

## SPORTSLOOK

## GOLF

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates—Fred Couples became the first American to win the Dubai Desert Classic, shooting a six-under-par 66 Sunday for a three-stroke margin over Scotland's Colin Montgomerie.

Couples, who earned \$112,500, had a 20-under 268 total on the Emirates course. Montgomerie shot a 69 to finish a stroke ahead of Zimbabwe's Nick Price (68), Australia's Wayne Riley (67) and New Zealand's Michael Campbell (67).

## SKIING

WENGEN, Switzerland—Italian star Alberto Tomba won his seventh consecutive World Cup slalom Sunday, beating Switzerland's Michael von Gruenigen by 1.32 seconds.

Tomba, who also has won two giant slaloms, leads the overall standings with 950 points, 400 more than Luxembourg's Marc Girardelli.

In Saturday's Lauberhorn downhill, Kyle Rasmussen of Angel's Camp, Calif., edged Austria's Werner Franz by 0.08 seconds for his first World Cup victory.

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy—Picabo Street of Sun Valley, Idaho, beat Barbara Merlin of Italy by 0.46 seconds Sunday for her second World Cup downhill victory of the season.

Germany's Katja Seizinger was third and leads Switzerland's Heidi Zeller-Baehler 763-703 in the overall standings.

LAC BEAUPORT, Quebec—Trace Worthington of Park City, Utah, scored 230.13 points Sunday to win a World Cup aerials meet. Nikki Stone of Westborough, Mass., won the women's competition with 165.48 points.

## FOOTBALL

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—The Carolina Panthers scheduled a news conference today to announce Pittsburgh defensive coordinator Dom Capers as their coach.

The Panthers were allowed to sign Capers once a moratorium imposed by NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue ended Friday night. Tagliabue fined the Panthers \$150,000 and stripped them of two supplemental draft picks for contacting Capers prior to the completion of the Steelers' season.

MOBILE, Ala.—North Carolina's Mike Morton scored on a 47-yard interception return in the South's 14-7 victory Saturday in the Senior Bowl.

Penn State's Kerry Collins had the best day of the big-name quarterbacks, completing 21 of 43 attempts for 226 yards for the North. Alcorn State's Steve McNair completed eight of 19 passes for 88 yards for the South.

## BASEBALL

OAKLAND, Calif.—The owners of the Oakland Athletics are close to completing a deal to sell the team for \$85 million, club President Wally Haas told the San Francisco Chronicle. The prospective buyers were identified as Steve Schott and Ken Hoffman.

## BASKETBALL

RALEIGH, N.C.—Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, recovering from back surgery and exhaustion, will not coach again this season.

Athletics director Tom Butters said Sunday that Krzyzewski, who has led the Blue Devils to seven Final Fours and two national championships, will return for the 1995-96 season.

## The Bird gives you more sports coverage in '95



RYAN WILSON  
Point Blank

Hey sports fans, and welcome to the premiere Point Blank for 1995. Whether you realize it, The Gamecock made history last week by publishing four days. That's right! We've been hyping up this four-day-a-week nonsense over the past two months, and we actually followed through with our claim. The extra day will give the Gamecock sports staff more than ample room to give a more complete picture of Gamecock athletics and the world of sports.

What can the average Carolina student expect from the four-day schedule, and what four days will The Gamecock be available? Well, that's a great question and one I'm more than happy to answer. The Gamecock will be published Tuesday through Friday each week. I admit this puts a damper on our weekend sports coverage, but you can't have your cake and eat it too.

But on a more serious note, The Gamecock sports

staff, of which I'm now a full-fledged editor—it's scary the people they allow to have power at this school—is really looking forward to the extra sports coverage we can provide the student body. Our devoted fans can still expect all of the things that made the sports section the first place to turn when they pick up the paper.

The Sports Look column, which became the place to get USC and national sports briefs, is still here and will be found every day somewhere in the sports section. Also, as with the football poll we published weekly in the fall, expect a men's basketball top 25 every Tuesday, along with some of the other national polls we get our hands on. (Huh, huh, you said poll.)

Another staple of our section has become the work of our three major sports columnists, Sports Editor Jimmy DeButts, Assistant Sports Editor Larry Williams and myself. I can honestly say that each of us has our own unique view on the sports world, and each column will provide some interesting reading.

The most important thing we can provide this year is broader sports coverage. I have learned many things this year working with USC athletics, and the biggest thing I have learned is there are hundreds of athletes on this campus that don't get any recognition for the

work they do. These are the athletes who get lost in the crowd or the ones you have in your classes and don't realize it, i.e., the Brett Murrays and the Kerry Fraases. Expect a lot of features on these athletes. Trust me, they're just as human as anybody else.

Another thing we have overlooked in the past is the way we package our section. Our design editor, Greg Perez, whose work with the Etc. section has heads turning, has offered his services to give our section a better overall attractiveness.

Our overall presentation is also affected by the graphics we use. Ethan Myerson and Ryan Sims will handle our graphics chores. Expect box scores for games and graphics of upcoming events, and for those who enjoy college hoops as much as I do, expect a good-sized graphic of the 64-team NCAA tourney.

In closing, I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming semester of Gamecock sports. We have been putting in long hours perfecting our section, but there is still much more we can do. We are still looking for writers to help us with the task. There are many advantages to being on the GS staff, so if you're interested come by our office on the third floor of the Russell House. You'll be glad you did.

## Bud Light Daredevils to perform at USC

## Staff Reports

The Bud Light Daredevils, the most unique slam-dunk act in the country, will perform at 7 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Coliseum.

The Daredevils pack high-velocity trampoline dunks, breath-taking flips, amazing acrobatics and comedy antics into an exhilarating eight-minute halftime show.

Renowned sportscaster George Michael said, "When it's halftime, it's Daredevil

time. They are the best group of high-flying, hard-slammung basketball stars ever to take the court. They are the ultimate in the world, Phi Slamma Jamma."

This year's act includes several new slam dunks with all-time crowd favorites. The Daredevils' high-energy act and breathtaking acrobatics have pleased more than 5-million fans during a 15-year touring history.

The Daredevils has entertained audiences at more than

280 colleges and collegiate tournaments across the United States, nearly every NBA team and 22 Continental Basketball Association teams. The team tours extensively internationally, having made appearances in more than 68 cities in 17 foreign countries.

During the 1994-95 season, two Daredevils teams are touring and will be performing at about 150 national and international events in front of more than 1 million fans. Highlighted by several

gravity-defying stunts, this year's halftime show will include comedy routines choreographed to popular music selections. In addition, dunks such as Sam Over Board, Cliffe Hanger and all-time crowd favorite Behind the Back will be performed.

The Daredevils was formed in 1980 when the team members combined their precision gymnastics and ball-handling skills while cheerleading at the University of Mississippi.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOP 25

The Top 25 in the Associated Press college basketball poll. Teams are listed with their ranking in previous poll.

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| 1. Massachusetts (1)      |
| 2. Connecticut (2)        |
| 3. North Carolina (3)     |
| 4. UCLA (4)               |
| 5. Kentucky (5)           |
| 6. Syracuse (6)           |
| 7. Kansas (7)             |
| 8. Maryland (8)           |
| 9. Arkansas (9)           |
| 10. Michigan State (12)   |
| 11. Iowa State (14)       |
| 12. Arizona (11)          |
| 13. Arizona State (13)    |
| 14. Georgetown (10)       |
| 15. Virginia (19)         |
| 16. Wake Forest (15)      |
| 17. Stanford (21)         |
| 18. Oregon (17)           |
| 19. Cincinnati (23)       |
| 20. Missouri (16)         |
| 21. Georgia Tech (22)     |
| 22. Villanova (nr)        |
| 23. Florida (24)          |
| 24. New Mexico State (19) |
| 25. Oklahoma (nr)         |

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