

SPORTSLOOK

NHL

■ **STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)** — Quebec rookie Peter Forsberg and three other locked-out NHL players from Sweden played for Elite League clubs despite a ban.

Vasteras VIK allowed Niklas Lidstrom, Peter Popovic and Patrik Juhlin to play against MoDo, which earlier said it would use Forsberg. The rebellions followed Wednesday's decision by the league to ban NHL players.

■ **MOSCOW (AP)** — Russia's Foreign Ministry ordered passports for Buffalo's Alexander Mogilny and Detroit's Sergei Fedorov, who left the Soviet Union illegally to play in the NHL.

Authorities also said they dropped criminal charges filed against Mogilny when he left in 1989 while serving in the army. The moves clear the way for the players to take part in a charity tournament in Russia.

NFL

■ **DALLAS (AP)** — Dallas Cowboys offensive tackle Erik Williams, injured in a car accident early Monday, is scheduled to undergo surgery today to repair a torn ligament in his left thumb.

Williams, who also tore ligaments in his right knee in the accident that is under investigation by Texas Department of Public Safety officials, was moved from Parkland Memorial Hospital to Baylor University Medical Center.

■ **WASHINGTON (AP)** — The NFL Management Council and the players association agreed on a new drug policy, which they said expands testing and discipline components with a stronger emphasis on education, evaluation and treatment.

College Football

■ **WILMINGTON, Ohio (AP)** — About 40 Wilmington players were suspended by coach Mike Wallace for violating the college's policy on alcohol use. The NCAA Division III school forfeited Saturday's game at

Bluffton.

■ **TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — The Hall of Fame Bowl agreed to a six-year deal for the third-place teams in the Big Ten and Southeastern Conference, beginning next season.

■ **EL PASO, Texas (AP)** — Sun Bowl officials struck a deal for the Pac-10's third-place team and the Big Ten's fifth-place team from 1995 through 1997.

Soccer

■ **NEW YORK (AP)** — The new first division league in the United States almost definitely won't start until 1996, FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said.

While U.S. Soccer Federation president Alan Rothenberg, one of six men added to FIFA's World Cup Organizing Committee, said an April launch remained under consideration, Blatter left little doubt that the Major Soccer League's start would be postponed.

USC Cross Country

■ At the Southeastern Conference Cross Country Championships in Fayetteville, Ark., the USC women's team placed sixth, and the men finishing seventh.

The women were led by junior Tracey Capper, who placed 12th at 18:14.3. Senior Liz Figlar and sophomore Lisa Monti placed 16th and 19th, respectively. Rounding out Carolina's top five were junior Jill Savage and freshman Katrina Smith.

The men were led by senior Tom Cronin who placed 34th at 26:20.6. Sophomore Teddy Towle and Lance Poling placed 42nd and 44th, respectively. Rounding out the top five were sophomore Eric Roschick in 46th and freshman Ryan McPhail in 50th.

Arkansas' men won their fourth SEC title with 38 points. The lady Razorback women were also victorious, winning the title with 31 points.

Carolina will take next week off before competing in the Region Four Cross Country Championship in Greenville Nov. 12.

Gamecocks fall behind early to Vols, lose 31-22

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Tennessee freshman quarterback Payton Manning threw for 189 yards and three touchdowns as the Volunteers put a dent in USC's bowl hopes, beating the Gamecocks 31-22. The game started off one-sided as the Vols jumped out to a 24-3 halftime lead.

South Carolina went into the game needing one win to qualify for a bowl. With a win on Saturday, the Gamecocks would have played Florida for the SEC Eastern Division championship in two weeks. The Gamecocks are hoping to stay in the top three in the SEC.

South Carolina fell behind early but proved they would not give up.

"I'm proud of the effort our kids gave. We're still in the picture, and I'm glad of that," head coach Brad Scott said.

On Tennessee's first possession, James Stewart broke free for 45 yards to the USC 18. Five plays later, Manning connected with Stewart for a nine-yard touchdown.

At 14:41 in the second quarter, UT started a drive that apparently ended seven plays later at the USC 20 with a missed John Becksvoort field goal, but

USC's Terry Cousin was flagged for running into the kicker. Becksvoort's second chance, a kick of 37 yards, was true as Tennessee went up 10-0.

The halftime score, 24-3, was representative of the total yardage of the two teams. The Vols dominated the half with 285 total yards compared to Carolina's 85.

After holding Tennessee on the opening drive of the second half, the Gamecocks began a 11-play drive. The highlight of the drive was a 14-yard run by fullback Stanley Pritchett that converted a third and six, keeping the drive alive. Six plays later, Pritchett scored from the one as USC pulled to within 15 points.

Tennessee answered with their biggest drive of the game. The big play of the drive was a 30-yard Manning pass to Aaron Heyden to the USC 44-yard line. Eight plays later, the Vols scored on a one-yard pass from Manning to Stewart.

USC's offense began to click as their next possession covered 65 yards in 14 plays. Pritchett scored his second touchdown of the game with a six-yard run.

After the score, Scott dug deep into his bag of tricks. On the ensuing kick off, Marty Simpson lofted the football over the Vols front line of return men and into the arms of Lee Wiggins. The Gamecocks failed to capitalize on the play as Pritchett fumbled two plays later.

Tennessee returned the favor two minutes later as James Stewart coughed up the ball, with defensive end Chris Rumph recovering for the Gamecocks.

Carolina began the drive with the same positive results they had all half, but the drive began to sputter and ended with most Carolina fans exiting the stadium. On fourth and goal, Darrell Nicklow dropped a nine-yard Steve Taneyhill pass in the end zone that would have pulled Carolina within nine before the conversion attempt.

"That's just one play that we needed to come up with. We shouldn't have



VAN HOPE The Gamecock

Just like the ball slipped out of wideout Darrell Nicklow's hands, the Gamecocks dropped their last home game of the season. The Volunteers of Tennessee defeated Carolina, 31-22.

been in that situation on fourth down," Taneyhill said.

The Gamecocks later scored on a 32-yard pass from Taneyhill to Mike Reddick, but the conversion attempt failed. The drive covered 32 yards in nine plays.

The Gamecocks fell to 2-4 at home this season with two games left, both on

the road. The team is off this week before traveling to Gainesville next week to take on the No. 8 Florida Gators.

"It helps us to get two weeks to prepare for Florida," Taneyhill said.

The season will be concluded Nov. 19 as Carolina travels upstate to take on arch-rival Clemson.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 25

The Top 25 in the Associated Press college football poll with ranking in previous poll.

1. Nebraska (3)
2. Penn State (1)
3. Auburn (4)
4. Florida (5)
5. Miami (6)
6. Alabama (8)
7. Colorado (2)
8. Florida State (9)
9. Utah (12)
10. Syracuse (14)
11. Texas A&M (7)
12. Washington (15)
13. Virginia (18)
14. Colorado State (17)
15. Kansas State (23)
16. Washington State (22)
17. Virginia Tech (13)
18. Arizona (11)
19. North Carolina (24)
20. Michigan (10)
21. Oregon (nr)
22. Southern Cal (25)
23. Duke (16)
24. Mississippi State (nr)
25. Brigham Young (20)

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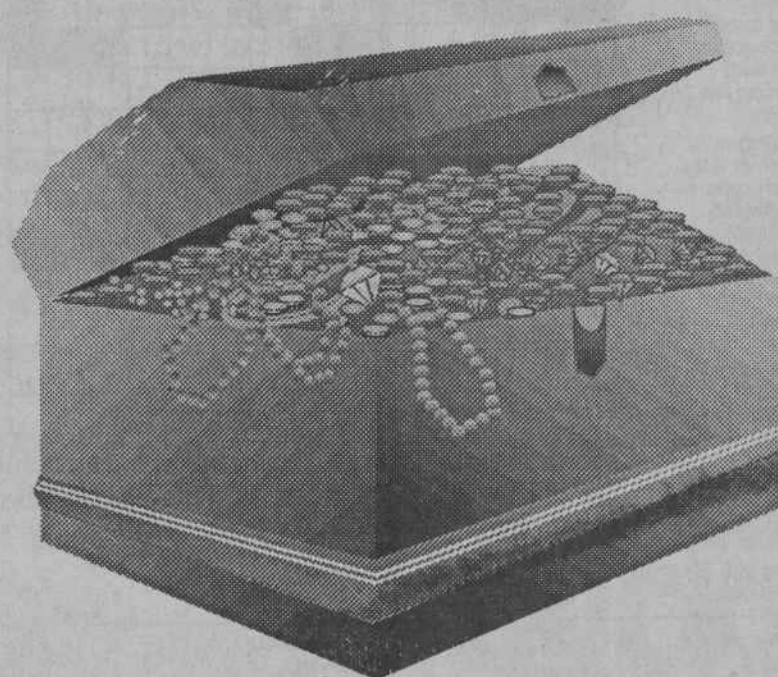
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