

Hudson collects 100th victory at Carolina with win over UT

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The Gamecock volleyball team looked to get back on the winning track after suffering two tough losses to Florida last weekend.

Their first chance would come against an injury-riddled Tennessee team and a Kentucky team that took them to five sets Oct. 24.

Carolina went into Knoxville, Tenn., Friday and defeated the Lady Vols. In sweeping UT (15-6, 17-15, 15-2), USC defeated Tennessee for the seventh consecutive time.

"It's always nice to win on the road," USC Head Volleyball Coach Kim Hudson said. "While I wasn't entirely pleased with our performance, it's important for us to win every match the rest of the season to reach our goals."

Carolina was led by the play of All-SEC middle blocker Heather Larkin. Larkin had 15 kills, hitting .433. She also added nine digs, a block solo and a block assist.

Senior Lori Drost hit .467 with seven kills and sophomore Fernanda Lares added 11 kills while hitting .300. Red-shirt-sophomore Dee Dee Fortman added 10 kills for Carolina.

In Game 1, USC took a 4-0 lead before UT tied it at four. Junior setter Ashley Edlund served up four points, including three aces, to give the Game-

cocks an 11-4 lead. USC put four more points on the board to close out the first game 15-6.

Carolina jumped out to a 7-2 lead and Edlund dropped another serve in for an ace as the Gamecocks took a 14-10 lead. The Lady Vols fought back and tied it at 14 and took a 15-14 lead. But USC fought off a game point to tie it at 15 on a team block by Fortman and junior Cindy "Big Red" Robarge, taking the lead for good on a kill by Lares.

In Game 3, USC raced out to a 9-0 lead before UT was able to score a point. Carolina went on to win Game 3 and the match 15-2.

Friday's win marked the 100th victory at South Carolina for Hudson.

Sunday, USC travelled to Lexington, Ky., and defeated the Kentucky Wildcats 3-1. Match scores were 13-15, 15-9, 15-7 and 15-4.

Carolina was led by Drost with a season-high 17 kills, hitting .536. Drost added an ace, seven digs and a block assist.

Laires had 16 kills, hitting .483, with an ace and 18 digs. Shani Abshier came off the bench to add 13 kills.

"We had to play well," Abshier said. "I knew I could bring some energy into the match — there wasn't another option."

USC took a 4-1 lead in Game 1 and went up 6-3 on an error by UK. The two teams tied it at nine and 10 before UK went ahead 12-10. Carolina managed to tie it at 12, but the Wildcats went on to win the game 15-13.

UK went up 9-6 in Game 2, but USC scored the next nine points to win Game 2 15-9.

In Game 3, Carolina took an 8-2 and 9-3 lead before UK pulled within three at 9-6. The Gamecocks scored five consecutive points to take a 14-6 lead. USC won the third game on a kill by Larkin.

In Game 4, Kentucky scored the first point, but USC scored the next 10 to take a 10-1 lead. The Wildcats managed two more points, but Carolina won the game and match on an ace by Abshier.

"The first game was a wake-up for us," Hudson said. "We had to play better to win this match."

South Carolina's record now stands at 19-5 overall and a best-ever 11-2 in the SEC.

The Gamecocks have one remaining regular season match.

USC will host Georgia at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Volleyball Competition Facility. It will be the final home match for seniors Larkin, Drost and Abshier.



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USC Head Volleyball Coach Kim Hudson (middle, kneeling) picked up her 100th victory at South Carolina Friday with a win over Tennessee. The Gamecocks also defeated Kentucky Sunday on their last road trip of the year. Their last regular-season match will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Volleyball Competition Facility against Georgia. USC stands at 19-5 overall and a best ever 11-2 in the SEC.

A RISING STARR

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Leadership by example is one of the best teaching tools in any sport. Senior goalkeeper Jamie Starr has continuously set that example for his teammates on the men's soccer team, one of the main reasons why he was selected as a co-captain for this year's team.

Starr began his soccer career in the second grade when his friends all decided to play.

When Starr reached high school his soccer career took off. He was a member of the United States Under-18 National Team, earned first-team Ohio All-State honors his senior year, was selected to the All-City team his sophomore, junior and senior years and was named Cincinnati's Most Outstanding Freshman in 1990. Starr also led Sycamore High to an undefeated 13-0-2 season in 1992, posting nine shutouts.

When deciding where he wanted to continue his career, Starr decided he wanted to play at Carolina, especially since the team had just competed for the national championship.

"The fact that they went to the national final game the year before, in 1993, my senior year, was a big factor," Starr said. "The fact that Coach [Mark Berson] had played goalkeeper before was a factor in my decision because I'm a goalkeeper also. When I came on my recruiting trip, in talking with all the guys they had gone to the final game the year before, but none of them had any egos and it was all a team effort or team concept."

Starr's proudest moment in-goal came his sophomore year, when keeper John Mills went down with cramps during a match against nationally ranked Clemson.

"I went in, made three or four really big saves to keep us in the game, and we eventually ended up winning 3-2," he said.

Aside from Starr's playing ability, his greatest gift seems to be coaching. Starr has always been a student of the game, and he prides himself on helping out his teammates whenever possible.

"Any player on this team can look to him and find numerous good examples of the way to conduct themselves," Berson said.

Teammate Clint Mathis attributes Starr's overall attitude to his selection as a co-captain.

"He's not one-sided, liking one person better than another," Mathis said. "He treats everybody the same, and he has a real good team concept attitude."

"He's probably one of the most fit [players] on the team, which is rare for a goalkeeper, and he's also so knowledgeable of the game he's like a fourth coach, all the time," Matt Landman said. "He's taught me a lot about being a leader just by watching him, and his teaching ability's phenomenal."

Starr is also a leader in another respect. He is the leader of the Goalkeeper Corps, which includes Landman and Henry Ring.

"He's an invaluable asset to Matt and Henry because he's working with them, but he's also helping to train them and work on a lot of the basics with them as they're going along," Berson said. "So, it's really a wonderful situation for us on the coaching side to have a player that's that dedicated to his position and the abilities involved in his position that he not only enjoys the training and competing as a top class goalkeeper, but also in

teaching it. It's a big plus."

"Jamie Starr has taught me a lot of technique and control and composure in the goal," Landman said. "He's definitely a mentor, and I have a lot of respect for his playing ability. He's helped me a lot since I've been here."

"As a senior and being a goalkeeper, it's a specialized position," Starr said. "There's a lot of things that go along technically that we have to do different than the field players."

Despite what his coaches and teammates say about him, Starr was surprised to be chosen as a co-captain.

"I was proud, but I was a bit surprised because I'd never actually been a starter," he said. "They chose me through what I'd done in practice and what I'd said and my leadership, not necessarily as a player, but as a person and as a student of the game. That was a big compliment to me." Starr cites his father as the biggest influence on his soccer career.

"He's always backed me through everything I've done," Starr said. "If I've made decisions in other sports where I just didn't want to do it anymore, instead of pushing me to just keep on doing it, he backs my decisions, positive or negative."

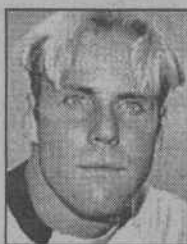
After graduation, the philosophy major plans to go to graduate school and hopefully become a graduate assistant, wherever he is.

Starr would also like to coach in the future.

"Eventually, after I get my graduate degree, I want to go on and coach somewhere at college or higher," Starr said. Starr loves every aspect of soccer.

Graduation means an end and a new beginning in his career.

"As hard as it is mentally and physically, I love the game," Starr said. "Whether I'm starting or whether I'm just there for a practice, I love to be out there, getting dirty, making saves and being part of the team. I mean, I love being part of the team. I love being on the team with all these guys. It's just a great time to be playing and to be at Carolina."



STARR

Marathon Oil too slick for Gamecocks in exhibition

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In their first exhibition game of the year, the Gamecocks looked like the same team they were last year.

The only problem was Carolina played not like the SEC Championship team that won 12 consecutive games, beat Kentucky twice and posted a final record of 24-8, but more like the team that started out 5-5 and lost to Coppin State in the NCAA Tournament.

Making their first appearance in Frank McGuire Arena since "Midnight Madness," the Gamecocks were defeated by Marathon Oil 76-63 in front of 5,540 spectators.

"That was a thing of beauty," Head Coach Eddie Fogler said sarcastically. "We weren't very good here tonight. We got a lot of work to do. . . . Maybe [the loss] is good for them. I don't know, we'll see. They didn't play very well, played with no emotion, looked scared."

One player who did play very well was sophomore guard Hagen Rouse, who led all USC players with 17 points. Rouse shot 80 percent from the field, not including 75 percent from behind the three-point arc, and a perfect six for six from the foul line.

"I think Hagen Rouse was the best player in a South Carolina uniform tonight, easily," Fogler said.

It was Rouse who led the Gamecocks back from an early deficit. Late into the third quarter, Rouse nailed a three-pointer to pull Carolina within one point. Then, he drew a charge to give USC possession, on which junior guard Bj Mckie tied the game.

After Mckie's basket and a foul, sophomore guard Herbert Lee Davis gave the Gamecocks a two-point lead on two foul shots. Davis finished the game as the second-leading scorer for Carolina with 11 points. But, the lead soon disappeared, and the deficit increased as Marathon Oil pulled away with the game in the fourth quarter.

Rouse was about the only player with whom Fogler seemed pleased.

"Our All-SEC backcourt [senior guard Melvin Watson and Mckie] looked like a second-string backcourt," Fogler said. "They were not very good today. They're better than that, and they'll need to play better than that. But, I would tell you I didn't think anybody played particularly well, with the exception of Rouse."

Watson was a dismal one for eight from the field and missed all of his three-point attempts and foul shots. Mckie finished with eight points on three for eight shooting and was 50 percent from the foul line.

Carolina did manage to out-rebound Marathon Oil 41-37 with senior forward Ryan Stack leading the way with 10.

Carolina was playing without some key players. Junior forward LeRon Williams will not be eligible to play until after the first semester is over. Redshirt freshman forward Antonio Grant was out with a knee



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Junior forward Bud Johnson goes up for a slam dunk in the Gamecocks' exhibition game Thursday night against Marathon Oil.

injury. And junior forward Arthur Carlisle is no longer a member of the team.

But who is Marathon Oil? Marathon Oil is the defending national champion of the Amateur Athletic Union, which consists of players who have already completed college and are looking to advance their careers. So far this year, Marathon Oil has beaten N.C. State and lost to No. 5 Clemson and No. 19 Georgia by a combined total of 13 points.

The Gamecocks defeat came on the same day they were rated as the No. 7 team in the nation by the Associated Press. This is the first time in school history USC has been rated in the Top 25 in the pre-season. USC was also picked to win the SEC Eastern Division.

But, Fogler appeared not to have much faith in polls.

"A: Polls don't mean anything like that. Absolutely zero. B: I would say that's a little high for our team, a slightly, teensy-weensy bit high," Fogler said.

The next game for Carolina will be Friday against Maryland. According to Fogler, if Carolina doesn't step up its level of play against the Terrapins, USC could start the season with a loss.

Burnham named to Good Works Team, Men's soccer wins two

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Shane Burnham, a senior line-backer on USC's football team, is one of 11 players nationwide named to the 1997 Division I-A American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team. The team recognizes players for their exemplary commitment to community service.

Burnham, a native of Tallahassee, Fla., has been actively involved with a number of community service projects

through the athletics department's program known as "Team Gamecocks."

This past year, he participated in the following community service projects: Habitat for Humanity, Visits at Richland Memorial Cancer Treatment Center, American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" team car wash, which benefited churches destroyed by fire in South Carolina, Epworth's Children's Home and Irmo Middle School Rock-athon for the Ronald McDonald House.

"Being a football player at South Carolina, I feel I have the responsibility of being a role model to young kids and giving something back to this community," Burnham said.

"I enjoy doing this community service, and I myself have benefitted a great deal from it."

Burnham has started eight of nine games this year and is the team's third-leading tackler with 59 total hits. He also has three tackles for a loss and two quarterback sacks.

Burnham's selection marks the third straight year a South Carolina football player has been chosen to this team.

Center Paul Beckwith was honored in 1995, while offensive tackle Jamar Nesbit was recognized in 1996.

Men's Soccer

The No. 5-ranked USC men's soccer defeated North Carolina 3-2 on a Josh Wolff goal five minutes into over-

time in front of 2,382 fans at The Graveyard Sunday.

USC, which is riding an eight-game winning streak, improves to 14-2-1 on the year.

Wolff took a Jonas Myllyenberg pass and dribbled down the right side and beat Tar Heel goalkeeper William Woodroffe to the right side of the net at the 93:20 mark.

Also scoring for the Gamecocks was Nathan Watkins, who had two goals.

South Carolina goalkeeper Henry Ring made five saves in the victory.

Myllyenberg had two assists for the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks also defeated No. 22 N.C. State 4-0 Friday in Raleigh, N.C., behind the two-goal effort of sophomore forward John Harr.

USC will close out the 1997 regular season at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Greenville with a match against Furman.