

**GAMECOCK ATHLETICS**  
FINAL HOME B'BALL GAMES

Womens' Basketball vs. Wofford  
Tonight, 7:03 p.m.  
Frank McGuire Arena

Men's Basketball vs. Vanderbilt  
Wednesday, 8:07 p.m.  
Frank McGuire Arena

Monday, February 24, 1997

The Gamecock

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**BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD**

#6 Duke 69  
#17 UCLA 73  
Florida St. 67  
#8 Clemson 65  
#18 Michigan 58  
Purdue 67

# SPORTS

## Tired Gamecock squad victorious over Tennessee

**CAROLINA 69**  
**TENNESSEE 58**

ACHIM HUNT Sports Editor

Carolina has been on the road enough lately to make Willie Nelson proud. Road trips to Georgia and Cincinnati, a late game at home against Arkansas, then two trips in 40 hours to The Citadel and Tennessee will wear out even the toughest teams.

"Today's game was a test of our endurance to some degree," Head Coach Eddie Fogler said. "This was our third game this week. We really have been on the go here. But yesterday, I could really tell that we were ready to play."

Also take into account that on Friday the Gamecocks team charter was grounded due to mechanical failure. They had to fly three separate small private planes to the game.

"We got a call that our USAir charter was being grounded," Fogler said. "Of all of the charters to get grounded, this was the toughest, most important trip that we have a charter. We had to come in last night for practice, because the shoot around would have been 7 a.m. if we wanted to get onto this court."

"Due to some tremendous individuals in Columbia, we were able to private plane up here yesterday for the game. The weather was bad, and on my plane the co-pilot had to give out the bags because it was going to be a bumpy ride."

The Gamecocks had no problems getting off the ground in the first half

of the game before 13,514 at the Thompson-Boling Arena Saturday.

Junior Ryan Stack scored the first points for the Gamecocks with a lay-up to tie the game early at two.

Then sophomore BJ McKie nailed a driving lay-up and got the foul shot at 17:11 left in the first half to take a 5-2 lead in the ball game. The Gamecocks never fell behind the rest of the game.

The Gamecocks used a 17-2 run in the first six minutes of the game to take a 17-4 lead when junior point guard Melvin Watson hit a three-point shot.

"They are a very tough team to play from behind," Fogler said. "It is very important that you get off comfortably."

The Vols did not die as freshman reserve Vegas Davis came off the bench to provide four quick points, getting the Vols within six points at 17-11. Davis continued to carry the load until the 5:20 mark in the first half when he nailed a three-point shot to make the score 25-18.

The Gamecocks held the lead behind the sharp shooting of Larry Davis who broke the 1,000 point mark for his career in just his second year of playing for the Gamecocks. The senior transfer from North Carolina is just the third Carolina player all-time to reach the 1,000 point mark in his second season.

The two previous were Gamecocks greats John Roach and Grady Wallace.

Tennessee would continue to light up the nets behind the play of sophomore guard Brandon Wharton. Wharton nailed his sixth and ninth points on consecutive Vol possessions

to make the score 31-28.

BJ McKie opened up a little breathing room for the Gamecocks with 1:06 left in the half when he hit a three-point play to give the team a 35-28 advantage.

SEC Freshman of the Year candidate Charles Hathaway ended the first half by scoring a dunk to tighten the score at 35-30.

The Gamecocks, after holding as much as a 13-point lead in the first half, saw their lead shrink to five at the half.

But the Vols came out in the second half as cold as a Whaley's Mill shower. It took them five minutes to score a field goal.

While the Vols were struggling, the Gamecocks took advantage, and the lead reached 45-20 on sophomore William Gallman's dunk with 15:35 left in the game.

The lead stayed at 12 points for most of the second half until Davis hit a three-point shot and was fouled with 7:50 left in the game. He hit the foul shot to give the Gamecocks a 59-44 advantage.

When the lead reached 15, the Gamecocks started to slow down the offense to minimize the number of Vol possessions.

"If we lose the game, then they say 'Whoa coach you really slowed that one down too soon,'" Fogler said. "When you look at how well they play, and how good they are defensively, it's hard to get shots."

"And when you take into account the time and score, with us running the clock, and them not being a fast-

break, three-point shooting team, the odds were greatly in our favor to win with what we did."

Wharton hit a couple of big three-pointers late in the game, but the outcome was inevitable as the Gamecocks pulled away with a 69-58 victory, moving their record to 21-6 overall and 13-1 in the SEC.

The Gamecocks shot 47 percent for the game including 47.1 percent from three-point range. The Gamecocks were outrebounded 37-27 by the Vols and were outscored 9-1 on second chance points.

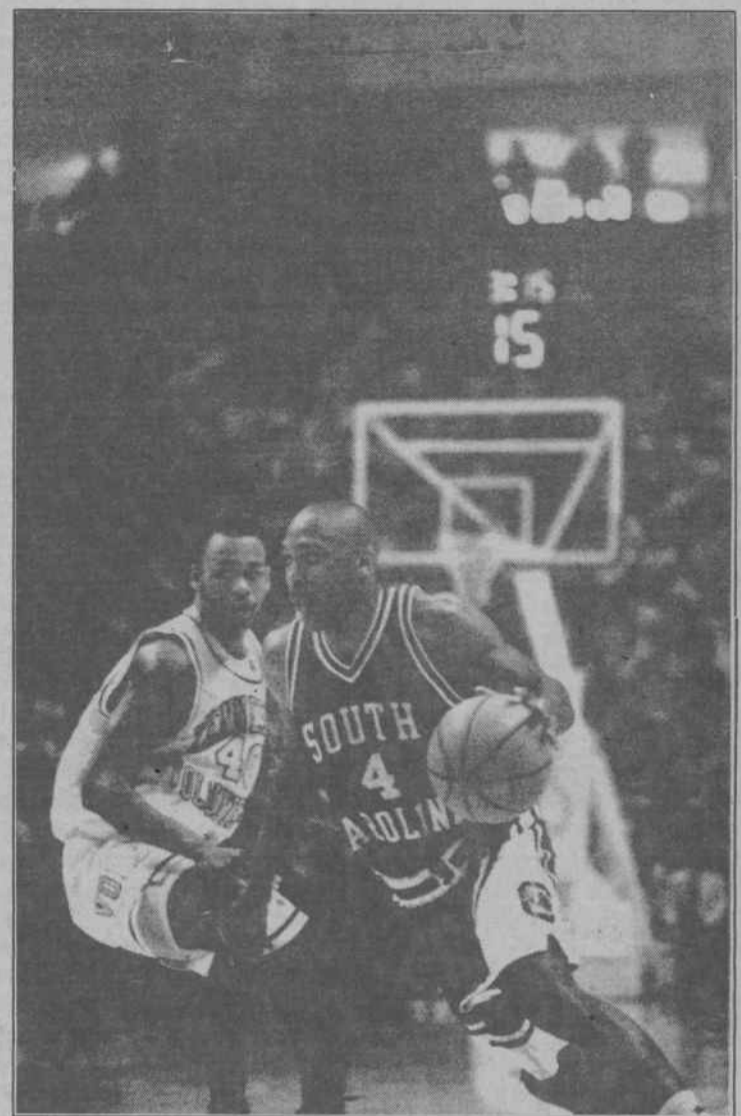
That can be attributed to junior Ryan Stack getting into foul trouble early and never getting going in the game.

It appeared late in the afternoon that Kentucky would lose to Vanderbilt to give the Gamecocks a two-game lead in the SEC. But the Wildcats overcame a 22-point deficit to win the game 82-79.

The Gamecocks now hold a one game lead over the Wildcats with a home game against Vanderbilt Wednesday and a game at Kentucky next Sunday in a nationally televised game.

The Wildcats have a game at Tennessee on Tuesday night and on Sunday against the Gamecocks.

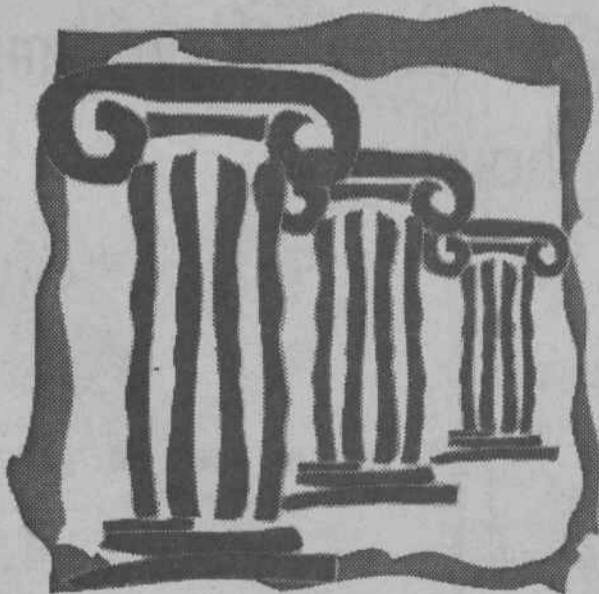
"We are obviously in the NCAA Tournament at this point," Fogler said. "We still have a chance to win a championship in this conference. We have an important game Wednesday night against Vanderbilt, who is playing real well at this point."



BRYAN JOHNSTON The Gamecock  
Senior guard Larry Davis drives to the basket for two of his 19 points Sat. against Tennessee. Davis surpassed 1,000 points in his USC career in only two years since transferring from UNC.

## GREEK WEEK 1997

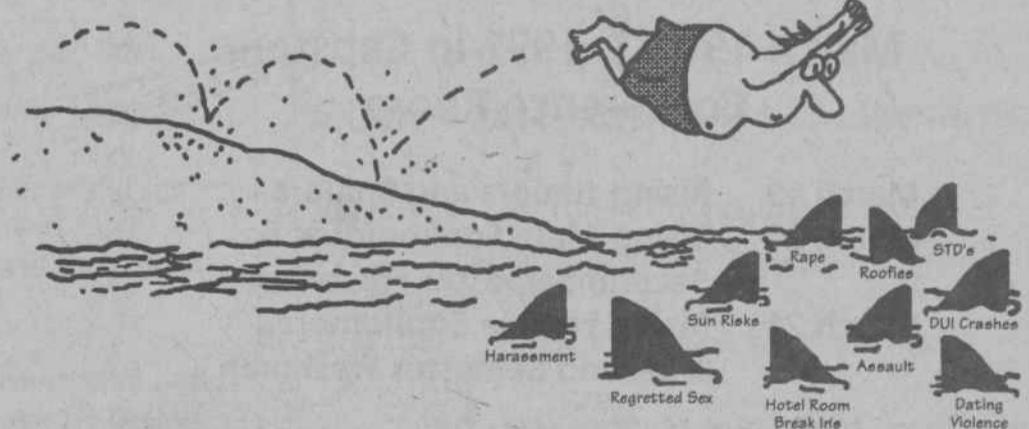
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- Monday, February 24:** \* Banner Contest - Greene St.  
\* Blood Drive - 12-6 South Tower Lobby
- Tuesday, February 25:** \* Food Drive Display - 10-3 Greene St.  
\* Volleyball Tournament - 6-9pm  
Blatt PE Center Gym 306
- Wednesday, February 26:** \* Guest Speaker  
Sharon Whittaker-  
6pm RH Ballroom
- Thursday, February 27:** \* Talent Showcase - 8:30pm  
RH Ballroom
- Friday, February 28:** \* Volleyball Tournament Finals -  
5-9pm Blatt PE Center Gym 306
- Saturday, March 1:** \* Community Service Project,  
"Into the Streets" -  
10am-3pm  
\* Tug-of-War - 4pm, PE Field
- Sunday, March 2:** \* Greek Olympics 2-4:30pm,  
Intramural Field  
\* Order of Omega Awards Banquet,  
7pm, Adam's Mark Hotel

## University of South Carolina SAFE SPRING BREAK WEEK 1997



Watch out for the "SHARKS!"

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Into the Streets  
10 am to 3 pm  
an amazing day of community service for USC students, faculty and staff.  
Registration Deadline: February 25

### MONDAY, MARCH 3

Choose to Live: A Fatal DUI Car Crash Reenactment  
1 pm - Greene St. (In front of the Russell House)  
Police, Fire, EMS and Coroner will all respond to the scene as if this is a real DUI crash.  
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Campus Alcohol Policy Workshop  
2 pm - Russell House Room 301

### MONDAY, MARCH 3

Happy Hour at the Blatt  
5 to 8 pm - Blatt PE Center Lobby  
Refreshments & Spring Break freebies for all!  
Special 8 pm Aerobics Class for USC students free of charge.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Carnival on Greene Street & Mega Twister  
11 am to 3 pm - Greene St. (In front of the Russell House)  
Food, Fun, Games, Miniature Golf, Souvenir Buttons, Information Tables, Spring Break Survival Kits ALL FREE!  
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Actual times, dates or events may change due to funding or programmatic decisions. For additional information, please contact the USC Office of Alcohol & Drug Programs at 777-6666.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Gamecocks vs. VMI Baseball Game  
3 pm - Sarge Frye Field  
Come cheer on the Gamecock Baseball team. Spring Break freebies (while they last) for all USC students.  
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GAMMA Meeting  
Topic: En-CARE (Emergency Nurses Cancel Alcohol-Related Emergencies)  
4 pm - Russell House Room 303  
Refreshments & Spring Break freebies for all!



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