

Gamecocks take pair from Vanderbilt

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Scott Pace and Wally Maynard each picked up a win Saturday as the USC baseball team swept a doubleheader from Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn. Carolina (32-13, 8-6) won the first game 8-6, scoring four runs in the top of the ninth to overcome a 6-4 deficit. Ryan Swzejbka and Mike Dezenzo opened the ninth with singles off Commodore pitcher David Daniels. Mark Gugino popped out, and Stacey Stokes walked to load the bases. Mac White's sacrifice fly drove in Swzejbka.

The Commodores had a chance to end the game when catcher Rob DeBoer hit a grounder to shortstop Boomer Whipple. Whipple misplayed the ball, and two runs scored to give the Gamecocks a one-run lead. Ted Rose walked, and Randy Stegall's single drove in another run to make it 8-6 USC.

Swzejbka led the Gamecocks offensively, going 4-for-4 from the plate. Dezenzo and Stegall both had two hits in the game. Dezenzo scored two runs, while Stegall had two RBIs. DeBoer hit his fourth home run of the season in the game.

Senior lefthander Scott Pace improved to 9-3 with the win. He pitched eight innings, giving up six earned runs on 10 hits. He struck out five while walking three.

Craig Ross picked up his ninth save of the season. He struck out two in the ninth and didn't give up a hit or walk to the Commodores.

Joe Barbao, the starting pitcher for Vanderbilt, pitched well in his eight innings of work. He put the Commodores in position to win going into the ninth. Barbao gave up four earned runs off nine hits.

The Commodore bullpen gave up four runs, only one of which was earned, in the final inning. Bump Elliott took the loss for Vanderbilt, giving up the final two runs to the Gamecocks, which proved to be the game-winners.

In the second game, USC jumped out to an early 12-0 in the first. The Gamecocks got five hits in the inning and were the recipients of a hit batter, two wild pitches by Rick Giannola and two defensive errors.

Baseball

USC defeats Vanderbilt in doubleheader

South Carolina

	AB	R	H	RBI
Gugino, lf	3	1	1	1
Stokes, 2b	2	1	0	1
White, cf	4	0	1	2
DeBoer, c	5	2	1	1
Rose, dh	4	0	0	0
Stegall, 3b	5	0	2	2
Diaz, 1b	5	1	1	0
Swzejbka, ss	4	1	4	0
Dezenzo, rf	4	2	2	0
Pace, p	0	0	0	0
Ross, p	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	36	8	12	7

Vanderbilt

	AB	R	H	RBI
Nielsen, lf	5	1	1	2
J. Elliott, 2b	5	0	1	0
Morrow, cf	3	0	0	0
Sands, rf	4	0	0	0
Whipple, ss	3	1	1	0
Montgomery, 1b	3	2	1	1
Paul, c	4	1	2	2
Robbins, dh	3	0	0	1
Bachman, 3b	0	0	0	0
Barbo, p	0	0	0	0
Daniels, p	0	0	0	0
B. Elliott, p	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	34	6	10	6

South Carolina	120	001	014	R	H	E
Vanderbilt	050	001	000	6	12	0

Pitching

South Carolina	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pace	8	10	6	6	3	5
Ross	1	0	0	0	0	2

Vanderbilt	8	9	4	4	3	4
Barbo	1	2	2	2	0	0
Daniels	1	2	2	2	0	0
B. Elliott	2	1	2	2	2	0

South Carolina

	AB	R	H	RBI
Gugino, lf	5	2	3	1
Stokes, 2b	2	3	1	1
Bandalato, 2b	1	0	0	0
White, cf	3	2	0	0
Tarter, lf	5	4	3	4
Rose, dh	0	0	0	0
Stegall, 3b	4	1	0	0
Dour, 3b	1	0	0	0
Diaz, 1b	4	1	1	1
Baskin, 1b	1	0	0	0
Hucks, c	4	1	1	0
Swzejbka, ss	2	1	1	0
Dezenzo, rf	3	1	0	0
Maynard, p	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	35	16	8	11

Vanderbilt

	AB	R	H	RBI
Nielsen, lf	3	0	1	0
J. Elliott, 2b	3	0	0	0
Goldis, 2b	2	0	0	1
Morrow, cf	2	2	2	3
Farese, cf	1	0	0	1
Sands, rf	5	0	0	1
Whipple, ss	4	0	0	0
Montgomery, 1b	2	0	0	0
Wix, 1b	2	1	1	0
Paul, c	2	1	0	0
Robbins, dh	2	1	0	0
Buchannon, ph	1	0	0	0
Bachman, 3b	4	2	2	0
Giannola, p	0	0	0	0
Velez, p	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	34	6	9	6

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Pitching

South Carolina	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Maynard	5	6	4	4	2	2
Rushing	3	1	1	1	0	2
Johnson	1	2	1	1	2	1

Vanderbilt	2	4	11	2	4	1
Giannola	1	2	4	5	1	11
Velez	6	4	5	1	11	5
Moynihan	2	1	0	0	0	1

Chris Diaz drove in three runs with a bases-loaded double. Rose drove in four runs with a single, double and home run. The homer was his third of the season.

The Commodores outthit the Gamecocks nine to eight, but Vanderbilt's four errors caught up with the team.

Rose was the only USC player to have more than one hit in the game. He had three hits, four runs scored and four RBIs. Diaz went 1-for-4 from the plate and drove in three runs.

Wally Maynard was the starting pitcher for the Gamecocks. He pitched five innings, giving up four earned runs on six hits. He improved to 4-0. The USC bullpen gave up three runs to the Commodores in four innings of work.

Rick Giannola took the loss for Van-

derbilt, dropping to 3-5. He pitched 2/3 of an inning, giving up 11 runs, two of which were earned. The Gamecocks scored their 11 runs on four hits off Giannola.

USC pitching gave up one run in each the fourth, sixth and ninth innings. The Commodores scored three in the fifth but were never in a position to catch the Gamecocks. USC added insurance runs in the third and sixth innings.

USC played error-free ball in both games, getting strong play from returning third baseman Randy Stegall.

The Gamecocks played Vanderbilt again Sunday. Results of the game will be in Wednesday's edition of The Gamecock.

Carolina will take on Winthrop at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Sarge Frye Field.

Women's tennis netted by Alabama, 5-4

By TONY SANTORI
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The Lady Gamecock tennis team dropped a tough match 5-4 to Alabama Saturday at the Maxcy Gregg Tennis Courts.

USC (18-6, 6-5) led in five of the six singles matches but couldn't hold off the Crimson Tide's rally.

Helen Crook, ranked No. 51 nationally in singles, won 6-3, 6-2 at the No. 1 position against Bama's Lori Smith, but it wasn't enough to keep USC from losing its second home match of the spring.

Heather Greene won in singles play at the No. 2 position. The sophomore from Clearwater, Fla., defeated Marouschka van Dijk 6-3, 6-1.

Junior Victoria Davies ran into some hard luck at No. 3 singles. She

lost the first set 4-6 but came back to win the second set 6-3. The Bridgend, South Wales, native led the third set 6-5 and served for the match. However, Bama's Hilde Otterman broke Davies' serve and won the tiebreaker, third set and match 7-6.

Muriel Abella defeated the Tide's Amy Mascotti at No. 4 singles. The junior from Bompas, France, won 6-2, 6-3.

Senior Claire Hammond appeared on the verge of giving USC a 4-2 lead in the match with a win at No. 5 singles, but she couldn't hang on. Hammond served for the match in the third set at 5-2 and 5-4, but both times Bama's Allison Eager broke serve and eventually won the deciding set 7-5.

Davies and Crook raced out to a

quick lead at No. 1 doubles as they took the first set 6-0. However, the Tide's Otterman and van Dijk came back to take the final two sets 6-3, 6-4.

Greene and Tracy Pulliam, playing at No. 2 doubles, fared better. They defeated UA's Monica Kervandjian and Lori Smith 6-3, 6-3.

Abella and Sophie Ljucovic split the first two sets 4-6, 7-6 in their match against Eager and Mascotti. The entire team match came down to one set, and Alabama's duo took it 6-2.

The Gamecocks will begin play in the SEC tournament Thursday in Fayetteville, Ark., against the LSU Tigers. USC enters the tournament as the No. 6 seed.

Men's tennis smashes Alabama, 5-2

Gamecocks roll over Crimson Tide

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The USC men's tennis team defeated Alabama 5-2 Friday behind the strong play of its top-two singles players, Johan Sandberg and Maxsy Jimenez.

Sandberg, with partner Jose Frontera, won at No. 1 doubles against Bama's Kip Layman in a tough match. Sandberg and Frontera, ranked No. 29 nationally, won 9-8 to help USC (19-5, 5-5) win the doubles point.

Jimenez, with Jim Panagopoulos, defeated the Crimson Tide's Cecil Brandon and Matt Turner at No. 2 doubles. The USC duo, ranked 37th nationally, won 8-6.

Mark Bommeljé and Ben Cook added a third doubles victory with a 8-2 win against Bama's Mark Johnson and Marco Mazotta at No. 3 doubles.

Sandberg, ranked No. 23 nationally in singles, added a win at the No. 1 position against the Tide's Cecil Brandon in a gruelling three-set match. Sandberg won the first set

in a tiebreaker but lost the second set 2-6. The Falsterboro, Sweden, native won the third set 6-4 and stands at 10-3 on the season.

Jimenez also added a singles win at the No. 2 position. Jimenez, ranked No. 47 nationally in singles, dropped the first set 4-6 to Bama's Mazotta but rebounded to win the final two sets 6-3, 6-4.

Panagopoulos, playing No. 3 singles for the Gamecocks, won in straight sets but not without a struggle. The junior from Aurora, Ill., won both sets in tiebreakers 7-6, 7-6 against UA's Lingren.

Jorge Esqueda also won in straight sets at No. 4 singles. He downed Alabama's Mohammed Elwany.

The victory was the Gamecocks' first SEC road win of the season and pushed USC to fifth in the conference.

The Gamecocks competed for the No. 5 seed in the conference tournament Sunday against Auburn. Results from the match will appear in Wednesday's edition of The Gamecock.

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