

GAMECOCK ATHLETICS
 Womens' Basketball
 Notre Dame vs. George Washington
 Today, 4:30 p.m.
 Frank McGuire Arena

Baseball vs. The Citadel
 Wednesday, 7 p.m.
 Sarge Frye Field

SPORTS

NCAA TOURNAMENT SCOREBOARD
NCAA Regional Finals EAST
 # 6 Louisville 74
 #1 North Carolina 97

SOUTHEAST
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Monday, March 24, 1997

The Gamecock

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A woman's work is never done

And then there were two...

ADAM SNYDER
 suicide squeeze

There's more to the saying "a woman's work is never done" than traditional stereotypes of an overworked house wife. It's true in all aspects of the female world.

Still after years equal rights fights, women are still discriminated against in the workplace.

In too many instances, they are not given the same opportunities, pay or respect as men.

But when a woman does succeed in the professional world, people do not focus her accomplishments. Instead, they concentrate on the fact that it was a woman who moved her way up the corporate ladder.

Because women still can't get a fair shake in today's world, supporters are reviving the effort to get the equal rights amendment added to the Constitution. On last count, 35 of the necessary 37 states had ratified the amendment.

A bill is being proposed in Congress to push the amendment over the top.

Laws have been passed for women in athletics as well. Title IX was passed over 20 years ago to force colleges and universities to provide equal opportunities for females in athletics.

It was and still is a tough task for athletics departments. Most women's sports, except in extreme circumstances like Hawaii's volleyball team, are subsidized by the men's big three: football, basketball, and baseball.

Until recently, women's and some less popular men's sports were referred to as non-revenue sports, highlighting the emphasis of money in today's college athletics world. Now, in the kinder, more public relations-oriented world of athletics, these money-drainers are referred to as Olympic sports.

The name is obvious: Most of the non-revenue sports are part of the Olympic line up. But thanks to women's success in the summer and winter games, support for women's athletics is growing. And Friday at the Carolina Coliseum, women made great strides.

Not only did Columbia get to see two great games, they were both upsets.

In the first game, George Washington started slow against

the No. 1 seed, North Carolina.

But as the game progressed, so did the Colonials. After a bleak first half, somehow GW was able to tie at halftime. Then it was their game in the second half, sparked by two quick three-point shots by Lisa Cermignano. From there, GW played with all heart on their way to a 55-46 win.

Noelia Gomez led the way early and Tajama Abraham took over in the second half underneath the basket.

They both had 18 points. The Colonials' momentum and adrenaline added the extra spring in their jumps and soft touch to their shots to leave the Tarheels and their heavy legs behind.

In football, the second game would have been a marquee matchup.

The Notre Dame and No. 2 Alabama game proved to be even more exciting in women's basketball terms.

Threes are boring in football, but when Beth Morgan is shooting threes in basketball, that is another story.

Her six 3-point shots and 36 points overall were enough to put Alabama coach Rick Moody in a bad mood. When Morgan had the ball, it was virtually guaranteed the scoreboard would light up.

The lights were bright for the Irish with an 87-71 victory and a ticket to this afternoon's title game with GW.

Saturday was an exciting day for basketball. No, there weren't any slam dunks, no big name sophomores on their way to the pros or big crowds to make the arena a deafening chaos.

There were four teams playing the game they love for no more glory than the chance to be called champions.

There was no showboating (except when North Carolina's Tracy Reid was on the floor).

Unlike the men, ESPN only televises selected games from the Sweet 16 onward. The fans are proud families and a few high school girls that are eyeing their future in basketball.

It is pure basketball for basketball's sake.

I have always liked women's basketball for that reason. Egos are small but hearts are big. That's why more fans should support not only women's basketball but all women's athletics.

The athlete never overshadows the sport she plays, she just makes it better.

Laws can be passed to make gender equality a reality in the way athletic departments work with their programs but it can't change the way people perceive women's sports.

No, they don't get the big headlines, but they should get the big cheers.

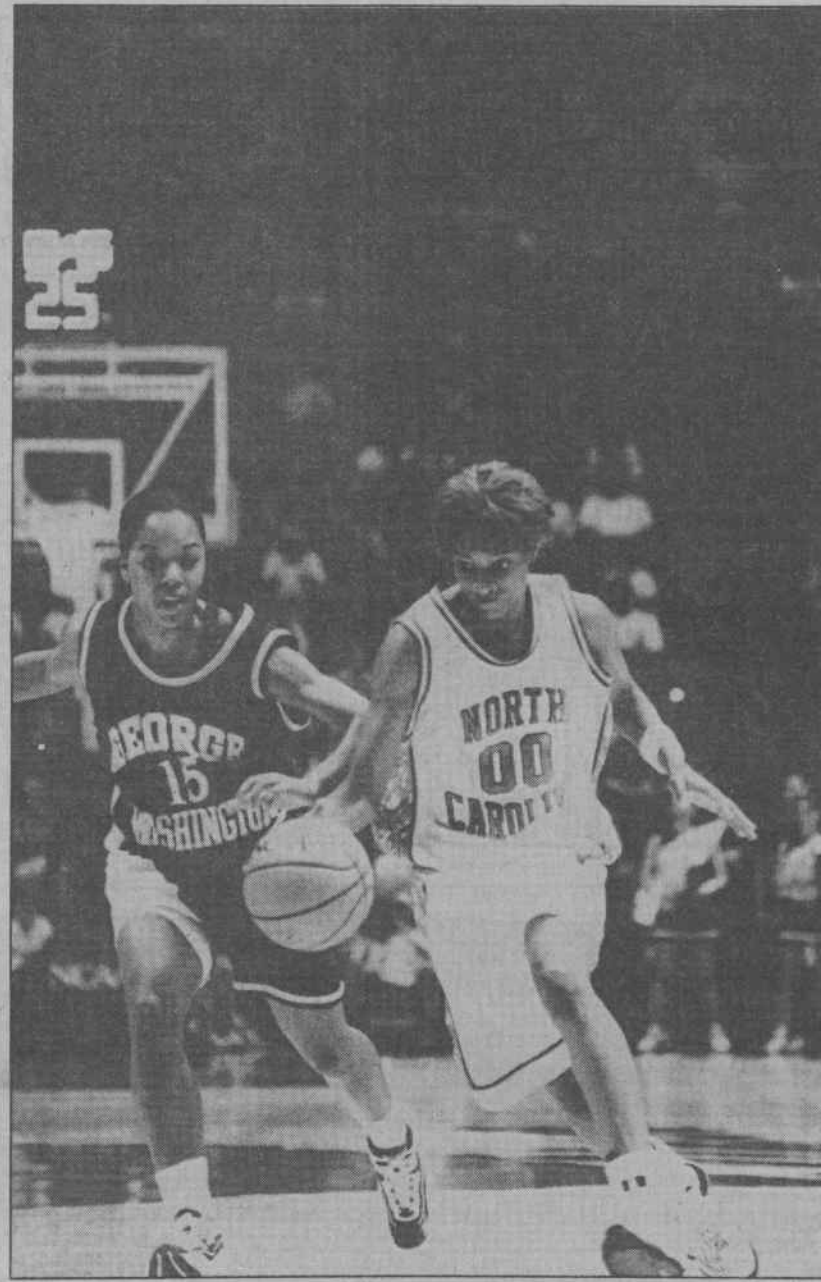
At 4:30 p.m. today, George Washington will try to use their big hearts to stop the big shots of Morgan and Notre Dame.

Both teams have come a long way in the tournament, but not as long of a way as women's athletics has come. Yet, both teams still have a way to go to earn the championship, and unfortunately so does equality in women's athletics.

NCAA Women's East Regional Final

When: Today, 4:30 p.m.
Where: Frank McGuire Arena
TV: ESPN
Tickets: Still Available
What's at stake: The East Regional Championship and a trip to the Women's Final Four in Cincinnati

Probable Starting Lineups:
#6 Notre Dame (29-6):
 Mollie Peirick, G; Beth Morgan, G; Jeannine Augustin, G; Rosanne Bohman, F; Katryna Gaither, C
#4 George Washington (27-5):
 Lisa Cermignano, G; Colleen McCrea, G; Chasity Myers, G; Tajama Abraham, F; Noelia Gomez, C



North Carolina's Tracey Reid dribbles past George Washington's Chasity Myers in the first game of the NCAA East Regional Saturday at Carolina. The No. 5-seeded Lady Colonials upset the top-ranked Lady Tarheels, 55-46. In the second game, No. 6-seeded Notre Dame upset second-seeded Alabama, 87-71. Notre Dame and George Washington will play today at 4:30 p.m. in the Frank McGuire Arena for the right to go to the Women's Final Four in Cincinnati next weekend. Tickets can be purchased at the Coliseum.

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 4 p.m., Gressette Room

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 Wednesday, April 9
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