

Men's tennis falls below .500 in SEC with loss to Auburn

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The men's tennis team dropped below .500 in the SEC as they lost to the Auburn Tigers Sunday in Auburn, Ala., by a 4-3 score.

The Gamecocks (19-6, 5-6) uncharacteristically lost all three doubles matches and the doubles point. Jose Frontera and Johan Sandberg, playing No. 1 doubles, fell to Auburn's Adham Alaily and Cyril Buscaglione in a close match. The Tigers upset USC's tandem 8-6, who are ranked 29th nationally.

Likewise, USC's Maxsy Jimenez and Jim Panagopoulos, ranked 37th nationally, lost a tough match at No. 2 doubles. Auburn's Carlos Engel and Roberto Teofilo defeated Jimenez and Panagopoulos 9-7.

At No. 3 doubles, USC's Mark Bommelje and Ben Cook were defeated by the Tigers' Gustavo Loiaza

and Joe Venezia 8-5.

The sweep was only the second against USC in doubles this season.

Sandberg, ranked 23rd in singles, bounced back from his doubles loss to defeat Auburn's Engel in straight sets. The senior from Falsterbo, Sweden, won easily 6-1, 6-4. The win improved Sandberg to 11-3 in SEC play.

USC also took the No. 2 singles position as sophomore Jimenez downed the Tigers' Buscaglione. Jimenez, ranked 47th in the latest polls, dropped the first set, 1-6. The Valencia, Venezuela, native took the next two sets in close fashion 6-4, 7-6. The victory was fifth in five three-set matches, moving him to 22-7 overall.

Panagopoulos struggled at No. 3 singles and lost to Auburn's Alaily 2-6, 4-6.

Freshman Jorge Esqueda contin-

ued his strong play by winning his seventh straight match. Esqueda, playing No. 4 singles, downed the Tigers' Teofilo 6-4, 6-1.

Bommelje took the first set 6-1 and had a chance to take the second in a tie-breaker. But Auburn's Loiaza won the tie-breaker and second set, and then won the third set and match 6-3.

Junior Ben Cook lost the first set 3-6 but rallied to give himself a chance by winning the second set in a tie-breaker 7-6. However, Auburn's Billy Petrocco won the third set to clinch the team match 6-4.

The loss assured the Gamecocks of the eighth seed in the SEC Tournament beginning Thursday in Tuscaloosa, Ala. USC takes on No. 9 seed LSU at 3 p.m. If the Gamecocks can defeat the Tigers, they will compete against the No. 1-seeded Florida Gators Friday.

Serve and volley



The Lady Gamecock tennis team will enter the 1994 SEC Tournament as the No. 6 seed.

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1994 SEC men's tennis standings

	SEC	Pct.	All	Pct.		SEC	Pct.	All	Pct.
Florida	10-1	.909	16-6	.727	Tennessee	5-6	.455	13-8	.619
Georgia	9-2	.818	15-4	.789	South Carolina	5-6	.455	19-6	.760
Mississippi State	8-3	.727	17-5	.773	LSU	3-8	.273	9-12	.429
Ole Miss	7-4	.636	14-6	.700	Arkansas	3-8	.273	13-9	.591
Auburn	7-4	.636	15-7	.682	Vanderbilt	2-9	.182	12-10	.545
Kentucky	5-6	.455	16-10	.615	Alabama	2-9	.182	7-16	.333

SEC Tournament at Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Source: USC Sports Information
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Tennis

1994 SEC women's tennis standings

	SEC	Pct.	All	Pct.		SEC	Pct.	All	Pct.
Georgia	11-0	1.000	20-2	.909	Vanderbilt	6-5	.545	13-5	.722
Florida	10-1	.909	20-4	.833	Auburn	4-7	.364	11-9	.550
Ole Miss	8-3	.727	15-6	.714	Tennessee	3-8	.273	6-15	.286
Kentucky	8-3	.727	14-8	.636	Arkansas	2-9	.182	5-13	.278
Alabama	6-5	.727	9-10	.474	LSU	2-9	.182	9-12	.429
South Carolina	6-5	.545	18-6	.750	Mississippi State	0-11	.000	6-13	.316

SEC Tournament at Fayetteville, Ark.



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The University of South Carolina's newest student publication invites those interested in working for the magazine to an introductory meeting Friday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Russell House Room 203. GBQ's premiere issue is due in October, and we need everyone from writers to photogs to entertainment reviewers to help us get things going. Time is of the essence. We'll be getting started, well, NOW!

GBQ will be a general interest/literary magazine that will feature campus life, timely issues in higher education, entertainment reviews, profiles of student/faculty leaders, literary submissions and everything else that's cool and people would want to read about. This magazine has the potential to be a very hot publication, and we look forward to making you a part of it.

Journalism majors are especially encouraged to attend this meeting. But, it doesn't matter if your majoring in Poli Sci, HRTA, Nursing, English or Guitar Tuning - you will be an asset to the kickoff of GBQ!

If nothing else, at least hear us out Friday. If your not satisfied, we'll give you your money back. We bet you'll want to stick around.

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