollegiate Tournament

1.	Oklahoma State	861
2.	Florida	863
3.	North Carolina	869
11.	South Carolina	900

### Individual Results

T9	Chad Mason	69-76-72=217
T29	David Seawell	75-76-72=223
T29	David Steelman	78-70-75=223
T62	Brad McFadden	81-80-77=238
T62	Will Waters	80-81-77=238

Source: USC Sports Information

# Gamecocks to rumble with Tigers tonight

By JIMMY DeBUTTS  
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The USC baseball team will play host to Clemson at 7 p.m. today at Sarge Frye Field.

Carolina (27-11, 5-4) is coming off a weekend series against Mississippi State (17-13, 4-4) in which the Gamecocks took two of three from the Bulldogs.

"We're coming off three pretty good games over the weekend," coach June Raines said. "We played error-free baseball, and if we play the same way, we'll be in good shape against Clemson."

**June Raines**  
USC baseball coach

Raines has had to juggle his lineup all season because of a young infield. The return of third baseman Randy Stegall from an injury should bring some stability.

"We've had several third basemen this season," Raines said. "Ted Rose, who's a pitcher, and Craig Dour, who's played well but has struggled with the bat."

Raines said it's been tough having a new infield with the exception of second baseman Stacey Stokes. Raines said the team is getting better with every game, however.

USC won the first game 5-0 in Starkville, Miss., but lost 6-4 Saturday. In Sunday's contest, the Gamecocks jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first.

Mike Dezenzo led the attack for the Gamecocks with his second home run of the season in the fifth. He went 2-for-3 at the plate with two RBIs and two runs scored.

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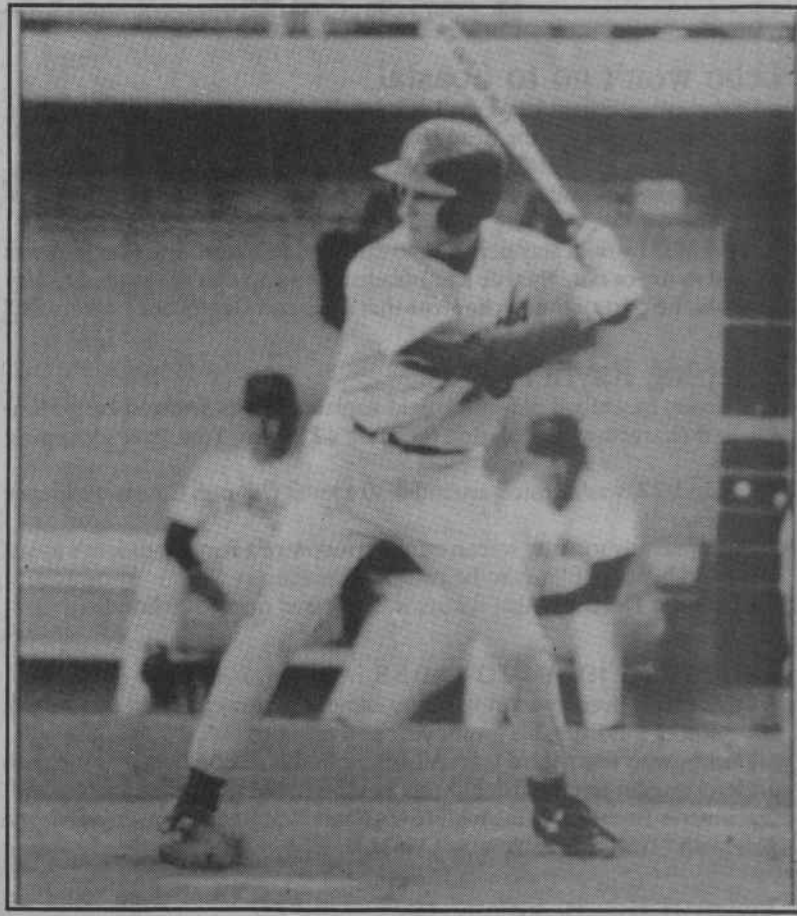
Carolina scored three runs in the fifth and eighth innings to secure the 7-2 win. Mark Gugino, Stacey Stokes, Rob DeBoer and Mike Tarter all had two hits for the Gamecocks.

Jason Haynie picked up his seventh win of the season, pitching six innings and giving up two earned runs. Haynie (7-3) struck out five and walked two in the game.

Ted Rose and Craig Ross closed the game out for the Gamecocks, with Rose pitching two perfect innings. Ross pitched in the ninth, striking out two and giving up one hit.

The Gamecocks scored four runs off Bulldog starting pitcher Jerry Dupuy. Dupuy (2-2) gave up seven hits in 4 2/3 innings, walking one and striking out two.

Offensively, Mississippi State was led by Scott Davidson, who went 2-for-4 with one RBI and two runs scored.



Sophomore outfielder/DH/pitcher Ted Rose is perhaps the Gamecocks' most versatile player. Rose and the Gamecocks play Clemson at 7 p.m. today at home.

scored. Davidson hit his third home run of the season in the game.

Of the Gamecocks' 18 remaining games, 15 are against SEC foes. After tonight's game, USC will play three games at home against Georgia start-

ing Friday.

"We have a tough schedule coming up, and the last five or six weeks of the season are going to be hectic," Raines said.

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