

GAMECOCK ATHLETICS

Women's Tennis vs. Kentucky
Monday, 12 p.m.
Maxcy-Gregg Tennis Courts

Baseball vs. Clemson
Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Sarge Frye Field

CAROLINA TENNIS SCOREBOARD

#1 Florida Lady Gators 9
South Carolina Lady Gamecocks 0

South Carolina 4
Arkansas 3

South Carolina 2
#6 Mississippi 5

SPORTS

Monday, April 7, 1997

The Gamecock

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Softball winning streak ends at 38 against Lady Volunteers

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Johnson blew a 1-2 pitch by UT's Carrie Swinford to give her the record she has been chasing for three years.

The 1-0 win tied the national record of 37-straight victories set by Princeton a year ago, but Johnson and the Lady Gamecocks had more work ahead of them.

In the second game, South Carolina was shut down offensively by Tennessee pitcher Buffy Walker (W 13-6), who had a no-hitter going through five innings.

Matching her performance was Carolina's Nikki Beers, who gave up only two hits through the first five innings before Compton brought in Johnson to shut the door on the Lady Vols.

"Trinity threw well," Compton said. "She had a couple of tough innings, but she bared down when we needed her to."

USC can't say they didn't have a chance to set the record without going into extra innings when they loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

But Kim Pietro was retired on an infield pop-up, and after Tina Plew's fly out to center field, Kendra McCutcheon was doubled off second base to end the threat.

After the two teams went nine innings, the tiebreaker rule was installed. With the rule, a baserunner is placed at second base to start the inning.

UT's Sarah Ayres was stranded at third in the top of the 10th, so Elliott started the bottom half of the 10th at second.

She reached third on a tag-up off Sondra Hall's fly ball to center field and scored in dramatic fashion off Troesh's single to left.

"I was just trying to visualize myself hitting the ball, and that's the way it happened," Troesh said. "The whole thing happened in slow motion."

All good things must come to an end, and Sunday the streak came to a screeching halt as UT became the first team in 39 games to defeat USC with a 6-1 victory.

Johnson (L 23-2) was off her game and was roughed up, giving up eight hits in seven innings.

Tennessee scored six unearned runs off four consecutive Carolina errors in the fifth inning to put them up for good and break the record-breakers streak.

In the second game, USC bounced back to defeat the Lady Vols, 1-0.

Senior Chanda Lee reached on an error in the third inning and went to second on a wild pitch. She was driven in by Tina Plew's bouncer over third base to give Carolina the one and only run it needed.

"I'm really proud of how the team did in the second game," Plew said. "We all stuck together and put up that one run we needed and hung in there defensively."

On the mound, Sky Brown (W 11-0) cruised, giving up no runs and scattering only three hits through seven innings.

"We knew they'd be tough games and we knew Tennessee was not going to be an easy team coming in here," Compton said. "I'm disappointed with the way we played today. I just don't feel like we were ready to play today."

South Carolina's new winning streak stands at one game. They can extend it Wednesday at Coastal Carolina, where they will play a doubleheader starting at 3 p.m.

"I'm looking forward to keeping this winning streak going and I think we can do it," Plew said.

Next game:
USC (41-3, 15-1 SEC) next returns home April 17 for a doubleheader against East Carolina. The first pitch will be thrown at 3 p.m.



BRYAN JOHNSTON The Gamecock
Freshman second basemen Kim Schultz throws the ball to first base.

Track continues to impress

ACHIM HUNT Sports Editor

The Lady Gamecock track team won the Clemson 5-Way on Saturday, defeating seven other teams.

They finished with 179 points, while Clemson finished with 112 points.

Tonique Williams won both the 200 and 400-meter races, setting school records in both.

Crystal Browlee won the shot-

put for the Lady Gamecocks with a toss of 54' 2" and Lisa Misipeka was second with a 49' toss.

In baseball, the Gamecocks came up short Sunday afternoon at No. 1 LSU by a score of 11-10 in seven innings.

The Gamecocks were able to win 8-7 Saturday to tie the series after a 9-8 loss Friday night.

The team plays Wednesday night at Sarge Frye Field against the Clemson Tigers at 7 p.m.



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