

Women's tennis wins third straight match

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The Lady Gamecock tennis team won its third consecutive match by downing the Texas A&M Lady Aggies 5-1 Sunday in College Station, Texas.

USC (18-4) won five of six singles matches on the afternoon, dropping two sets in the victories.

At No. 1 singles, Helen Crook defeated Janine Burton-Durham. Crook, ranked No. 51, won 6-3, 6-4.

No. 53 Heather Greene split the first two sets 6-1, 3-6 against the Aggies' Nancy Dingwall, ranked No. 73, at No. 2 singles. Greene took the third set 6-0 to record her fourth win against a nationally ranked opponent this season. The win improved Greene to 6-1 in three-set matches.

At No. 3 singles, in a battle of players ranked in the 90s, USC's Victoria Davies (99th) defeated Wilson Pate (94th). Davies won 6-4, 6-3.

Muriel Abella kept the Gamecocks' wins coming with another straight-set victory at No. 4 singles. Abella downed Lonna Logan 6-4, 7-6.

Sophie Ljucovic rounded out USC's day with a straight-set win at No. 6 singles. Ljucovic improved her singles record to a team-leading 27-9 with her 6-2, 6-1 victory against Anna Strakosova.

The win was the fifth-straight for the Gamecocks against Texas A&M and gave USC its most wins, 18, since 1990.

Carolina will play the No. 2 Georgia Bulldogs Thursday in Athens, Ga. Match time is set for 2 p.m. at McWhorter Courts.



Freshman Sophie Ljucovic improved to 27-9 in singles play with her win Sunday against Texas A&M.

NFL draft '94 preview Wilkinson to be first pick

Sunday brings one of the most highly anticipated noncontact sporting events of the year: the NFL draft.

Has there ever been a year when so many teams needed so much? Has there ever been a time when the Super Bowl champs of just three years ago (the Washington Redskins) desperately needed to put the pieces back together? Why do the previous year's Heisman trophy winners seem to keep falling lower and lower every year?

Many questions and rumors are running rampant in and out of NFL offices this week, and they will certainly continue to do so through Monday.

Picking first is, of course, the Cincinnati Bengals, who need a few things. Such as quarterbacks, runningbacks, wide receivers, offensive linemen, defensive linemen, linebackers and defensive backs. Nothing 15 or 20 players couldn't fix.

The Bengals should draft Ohio State defensive lineman Dan Wilkinson. Wilkinson, 6-foot-3, 310 pounds and aptly named "Big Daddy," is exactly what the Bengals' sick run-defense needs.

At No. 2, the Indianapolis Colts are expected to take San Diego State runningback Marshall Faulk. Bad move. Don't get me wrong, Faulk will be a good back, but the Colts will be making a huge mistake if they bypass Tennessee quarterback Heath Shuler.

Shuler will make the Washington Redskins (drafting third) very happy and should blossom into a premier NFL quarterback in the near future. Even as high as No. 3, Shuler is a steal who should go No. 1 in almost any draft.

With the shrewd Bill Parcells running the show in New England, look for the Patriots to trade down a couple of spots. Whoever moves up (Indianapolis with its No. 7 pick?) will probably take Fresno State quarterback Trent Dilfer, a superb touch

passer a la Joe Montana. (No, I'm not saying Dilfer is the next Montana. In fact, he could end up the next Steve Walsh.)

Wherever the Patriots end up, they will look to the defensive side of the ball. (With Parcells, that's no shock.) Can anyone think of a more natural relationship than the New England Patriots and SAM ADAMS?

The Patriots may indeed take the Texas A&M defensive end.

The next few picks belong to the L.A. Rams, Tampa Bay Seattle, Cleveland Phoenix (they're not "Arizona" to me) and Chicago. Most of these teams also need defensive help. (Cliche time: Defense wins championships).

Some possibilities for these teams could be Alabama defensive back Antonio Langham, Southern Cal defensive end Willie McGinest or "sleeper" linebacker John Thierry of Alcorn State.

There are some interesting picks in the middle of the first round.

The San Francisco 49ers could move around on or before draft day. The Niners are still trying to move QB Steve Bono to make room under the salary cap for Dallas linebacker Ken Norton. San Francisco has both the No. 15 and No. 23 picks. They could do about anything Sunday.

Minnesota has an interesting situation with back-to-back picks at 18 and 19. They could either trade them both to move up and sign a big name, or simply stay put and draft two solid players.

The Buffalo Bills and Dallas Cowboys, of course, get the final two picks of the first round.

Whoever the Bills decide to take should prepare himself for disappointment. I take that back. The drafted should run for Canada and the CFL.

The Cowboys will probably draft a quarterback who has a ton of experience running coach Barry Switzer's famous "triple-option" offense. I wonder what Jameel Holliday is doing these days?



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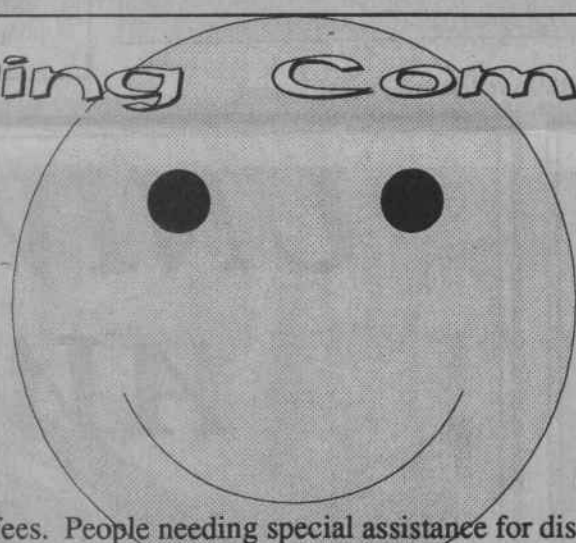
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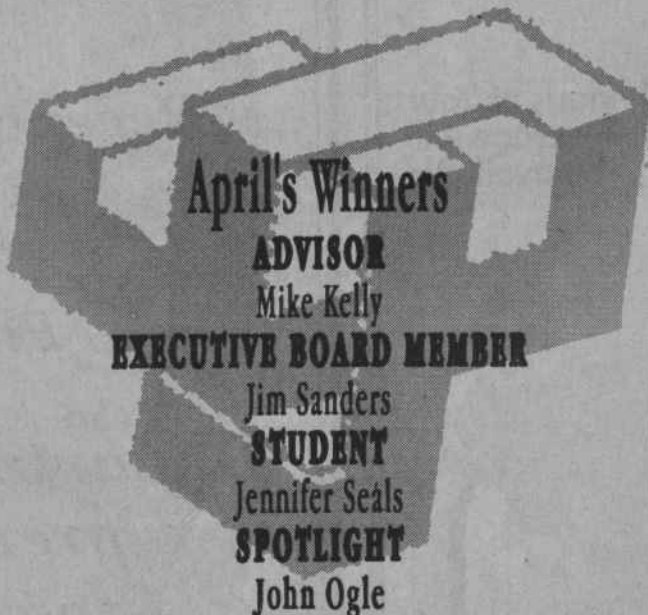
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