

## Ellerbe throws weight record distance



BRYAN JOHNSTON The Gamecock

Senior All-American and Olympian Dawn Ellerbe gets wound up to throw her 20lb. weight. This throw ended up at 71' 3 1/4" to set the American record that she already had set at a previous meet.

Senior All-American Dawn Ellerbe broke her own American record in the 20lb. weight throw. Her toss of 71' 3 1/2 is also the unofficial World record.

Ellerbe became the only athlete in the country to throw over 70' in the event.

In the shot put, Ellerbe finished second with an NCAA Indoor Championship automatic qualifying mark of 53' 3 1/2". Her throw was a personal best by two feet.

All American Lisa Mispaka finished second in the 20lb. weight with a toss of 64' 3 1/4". Crystal Brownlee gave the Lady Gamecocks a sweep of the event with a third place toss of 58' 2 1/2".

Brownlee, an All-American and NCAA Indoor Championship automatic qualifier in the shot put and the weight, won the shot put on a personal best toss

of 55' 4 3/4". Mispaka gave the Lady Gamecocks their second sweep of the day with a personal best throw of 52' 5 1/2".

"Today was a warm-up for our ladies," throws coach Larry Judge said. "Everybody throws well today, and this prepares us for the SEC Championships, where our goals will be to sweep all of the throwing events."

Senior Deanna Smith won the 400 meters with a time of 1:00.02.

Two freshmen picked up first place finished for the Lady Gamecocks.

Joyce Poebles won the 800 meters with a time of 2:27.12 and Rodena Barr won the 55 meters with a time of 7.11.

Rhody Williams finished third in the 55 meters with a time of 7.21.

Williams won the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 8.32.

Kevin Mannon and Ryan Harrison both set personal bests in the 35lb. weight throw.

Mannon won the event with an NCAA Championships automatic qualifying toss of 68' 8 1/2". Mannon is the only athlete in the country with an automatic qualifying mark.

Harrison finished second with a toss of 67' 3 1/4". Mannon and Harrison's throws give them the two best throws in the country this year.

Mannon also won the shot put with a toss of 63'.

Brad Snyder was second at 61' 3", and Jeff Shalayda finished third with a personal best toss of 60' 8 1/2" to give the Gamecocks a sweep of the event.

All-American Corey Bridges won the 55 meter dash with a time of 6.29.

Jamall Williams finished second in the event with a time of 6.41.

freshman Pat Tvarunas and Micheal Lamier finished 1-2 in the pole vault

## Arkansas comes to town to stop hoops momentum before national television

LARRY WILLIAMS Senior Writer

It continues to get bigger for the University of South Carolina men's basketball team.

After losing to Georgia and rebounding with a stirring 97-83 victory at No. 8 Cincinnati during last week's two-game road trip, the Gamecocks (18-6, 11-1 SEC) will be looking to win for the 14th time in 15 tries when they take on the Arkansas Razorbacks (14-8, 7-5 SEC) Tuesday.

The game, which has a 9:30 p.m. start, is being televised nationally by ESPN. USC will be hoping to end a five-game losing streak to the Razorbacks.

With their 77-74 loss to Georgia Feb. 12 — one that halted their winning streak at 12 — the Gamecocks' lead over Kentucky in the SEC East was reduced to one-and-a-half games.

With the Wildcats' 85-56 win over Florida Saturday, USC's lead was reduced to one game.

In their dramatic win over the Bearcats Saturday, the Gamecocks blistered the nets for a school-record 15 3-pointers. Senior guard Larry Davis scored a game-high 32 points, while sophomore guard BJ McKie scored 25 points.

Arkansas defeated the Georgia Bulldogs 78-74 Saturday. Glendon Alexander scored eight points late in the first half, and he and Pat Bradley made seven big free throws in the final 1:04 as Arkansas survived some long-range shooting by Georgia's Derrick Dukes.

The Razorbacks led by 15 at the half and by 11 with 3:30 to play. But Dukes hit three 3-pointers in the final 2:46 as Georgia (18-6, 7-5 SEC) closed to 76-72 with 48 seconds to play — the closest the Bulldogs had been since the opening minute.

Nicky Davis, a former Richland Northeast star, missed two free throws and Ray Harrison made two of his own to cut it to 76-64 with 35 seconds remaining. Bradley, who had made 19 straight free throws, missed one and made the second with 24 seconds left.

Michael Chadwick missed a 3-pointer with less than 10 seconds to play, and Ali Thompson tied up the rebound.

The possession error was in Arkansas' favor and Bradley added two free throws with 5.7 seconds to play.

The Razorbacks haven't been able to get on track this season, having endured losses to Oral Roberts, Florida, and Ole Miss (twice). When the Razorbacks traveled to Cincinnati Jan. 18 to take on the Bearcats, they were throttled 92-57.

On Jan. 26, they were beaten at home 83-73 by Kentucky.

Offensively, the Razorbacks can present problems for USC. Their 82.1 points per game average ranks second in the SEC behind Kentucky. Their 46.3 field goal percentage is also second to the Wildcats.

Defensively, Arkansas is struggling, ranking 11th in the SEC in scoring defense with a 72 points

per game clip.

Last year when these two teams met at Bud Walton Arena in Fayetteville, the Razorbacks dominated the Gamecocks 81-69. The Razorbacks' Kareem Reid, a 26 percent 3-point shooter coming into the game, nailed three treys in the game's first two minutes as the Razorbacks never trailed.

Arkansas, which won its fifth-straight game with the win over the Gamecocks, opened the game on an 8-0 run and led 11-3 after Reid made his third 3-pointer with just 3:16 gone.

USC closed the margin to four at 11-7, but the Razorbacks went on an 18-5 run and led 29-12 after a Darnell Robinson layup at 6:56. USC cut the lead to 11, but Arkansas again led by 17 (41-24) at intermission.

The Razorbacks quickly upped the lead to 45-24 after a Sunday Adebayo layup, but Carolina outscored Arkansas 15-5 and closed to within 50-39 at 13:06 on a BJ McKie 3-pointer.

That was as close as the Gamecocks would get. McKie tied his career high with 24 points, nailing 5-8 treys, while Melvin Watson had 15 points and Larry Davis scored 12.

Reid led the Razorbacks with 22 points.

Notes: Tuesday's game is sold out. USC's next game is Thursday at The Citadel. Tip-off is 7 p.m.

### STAFF REPORTS

The University of South Carolina's track and field teams hosted the Carolina Indoor Open today in the Indoor Facility. The men's team is ranked No. 3 and the women's team is tied for No. 5.

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## RELIGIOUS AWARENESS DAYS AT USC

February 18-25

- Tues. 18 12:30-12:45pm Mid-day Prayer in the Muslim tradition. Russell House, Room 303.
- 7:00 pm "God In Three Acts." A one-man dramatic presentation of religious and moral themes to expand the spirit and heart. Norman Dietz. Rutledge Chapel
- Wed. 19 12:30-12:45pm Mid-day Prayer in the Hindu tradition. Russell House, Room 303.
- Thurs. 20 12:30-12:45pm Mid-day Prayer in the Orthodox Christian tradition. Russell House, Room 303.
- Fri. 21 12:30-1:30pm "Spiritual and Healing." Lunch and program for faculty and staff, Thomas More Center. (Lunch \$2. Call number below for reservations)
- Sat. 22 2:00-8:30pm Partners in Dialogue. "The Journey Towards Wholeness: Interfaith Efforts to Overcome Racism," Gambrell Hall Auditorium.
- Sun. 23 2:00-8:30pm Partners in Dialogue (continued)
- Mon. 24 12:30-12:45pm Mid-day Prayer in the Jewish tradition. Russell House, Room 303.
- Tues. 25 7:30am President's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. Russell House Ballroom. (Tickets \$2 available at Russell House Information Desk)
- 8:45-9:45am "God Goes to College: Religion and Values in Higher Education." Dr. William Willimon, Dean of the Chapel, Duke University, Russell House Theatre.
- 12:30-12:45pm Mid-day Prayer in the Baha'i tradition. Russell House, Room 303.

Sponsored by Carolina Chaplains' Association, USC Inter-faith Council, Office of the President, Student Affairs, Department of Religious Studies, and Partners in Dialogue. For more information call 799-7363 or 799-3854

## CAROLINA vs. ARKANSAS

Probable Starting LINEUPS

William Gallman #20 6-7 So.	BJ McKie #3 6-2 So.	Glendon Alexander #4 6-5 Fr.	Derek Hood #55 6-8 So.
Melvin Watson #10 6-2 Jr.		Pat Bradley #22 6-2 So.	
Ryan Stack #54 6-11 Jr.	Larry Davis #4 6-3 Sr.	Kareem Reid #2 5-10 So.	Lee Wilson #33 6-11 Sr.

## KEYS TO BEATING ARKANSAS

- Break Their Press:** They don't press as much as they did a few years ago, but they still do it and guard Kareem Reid is a great defender.
- Get The Ball Inside:** Against Cincy the Gamecocks got the ball inside to Stack and Johnson and they scored. With that supplementing Davis, McKie, and Watson, the Gamecocks could be unstoppable on offense.
- Get Larry Davis Hot:** With Larry Davis hot from the outside the Gamecocks can not be beat.

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