

SPORTS LOOK

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NEW YORK — The Atlantic 10 announced Thursday that Virginia Tech, Dayton and La Salle have joined the conference.

A source involved in the expansion said the three schools will begin play next season along with two other new members: Xavier, Ohio and Fordham. The additions will give the conference 12 members.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — The NCAA football rules committee has recommended that a tiebreaker system be used in football bowl games beginning next season.

Each team gets one possession, starting on the opponent's 25. A possession ends when a team scores, commits a turnover or fails to convert on fourth down. The game ends when the score is no longer tied at the end of an overtime period.

Final approval for the tiebreaker is up to the NCAA executive committee, which will probably meet in May.

In other action, the committee voted to prohibit players from removing their helmets on the field and to eject players after two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Oregon coach Rich Brooks says it's up to the NFL Rams to make the next move if they want him to be their next football coach.

Brooks, who in 1994 guided Oregon to its first Rose Bowl appearance in 37 years, confirmed he's been interviewed twice by Rams officials.

TENNIS

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Third-seeded Jim Courier easily handled Steve Campbell in the first round of the San Jose Open. Second-seeded Michael Chang, who has won this

tournament twice, and No. 5 Mali-Vai Washington won second-round matches.

CHICAGO — Second-seeded Gabriela Sabatini beat Marketa Kochta to advance to the quarterfinals of the Ameritech Cup.

In other second-round matches, No. 6 Lori McNeil lost to Laurence Courtois, and No. 5 Amy Frazier and No. 7 Zina Garrison-Jackson were winners.

In the last first-round match, Pam Shriver rallied past Linda Harvey-Wild for her first victory in seven matches since the opening round of the U.S. Open in September.

SOCCER

MILAN, Italy — AC Milan, its fans eerily silent in the first half in respect for a killing that has shaken the nation, captured the European Super Cup by defeating Arsenal 2-0.

It was the first soccer game played in Italy since the Jan. 29 stabbing death of a fan. Milan's fans didn't cheer or wave flags during the first half in a show of respect for the Genoa fan stabbed to death during a brawl between rival groups. The fans chanted and applauded in the second half.

FIGURE SKATING

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Scott Davis and Todd Eldredge, each seeking a third U.S. Figure Skating Championships men's crown, were separated by nothing more than a slight misstep in the short program. The long program, worth two-thirds the total score, is Saturday.

Also, 1993 U.S. champions Renee Roca and Gorsha Sur added a first-place finish in the original dance to their win in compulsories. They were in front of defending champions Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow heading into Friday's free dance.

Depth strengthens track and field teams

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USC track and field coach Greg Kraft said this year's team has more depth than any other in his six seasons at Carolina.

"We are coming off a good season last year," Kraft said. "The team has made significant improvements."

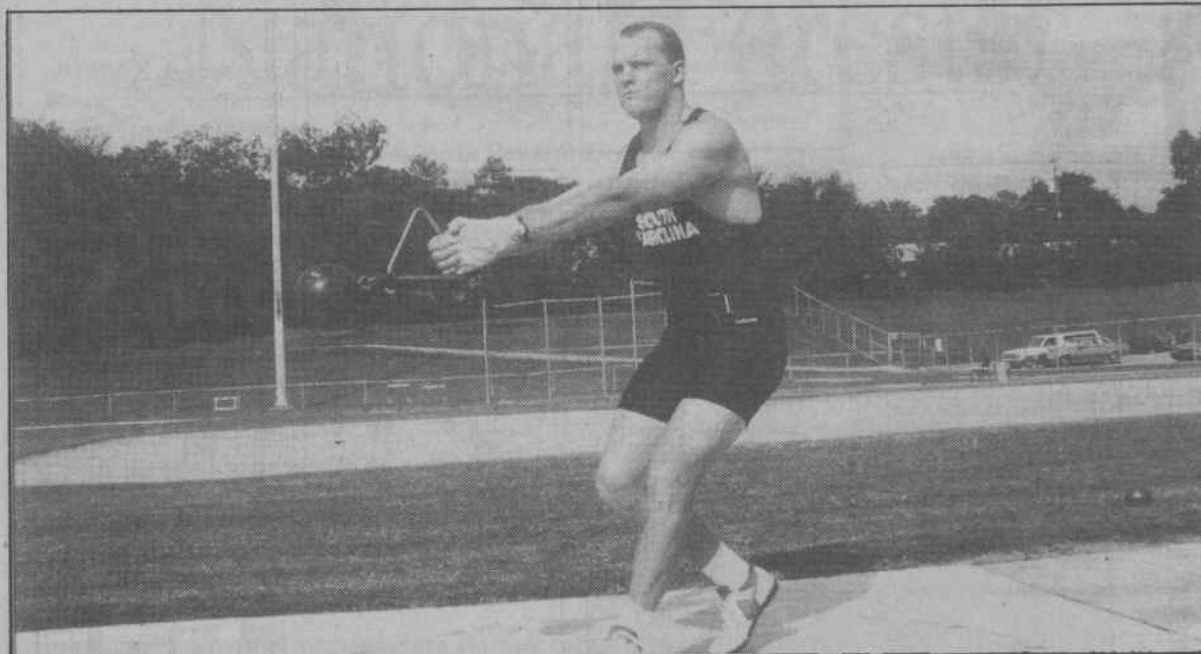
He said the Gamecocks have a balanced middle-distance team, strong throwers and hurdles team. Kraft is looking to Lisa Misipeka, Marcia Chmura and Crystal Brownlee to lead the women's team as it approaches the SEC Indoor Championships Feb. 25-26.

Kraft is looking to Julie Symonds to give the team points at the conference championships. Symonds has the best mark in the high jump this year for USC. She jumped 5-7 1/4 Jan. 29.

Misipeka has the top throw for Carolina in the shot put. Her best throw this season was 50-3/4 on Saturday. She also has the best throw in the 20-pound weight. She threw 58-6 Jan. 29.

"We have good quality, but we are inexperienced," Kraft said. "Our strength lies in our throwers: Lisa, Marcia and Crystal."

Chmura is second behind Misipeka in the shot put and the 20-pound weight. Her best throw in the shot put this season was 44-5 1/2 Saturday. She also threw the 20-pound weight 49-8 1/2 Saturday.



Brett Murray has the best throw for the Gamecocks in the 35-pound weight this season at 67-10 3/4. Coach Greg Kraft looks to Murray to lead USC to success at the SEC Championships.

Brett Murray and Marcus Phillips have been the leaders on the men's squad this season. Murray has the team's best shot put mark this season with a Jan. 22 throw of 52-1. He also has the top throw in the 35-pound weight class at 67-10 3/4

on Feb. 4.

Phillips has the Gamecocks' best time this season in the 400 meter dash at 49.40. His time of 1:41.07 in the 600 meter dash Dec. 9 is also a team best.

Kraft wants the team to continue to

improve, but he said it will take time.

"I think we're a year away from bettering last year's fifth-place finish in the conference," he said. "I look to Brett Murray and Frank Mansah to lead USC to improvement at the SEC Championships."

Volleyball team gains four new players for '95 campaign

Staff Reports

The USC volleyball team announced Thursday the signing of three high school players to a national letter of intent for the 1995 fall season.

In addition to these three players, the Lady Gamecocks have added a transfer from the University of Texas-Arlington to next year's team.

Ashley Edlund of Portage, Mich., Dee Dee Fortman of Kansas City, Mo., and Cindy Robarge of Columbia, along with transfer Lyndy Stevens, will join the 1995-96 Lady Gamecock volleyball team, rebuilding USC's roster in the middle blocker and setter positions.

Edlund, a 5-8 setter from Portage Northern High School, is trying to help her high school team capture its fourth straight state championship. Besides lettering in volleyball for four years, she also has lettered in basketball for two years.

"Ashley will bring tremendous knowledge in the setters position," coach Kim Hudson said. "She is experienced in running a fast complicated offense and is trained by one of the best coaches, Jack Magellson, in the nation."

Fortman, a 5-9 middle blocker from Park Hill High School, is an all-around athlete who also will participate in track and in the triple and long jumps for USC next year. Lettering in volleyball three years, she has been named to the All-Conference and All-District teams all three years. She also was named All-Metro and All-State First Team her junior year and All-State and All-Metro Second Team both her sophomore and senior years.

"Dee Dee is an exceptional athlete with great quickness and great jumping ability," Hudson said. "She has a fast armswing and puts a good hand on the ball." Robarge, a 5-10 middle blocker from Spring Valley High School, is the first S.C. native on the volleyball team since 1986. In her career at Spring Valley, she has been named All-Area, All-State and Player of the Year for the 4A Region. She also was named MVP for the Regional Championships.

"Cindy is a big, strong blocker and attacker," Hudson said. "She loves to hit the ball hard, and she will add strength to our offense. Cindy is our first South Carolina athlete, coming from an outstanding high school program coached by Candy Watson."

Stevens, a 5-11 junior middle blocker, is coach Hud-

son's second transfer since arriving at USC in 1993. Last season at UTA, she finished the season with 244 kills in 599 attempts, hitting .219. She was also second on the team in total blocks, collecting 81 her sophomore season.

Against Oral Roberts this season, she collected 10 blocks and 11 kills for her season-high record in blocks. In the North Texas game, she posted a season-high 19 kills.

"Lyndy is a smooth athlete that brings maturity and experience into our program," Hudson said. "She adds depth in the middle blockers position, which will give us the flexibility to run various offenses."

Last season, the Lady Gamecocks posted their best season since 1984, advancing to the National Invitational Volleyball Championships with a 24-10 overall record and 8-6 in the SEC. USC also upset No. 11 Florida at home, breaking the Gators' 49-game SEC winning streak.

"We feel the players we have brought in will complement our current team," Hudson said. "The new players are dynamic athletes and will add strength and depth to our building program."

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