

Defense leads Carolina to 18-17 win over Tigers

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The University of South Carolina football team is off to its best start in four years with an 18-17 win over Louisiana State University at Death Valley in Baton Rouge. The win spoiled the Tiger's homecoming and dropped them to 1-3 overall and 1-2 in the SEC.

The Gamecocks (4-1, 3-1 SEC) were led once again to victory by the superior play of the defense. Carolina gave up its first touchdown in three games against the Tigers, but allowed just a field goal in the second half.

"I think we're a second-half ball club," head coach Brad Scott said. "So much has been made about the University of South Carolina can't win in the second half. We made that kind of one of our themes as we started our camp."

USC's offense got off to a slow start, but came up big when it counted in the fourth quarter. Stanley Pritchett's one-yard touchdown run with 12:52 left in the game gave Carolina the lead for good. USC has outscored its opponents 50-3 in the second half in their last four games.

Aside from the defense dominating the game, the Gamecocks again held the advantage in turnovers. USC forced three fumbles, recovering two and getting two interceptions from Terry Cousin. Cousin's interception late in the fourth quarter sealed the victory for the Gamecocks.

He said LSU quarterback Jamie Howard felt unsure of his passing ability after throwing three interceptions that were returned for touchdowns against Auburn last week.

"When he was getting chased, I think he decided to run instead of throw it," Cousin said. "When you throw as many interceptions as he has, I guess you think twice about throwing."

The Gamecocks gave up an early touchdown pass from Howard to Eddie Kennison five minutes into the game. USC responded early in the second quarter with a touchdown of their own.

Blake Williamson handed the ball to Brandon Bennett, who threw a lofty three yard pass back to Williamson for six points. The Gamecocks missed

the PAT and trailed 7-6.

LSU was able to put another touchdown on the board when Jermaine Sharpe broke out of a pack of Gamecock defenders which appeared to have him contained and scampered 36 yard into the endzone.

Sharpe ran for 130 yards, 118 of which came in the first half. Carolina's defense was able to effectively stop the run in the second half, allowing just 58 yards of total offense.

USC closed the gap with a 24-yard touchdown from Steve Taneyhill to Toby Cates with 27 seconds left in the half. The drive took 31 seconds after David Turnipseed recovered a Robert Toomer fumble on the 27-yard line.

Taneyhill's pass to Cates was over Cates' shoulder. Cates made a diving catch and hurt his shoulder on the play. The Gamecocks failed to convert the PAT.

The Tigers added a 44-yard field goal by Andre Lefleur with 8:31 left in the third quarter to put LSU up 17-12. The drive was set up by a nine-yard punt by Derwin Jeffcoat that put the Tigers at the Carolina 26-yard line.

The South Carolina defense shut down the Tiger offense on the drive, pushing them back a yard and forcing the kick. Pritchett's touchdown in the fourth quarter put the Gamecocks ahead, and the defense continued its stingy play, not allowing the Tigers to score in the rest of the game.

Offensively, the Gamecocks were led by the play of Pritchett. Pritchett ran for 90 yards and one touchdown on 18 attempts. He also caught three passes for 12 yards. Taneyhill had 157 yards passing. He connected on 23 of 30 attempts, with one interception and one touchdown pass.

Taneyhill said one reason for the successful start is the implementation of Scott's offensive scheme.

"This offense is a lot easier than what we used last year," he said. "The reads are a lot easier. Things happen the way they're supposed to."

The win was the second in a row for South Carolina on the road. The last time the Gamecocks won consecutive road games was in 1973.

In advancing to 4-1, the Gamecocks



GREG RICKABAUGH The Gamecock head coach Brad Scott celebrates the win over LSU at Columbia Metropolitan Airport Sunday morning with fans who came out to welcome the team home. The win was the second consecutive road victory for Carolina.

got 18 votes in the Associated Press poll, up from two votes last week. Carolina is tied with Brigham Young for the No. 32 position.

A few South Carolina players are banged up heading into this week's game against East Carolina at Williams-Brice Stadium. Neither tight end played in the fourth quarter against LSU; Boomer Foster was out with an

ankle injury, while James Cummings was sidelined with a knee injury.

Long snapper Derek Gregory was out with a shoulder injury, as was wide receiver Toby Cates.

The Gamecocks will be looking to improve their record to 5-1 against East Carolina Saturday. The game is Homecoming for USC, with kickoff set for 1 p.m.

SPORTSLOOK

NHL

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL delayed the start of its season to Oct. 15, invited players back to the bargaining table and said games probably would be lost if progress toward a contract was not made in the next two weeks.

The NHL Players Association will keep talking, but said members wouldn't practice until an agreement was reached.

The actions, one day before the season was set to begin, left the NHL in much the same position as baseball — no contract and no play because of a dispute involving a salary cap.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said the league wanted to play a full 84-game schedule with playoffs. He said the owners wanted to start the season with a new contract but would consider playing if substantial progress was made at the bargaining table.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Sabres suspended center Dale Hawerchuk for skipping practice in a contract holdout. Hawerchuk, who led the team in scoring last season with 35 goals and 86 points, made \$1.2 million and was entering the option year of his contract.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Kings signed goalie Jamie Storr and right wing Matt Johnson, the team's top two picks in the June draft, to multiyear contracts.

Baseball

NEW YORK (AP) — Congress dropped its effort to partially repeal baseball's antitrust exemption, and a group of owners and general managers met to figure out how to put a 1995 season together.

Meanwhile, baseball told television officials the sport will decide in a month whether to renew its joint venture with ABC and NBC for 1996.

The strike, which began on Aug. 12, reached its 50th day, matching the 1981 walkout as the sport's longest.

NBA

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns signed free-agent center Danny Schayes to a one-year contract. The 35-year-old Schayes, a 13-year veteran, finished last season with the Lakers. He has also played for Denver, Utah and Milwaukee, averaging 9.0 points and 5.7 rebounds.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Pacers signed forward Duane Ferrell, 29, who played in 72 games for the Atlanta Hawks last season, averaging 7.1 points and 1.8 rebounds.

NFL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Francis Murray, former New England Patriots minority owner, sued the NFL, claiming league officials tried to oust him.

In a suit filed in U.S. District Court, Murray claims the NFL violated federal antitrust laws by blocking his efforts the past two years to bid for a new franchise in St. Louis or move the Patriots to Hartford, Conn. If Murray wins, the defendants would be liable for triple damages.

USC Cross Country

The USC men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Florida Invitational Saturday in Gainesville, Fla., with the women placing a solid second with 66 points. It was their second second-place showing this season after winning the UNC-Charlotte Invite last weekend. The men finished third with 79 points.

The men were paced by senior Tom Cronin, who placed fifth with a time of 26:04.1. Sophomore Eric Roschick finished 13th, and freshman Ryan McPhail finished 15th. Rounding out the men's team was Teddy Towle in 19th and Lance Poling in 27th.

The women were led by junior Tracey Capper who finished fifth at 18:39.1. Close on her heels was teammate sophomore Lisa Monti, who finished sixth. Senior Liz Filgar picked up her second top-ten finish of the season, placing eighth. Other runners included junior Jill Savage in 14th and freshman Katrina Smith in 33rd.

"I'm really proud of the way the women have been running this season," coach Kim Dean said. "Tracey is doing a super job, as is the rest of the squad."

Both teams will take next week off, before hosting the Gamecock Invitational Oct. 15 at the Lake Weston Course on Fort Jackson.

USC Soccer

Mike Solano tapped in a rebound shot off a Chris Lewis save with 7:45 remaining to give No. 5 South Carolina a 3-2 win over South Florida Saturday at the USF Soccer Stadium. Solano's goal came after South Carolina's Billy Baumhoff blasted a 20-yard shot that USF goalie Lewis stopped but didn't contain. USC moves to 7-3, 2-0 in the Metro.

The Gamecocks took a quick lead just over a minute into the game when Chris Faklaris sent a cross from the right corner to an unmarked David Tart, who knocked a short blast past Lewis.

USF maintained a heavy offensive attack from the outset of the second half, and at 55:44, freshman Jeff Cunningham controlled a pass from Oystein Drillestad, passed one defender and knocked a 10-yard shot past USC goalie John Mills for a 1-1 tie. South Carolina took a 2-1 lead just 12 minutes later when Baumhoff scored on a rebounded save similar to Solano's game-winner.

USF knotted it again at 2-2 when Cunningham took another pass from Drillestad and, this time, angled a low line drive from the right wing into the left corner of the net. Solano's game winner came just over 10 minutes later.

Green, Kotseos capture doubles title

From Staff Reports

Junior Heather Greene and freshman Tracy Kotseos captured the C flight doubles title at the Lady Gamecock Fall Classic Oct. 2.

Green and Kotseos defeated Wake Forest's Cristina Carparis and Terry Hiete in the final. Kotseos, a native of Winter Park, Fla., is ranked No. 2 nationally in the USTA Girls' 18's rankings.

"I thought Heather and I played really well together," Kotseos said. "We were down 5-2 in the first set of our match and came back to win the next five games and the set. Heather made me feel really comfortable. Because of her experience, I wasn't nervous playing in my first college matches." The Lady Gamecocks' Karolina Bulat and Victoria



TRACY KOTSEOS and Heather Greene won the C flight doubles title yesterday, defeating Cristina Carparis and Terry Hiete of Wake Forest.

Davies lost to Wake Forest's Lule Aydin and Dana Evans 6-4, 6-2 in the A flight final. Bulat and Davies are rated 20th in the Rolex Collegiate Rankings.

Georgia's Nadine Van De Walle defeated sophomore

Sophie Ljucovic 6-4, 6-4 in the B flight singles final. Ljucovic's career singles record fell to 32-11.

Junior Tracey Pulliam turned in a solid weekend, earning wins over Wake Forest's Terry Hiete 6-3, 6-3 and

KIM TRUETT The Gamecock

Clemson's Devin Carr 6-0, 6-2.

The Lady Gamecocks travel to Furman for the Lady Palidan Fall Classic next weekend.

THIS JUSTIN

The University of South Carolina volleyball team split their weekend matches against Alabama and Auburn to move their record to 12-4 overall and 2-2 in the SEC.

The Lady Gamecocks defeated Alabama Sept. 30 15-3, 15-13, 8-15, 7-15 and 15-8. "I was glad to see we played with confidence after dropping games three and four," head coach Kim Hudson said.

Carolina was led by junior Kori Emerigat with 24 kills and a season high 28 digs along with senior Amy Iannocari totaling 16 kills, five digs and five blocks.

"We just got Heather back on Monday and it was good to see her be able to play," Hudson said.

USC lost Oct. 2 to Auburn, 10-15, 15-7, 15-7, 13-15, 9-15. Katie Gerst paced the Gamecocks with 12 kills and 17 digs along with Emerigat recording 19 kills and 17 digs. Iannocari recorded a season-high 31 digs.

USC's next home match is Oct. 11 against Furman at 7 p.m.

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