

Carolina, Crain post shutouts in victories

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The South Carolina women's soccer team had an outstanding weekend, beating Mississippi 4-0 on Friday and Mississippi State 2-0 on Sunday. The two shutouts greatly improved the Gamecocks' chances of playing in the SEC tournament Nov. 5-8 in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The Gamecocks sealed their first win of the weekend three minutes into the game, as Lexi Tourtelotte scored from long range with a 30-yard blast.

"It was kind of like a Hail Mary shot," said Tourtelotte, who has played in more career games than anyone on the squad. "The keeper was out of the line and I just chipped her."

Eight minutes later, after a perfect service from Angela Austin, Tourtelotte headed in her second goal of the match, giving the senior three goals for the year and 14 for her career.

In the 14th minute, defender Kim Murray made a beautiful pass to Mindy Sanders down the right wing. Sanders, who played a tremendous game, crossed it in to Lydia Bienias, who volleyed it in for USC's third goal.

Ten minutes into the second half, Mandy Pavlovits dispossessed an Ole Miss defender and made a sweet pass to Jennie Ondo, who had broken away from the Lady Rebel defense. The goalie came out to stop Ondo, but by the time she got there, Carolina's all-time leading goal scorer had already put the ball in the net, giving her goals in five straight games.

Coach Sue Kelly was quite pleased with the win. "They're really equivocal what is considered to be the best in the SEC West," Kelly said.

Kelly was also happy with the performance of goalkeeper Emily Crain, who made five saves on the day. Crain

said, "It was good to come off the solid win at Furman. Playing the whole game was really good; it kind of settled me down."

Crain was definitely settled down by Sunday, when the Gamecocks hosted Mississippi State. Crain picked up her second straight shutout, smothering what little offense the Lady Bulldogs offered.

From the beginning of the game, Mississippi State's strategy was clear, as they kept nearly every player back for defensive purposes. The Gamecocks had multiple opportunities to score in the first half, but were foiled by the Lady Bulldog defense.

"They did a nice job," Coach Kelly said. "There were so many bodies there that we just couldn't go through them."

At halftime, Kelly spoke to her team about their performance. "As a team, Coach Kelly said we were playing down to our competition," said midfielder Gina Iacovella. "She said that we just needed to pick up our level as a whole," Iacovella concluded.

Obviously, Kelly's speech motivated the Gamecocks, because the ladies came out with purpose in the second half. It didn't take them very long to get on the board, with Iacovella scoring an amazing goal just five minutes into the half. Deep into the Lady Bulldogs' territory, Melinda Carter passed to Iacovella on the Gamecocks' throw-in. Iacovella, who burned the Mississippi State defense all day with her footwork, split two defenders to get open, but found herself in an awkward position on the goal line. She proceeded to cross the ball, which somehow spun in towards the goal, over the head of keeper, giving the Gamecocks a 1-0 lead.

When asked if she was trying to shoot from such an impossible angle,

Iacovella said, "Actually, it was a cross, but I'll take it."

The Gamecocks had 13 corner kicks in the game, but were unable to capitalize on any of them. Despite this, the Gamecocks got their second goal of the match when a direct free-kick taken by Angela Austin was headed in by freshman Lydia Bienias. Austin, USC's all-time assist leader, increased her career assists to 13.

"Lydia got right on the end of the pass. There was a lot of traffic in there," Austin said. "She was lucky just to get her head on it."

The two wins improved the ladies' record to 10-4-1, their best record ever after 15 games. The Gamecocks are now 4-3 in the SEC, putting them in a great position to make the postseason, just four years into the program. A win in their final SEC game would guarantee a postseason berth for USC, but that game is against Florida, which

is ranked No. 4 in the nation and is undefeated in SEC play.

"We tend to play to the standard of our opponent," Coach Kelly said, "so I'm optimistic about our chances against Florida."

Things do look bright for Carolina, whose defense has not allowed a goal in the past five halves of play. A great deal of this defensive success can be attributed to Crain's goalkeeping and the superb play of Kim Murray, who was switched from midfield to defense after Jessica Workman was lost for the season with an ankle injury. In addition, the speed and footwork of Gina Iacovella, combined with the leadership of Lexi Tourtelotte, adds to the potency of the Gamecock attack, which outshot the Mississippi teams 41-11 this weekend.

Come support Carolina soccer this Sunday, as they take on Florida at 3 p.m. at Stone Stadium.



Jennie Ondo (9) and teammates congratulate Gina Iacovella (15) on her goal Sunday against Mississippi State.

SEC Heisman hopefuls have good weekends

staff writer WILLIAM FOLKS

The SEC's top two Heisman candidates both had big games this week. Champ Bailey, perhaps motivated by a bit of unsolicited commentary he received during the week from the Tennessee coaching staff, made good on his third career offensive start Saturday against winless Vanderbilt. Bailey caught 5 passes for 130 yards in the Bulldogs 31-6 victory, including TD receptions of 29 and 44 yards.

The junior CB/WR from Folkston, Ga., now has 26 catches for 483 yards and five touchdowns this year, and is tied for second in the SEC with two interceptions. While Champ is clearly more of a two-way threat than last year's Heisman winner, Charles Woodson (who had only 11 receptions for Michigan in '97), his performance has yet to impress Tennessee offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe. Speaking last Monday to the Knoxville Quarterback Club, Cutcliffe referred to the Georgia star as "Chump" Bailey.

Kentucky QB Tim Couch, whose Heisman candidacy desperately needed a big win to go along with all the big numbers, got just that Saturday when his Wildcats (5-2, 2-2) beat No. 21 LSU 39-36 in Death Valley. Sophomore PK Seth Hanson sealed the deal with a 33-yard field goal as time expired, nullifying an extraordinary fourth quarter effort from Tiger QB Herb Tyler. The senior from New Orleans ran for two touchdowns in the final stanza in bringing his team back from a 14-point deficit, but it wasn't enough to erase another miserable outing from LSU tailback Kevin Faulk (20 carries for only 67 yards).

The win was Kentucky's first over a ranked opponent on the road in 21 years, and sent a slumping LSU squad (3-3, 1-3) to its third consecutive defeat. LSU head coach Gerry DiNardo, who opened a family-style Italian restaurant in Baton Rouge just two weeks ago, might need to spend a little less time in the kitchen and a little more with his talented tailback, as Faulk was held to under 100 yards rushing for the second consecutive game.

While the one-time Heisman hopeful flourished, Couch flourished, hitting 37 of 50 passes for 391 yards and three TDs and boosting his already impressive '98 numbers to 2,782 yards passing and 25 TDs. He now needs 15 touchdowns over the next four games to break Danny Wuerffel's SEC record of 39 scoring passes in one season. By the way, Couch already owns SEC single-season marks for passing yards (3,884), attempts (547), and completions (363), all set last season.

OK, Computer

Take solace in technology, Volunteer fans. Despite being shafted by the AP and USA Today Coaches polls last week, the Seattle Times computer poll (part of the quantum physics equation known as the Bowl Championship Series) ranked Tennessee (5-0, 3-0) No. 1 in the land last week, ahead of No. 2 UCLA and No. 3

Ohio State. According to the Seattle computer, Tennessee plays the nation's 12th-toughest schedule. Ohio State, ranked No. 1 in the two major polls, plays a Big Ten slate ranked No. 29.

Frustrated Fun-N-Gun

It's not just key injuries but stupid penalties, sloppy turnovers, and overall lackluster offensive play that have Florida head coach Steve Spurrier seething with visor-tossing rage down in Gainesville. The offensive juggernaut that is the fun-n-gun guru's trademark slipped another two spots this week to fifth in the SEC in scoring offense, averaging just 31.5 points per game. The Gators' 24-3 win over Auburn Saturday in the Swamp saw the home team commit three turnovers, 93 yards worth of penalties, and fail to make an inch on a third quarter fourth-and-one from the Auburn 12-yard line.

Luckily, fifth-ranked Florida (6-1, 4-1) was playing an inept Tiger team that fumbled its first two snaps from center. The game's first miscue would cost Terry Bowden's team, as Florida QB Doug Johnson connected with WR Travis McGriff on a 32-yard touchdown pass two plays later. Saturday's game marked the fourth consecutive week where an Auburn opponent has converted a turnover into a 7-0 lead in the game's first three minutes.

Auburn, which dropped to 1-5 on the season, is a far cry from the undefeated team that beat Florida 36-33 in Gainesville four years ago. No team has been able to do that since, as the Gators extended their winning streak in the Swamp to 26 games. Florida will have this Saturday off to work out the kinks before facing Georgia on Halloween night in Jacksonville.

Still Want Tommy, Mr. Broyles?

Arkansas Athletic Director Frank Broyles is eating a little crow this week after first-year head coach Houston Nutt became the only Razorback front man to win his first six games at the school. That's a feat that neither Lou Holtz, Ken Hatfield, Danny Ford nor Broyles himself was able to accomplish. Of course, Broyles' 1964 Arkansas squad did go undefeated and win a national championship, something Nutt's Razorbacks won't likely do this year with Tennessee, Mississippi State and LSU lurking at the end of their schedule.

Nevertheless, Arkansas (6-0, 3-0) showed it was a very well-coached football team Saturday, trailing South Carolina 21-10 at halftime before making several offensive adjustments in the lockerroom and exploding for 31 unanswered points en route to a 41-28 victory. Not bad for a "second-choice" coaching staff. Apparently, Broyles had wanted Mississippi head coach Tommy Turbeville for the Arkansas job until Chancellor John White intervened and offered the position to Nutt.

Alumni play ball again

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At the second annual USC Alumni Baseball Game at Sarge Frye Field Friday night, the Black team defeated the Garnet squad 14-6.

The game was highlighted with big-league hits from guys who currently play in major league organizations. D. T. Cromer, now in the Oakland Athletics organization, started the big hitting with a two-run homer in the second inning. That put the Black team ahead, 3-2.

Former Gamecock leftfielder Derrick Urquhart was 3-for-4 with two doubles. His first double came in the third inning to help the Garnet team score two more runs and put them ahead, but only temporarily. Garret Carter, a former outfielder, answered with a

home run to put the Black team ahead 6-4.

Urquhart hit his second double in the fourth inning and came home on Ryan Bordenick's home run. Bordenick, a former All-American, was USC's starting catcher last season. Both Bordenick and Urquhart signed professional contracts this past June with Milwaukee and Montreal, respectively.

"This was fun," Urquhart said. "It's nice being out here for fun and not having to be so serious."

Bordenick also had a lot of fun, but it made him miss playing here.

"It feels like my four years just flew by, but it was good to see everyone again," Bordenick said.

The Black team scored four runs in each of the fourth and sixth innings on their way to winning.

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