

SPORTS LOOK

NCAA Basketball

■ **TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)** — Arizona guard Damon Stoudamire was cleared to play in Thursday's NCAA tournament opener, the university announced.

The NCAA found Stoudamire violated a rule because his father accepted an airline ticket from an agent and ordered the player suspended for a game. That suspension was served Saturday against Arizona State.

Teammate Ben Davis remained ineligible under a separate violation.

■ **MADISON, Wis. (AP)** — Wisconsin coach Stan Van Gundy was fired after directing the Badgers to a 13-14 record in his only season.

Van Gundy, 35, took over the team when Stu Jackson left to become general manager of the NBA's expansion Vancouver Grizzlies. Van Gundy had four years left on his contract.

NHL

■ **EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)** — New Jersey acquired defenseman Shawn Chambers and right Danton Cole from Tampa Bay for center Alexander Semak and right wing Ben Hankinson.

USC Tennis

■ The South Carolina women's tennis team improved to 11-1, defeating Texas Christian University 6-0, Wednesday afternoon at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Stadium. Meanwhile, Louisiana State University improved to 9-0 with a 6-1 win over the Gamecock men's tennis team.

Junior Heather Green won her 12th consecutive singles match, 6-2, 6-1, over TCU's Deidre Walsh. Victoria Davies, Tracy Kotseos and Sophie Ljucovic also posted straight set wins for the Lady Gamecocks. Freshman Karolina Bulat won 12 consecutive games after losing the first set to TCU's Coryn Wilken. Bulat registered her 10th win of the season by a 4-6, 6-0, 6-0 score.

The LSU Tigers, off to their best start since 1988, swept all three dou-

bles contests to earn the match's first point. Tiger sophomore Pedro Braga clinched the match with a 7-6, 6-3 win over Jimmy Panagopoulos at No. 2 singles. Maxsy Jimenez captured the Gamecocks lone win with a 7-6, 7-5 victory over Gus Fernandes. Jimenez improved to 24-4 overall and 7-3 in the SEC.

The Lady Gamecocks play host to Texas A&M tomorrow at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center at 1 p.m. The South Carolina men face 16th-ranked Kentucky, Saturday, Mar. 18, at Sam Daniels Tennis Center in a 2 p.m. starting time.

USC Football

■ Tickets to USC's annual Spring Football game are on sale at the Athletics Ticket Office. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$2 for non-USC students. Carolina students will be admitted free with a valid student ID.

The Spring Game is set for Saturday April 1 at 1 p.m. at Williams-Brice Stadium.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL TOP 25

The Top 25 in the USA Today/National Softball Coaches Association poll.

1. Arizona
2. UCLA
3. Fresno State
4. UNLV
5. Cal State-Fullerton
6. California
7. Cal State-Northridge
8. Michigan
9. Florida State
10. Hawaii
11. South Carolina
12. Nebraska
13. Cal State-Sacramento
14. Missouri
15. Oklahoma State
16. Kansas
17. CP-San Luis Obispo
18. Southwestern Louisiana
19. Illinois-Chicago
20. Texas A&M
21. Nicholls State
22. Notre Dame
23. Washington
24. Oklahoma
25. Virginia

Gamecock Graphics

Stegall's double powers Gamecocks past Paladins

ROBBIE MEEK Staff Writer

Randy Stegall hit a bases-loaded double in the bottom of the ninth to score two runs and give the Carolina baseball team a 6-5 win over the Furman Paladins Wednesday night at Sarge Frye Field.

The Paladins got on the board first in the top of the first with one run. Then the Gamecocks evened the score in the bottom of the first as Mark Mapes scored the first run for USC. Mapes' single in the first continued his 12-game hitting streak.

The Paladins then had their biggest inning of the game as they scored three runs in the top of the third to take a 4-1 lead.

The Paladins then increased the score to 5-1 in the fifth.

Carolina's rally started in the bottom of the fifth. Ryan Bordenick drove

in Craig Dour with a double. Mike Dezenzo then hit a triple to score Bordenick. Dezenzo scored on a wild pitch to end the inning's scoring. Furman still held the lead 5-4.

Watson then replaced Jason Heynie on the mound for the Gamecocks. Watson was the winning pitcher as he pitched four innings with no hits and three strikeouts.

USC went into the ninth down by five. With one out and two runners on base, the Paladins intentionally walked Urquhart to load the bases. Stegall then hit a double to drive in two runs to give the Gamecocks the lead 6-5.

"I was taking it on myself to win the game," Stegall said. "They were expecting the double play, and they didn't get it."

Carolina (13-7) will play their next game at home against Butler at 7 p.m. Friday.



CHUCK GRIFFITH The Gamecock
USC third baseman Craig Dour scored a run in the Gamecocks 6-5 victory over Furman. The Gamecocks won the game on a bases-loaded ninth-inning double by Randy Stegall.

USC vs FURMAN - BASEBALL

| FU | AB | R | H | RBI | USC | AB | R | H | RBI |
|--------------|----|---|---|-----|-------------|----|---|---|-----|
| Bissinger 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Dezenzo rf | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Martz ss | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | Urquhart cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Placko lf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Stegall 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Morrill 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Mapes lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Rhine dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Pacitti 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Leibach rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Baksh ph/1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Walsh 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Ross dh | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gluckman c | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Reynolds ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ballew cf | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | Dour 3b | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Jordan p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bordenick c | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Weikle p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Szwejbka ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bland p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Hucks ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | Beumont pr | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Alberty ends whirlwind tour with NCAA Championships

Staff Reports

USC senior All-American diver Vivian Alberty, finished seventh on the three-meter board in the Pan American Games being held in Mar del Plata Argentina Tuesday. And that is only part of the story.

Alberty won the one-meter board at the SEC Championships Feb. 24, before injuring her shoulder on the 10-meter platform the next day. She then had to sit out 10 days with her arm in a sling.

Alberty recovered and went on to win the one-meter board at the NCAA Zone Three Championship last weekend at the University of Kentucky, placing eighth on the three-meter board. This qualified her for the NCAA Champi-

onships to be held today and Friday in Austin Texas.

Immediately after the Zone Diving meet, she flew (alone, without any coach) to Argentina for the Pan American games as part of Puerto Rico's team. Alberty had to compete at the Pan American Games as one of the meets she will need in order to qualify for the 1996 Puerto Rican Olympic team. She was told by Puerto Rico that she had to finish in the top eight of each competition and is considered a favorite to make the Puerto Rican Olympic team next year.

At the NCAA Swimming and Div-



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ing Championships in Austin, Texas she will compete on the one-meter board today, with the three-meter board competition Friday.

"My goal the last two years has been to win the one-meter board at the NCAA's, and even with the injury and all the travel, I think I have a good shot," said Al-

berty.

"For Vivian to fly to Argentina right after the Zones and right back to NCAAAs is a tribute to the type of student-athlete she is," said Todd Sherritt, USC diving coach. "Her performance this past weekend is just a continuation of all the excellent things she has done the past two years."

Alberty is Carolina's only two-time SEC champion for the women, winning the one-meter board in 1994 and 1995. She also placed eighth at the World Championships in Rome last August.

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