

• A recap of the women's soccer game vs. Florida.
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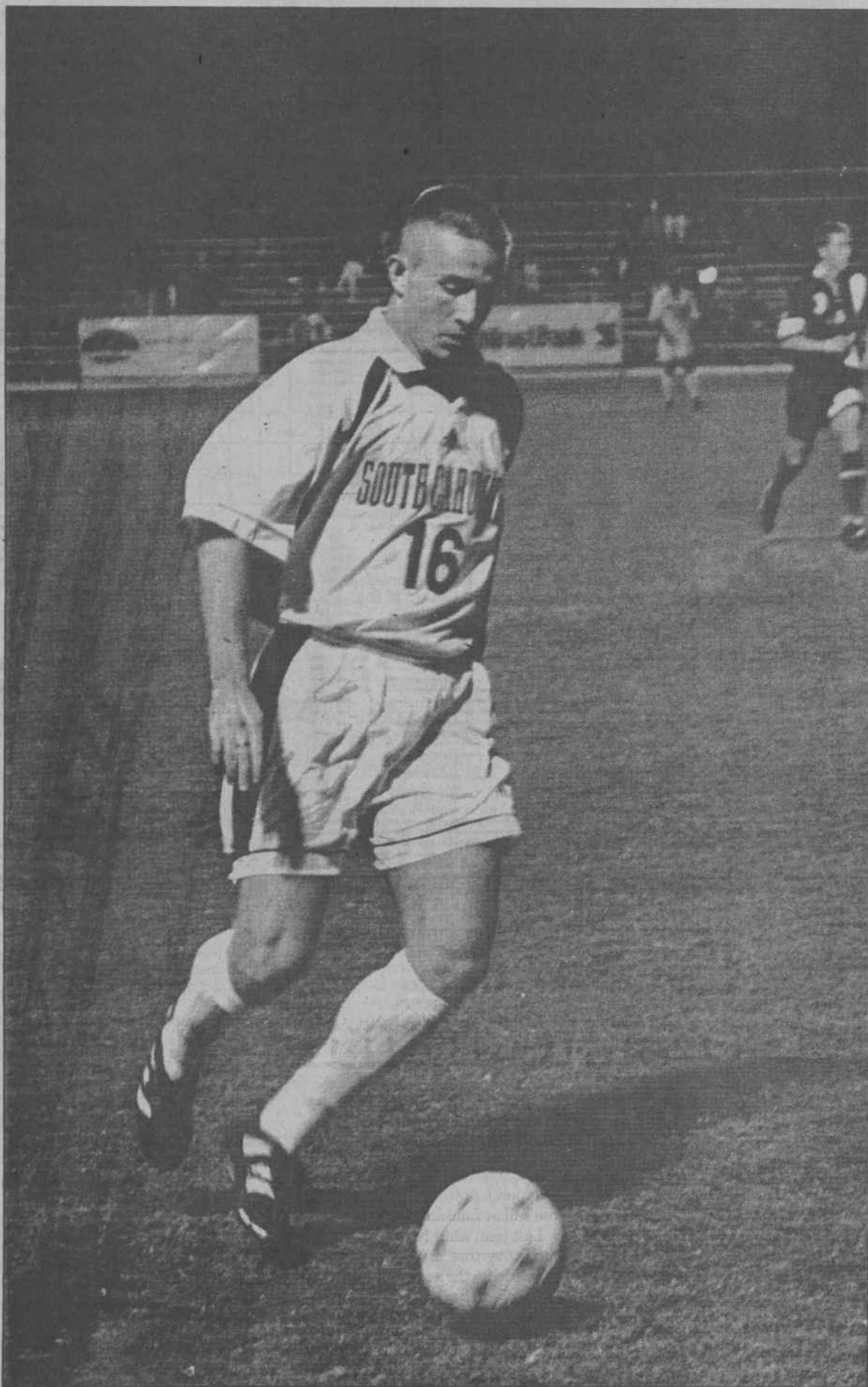
For the first time in Carolina women's soccer history, the Lady Gamecocks will compete in the SEC tournament, beginning Nov. 5.

SPORTS

- 7 p.m., Tuesday
Men's Soccer @ Wake Forest
- 7 p.m., Friday
Women's Soccer vs. N.C. State

Nate says that after 104 years of Carolina football, the Gamecocks have compiled a 467-467-44 record, including Saturday's loss to Vanderbilt.

Men's soccer rolls over UNC Charlotte



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Matt Stephenson dribbles down the sideline Saturday against UNC Charlotte. The Gamecocks went on to win the contest by a final score of 2-1, even though Stephenson left the game early due to an injury.

senior writer **BROCK VERGAKIS**

The No. 7-ranked Gamecocks outlasted a challenge from the 19th-ranked 49ers of UNC Charlotte in a crucial South Region match at The Graveyard on Saturday night.

"This was a critical game in the South Region," said coach Mark Berson.

"It's an important win for our team." With a tough stretch of South Region games to be played, including Wake Forest, Georgia State, and North Carolina, the Gamecocks can't afford to lose if they want to secure an NCAA tournament bid.

"To win this game gives us momentum to play on Tuesday night against Wake Forest," said senior co-captain Nathan Watkins.

Watkins struck first for the Gamecocks when Jonas Myltenberg found Scott Campagna in the far right corner of the field.

Campagna proceeded to lob a beautiful pass into the box, where Watkins caught UNC Charlotte's goalkeeper napping and headed it in from six yards.

"Scotty played with me in high school, so it's fun to play with him. He got the ball outside. I made a cut inside in front of my man, and he put a perfect ball right over my head and I put it in," Watkins said.

UNC Charlotte had many opportunities to score in the first half. For the better part of the period, they had USC defenders on the run, coming up with several chances to score.

Goalkeeper Henry Ring came up big for USC, even as the 49er attack continuously found holes in the Gamecock defense.

Early in the game, UNC Charlotte's Stephen Miller got the ball just outside the box.

He then displayed his dribbling skills and decided to take the ball on his own, nutmegging Campagna before taking a shot from 15 yards out. Ring made the save, however.

"Credit Henry with a big portion of this win once again," coach Berson said. "That's what you need to have from a good goalkeeper ... big saves at critical times."

USC started the second half with a one-goal lead but soon increased it to two. Myltenberg made his presence on the field felt once again. This time, freshman Joey Worthen was credited with the assist, and Myltenberg with the goal.

"Joey took on his defender, then crossed the ball, and it deflected off their defender to me," Myltenberg said.

Once Myltenberg got the ball, he blasted a powerful shot into the net as the 49er keeper was unable to reach the ball in time.

"It was kind of lucky. It came perfect to me, and I just ripped it," Myltenberg said.

From the moment Carolina took a 2-0 lead, the makeup of the game changed drastically. A noticeable difference in the amount of physical play from both sides took place, as fouls and yellow cards began to accumulate.

USC was credited with three yellow cards in the game, and the 49ers with four. The change in playing style wasn't anything new for the Gamecocks, and it only took them a little while to adjust. One of the more violent moments of the game occurred when USC's Matt Stephenson and a 49er defender were battling for position.

Stephenson was taken down, injuring his left shoulder. It was only a controversial no-call, though, as no card was given. The change in playing style wasn't anything new for the Gamecocks, as it only took them a little while to adjust.

In the 74th minute, UNC Charlotte cut the lead in half.

An errant pass from the 49ers' John Mabee caught the Carolina defense off-guard as Dusty Reinke received the ball, sneaking a shot into the low part of the net from nine yards out.

"We played pretty good, but I think we can play better," Watkins said.

USC's defense would not crack again, though.

"I wasn't worried at all," coach Berson said, concerning the physical nature of the game. "As rough as anyone can deal it, we can handle it."

The Gamecocks didn't seem to have a problem playing physical, as they accumulated 17 fouls in the game. "If someone wants to play physical, that's alright by us," Berson said.

Carolina will head into Winston-Salem, N.C., Tuesday night to battle the 22nd-ranked Demon Deacons of Wake Forest.

The Deacons need an impressive win against a South Region team to convince the tournament selection committee to choose them, as well.

The ACC champ receives an automatic bid, but with a talent-packed conference that includes Duke, Virginia, and Clemson, it won't be easy for them.

"The game Tuesday night at Wake is huge," Berson said.

Carolina will carry an 11-3 record and three straight victories, including the Sunbeam Classic title, into Tuesday night's confrontation.



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Nathan Watkins looks over the defense before centering ball in front of the 49ers' goal. Watkins had one goal in the Gamecocks victory over No. 19 UNCC.

Carolina falls to Arkansas

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The South Carolina volleyball team fell to No. 14 Arkansas today 3-0 at the Volleyball Competition Facility.

Carolina falls to 18-4 and 6-3 in the SEC, while the Lady Razorbacks move to 16-3 and 8-1 in the conference.

USC hit a season-low .090 against the 'Backs, who hit .264.

Carolina, No. 1 in the country in aces, knocked down five, while UA had three.

"Arkansas doesn't make mistakes. They served more aggressively in games two and three, and we broke down on defense. There are certain areas we have gotten better in, but we have to get better on defense and in transition," said Carolina head coach Kim Hudson-Christopher.

"We will have to work hard and get back in the gym and get better."

Carolina was led by freshman Cally Plummer, who knocked down a team-high 15 kills, hitting .296.

Plummer also added an ace, seven digs and two block assists. Crystal Moore added 12 kills, two aces and seven digs.

Game 1 was back and forth, with Arkansas taking a 7-6 lead before going on a five-point run to make it 12-6. Ashley Edlund made a solo block and the Gamecocks seemed to come to life.

Carolina scored eight straight points, jumping ahead 14-12 with the help of two aces by Crystal Moore.

But after a costly error by Edlund, UA went on a three-point run, retaking the lead 15-14.

Carolina had three chances on service, but Arkansas came out with a kill to win Game 1, 16-14.

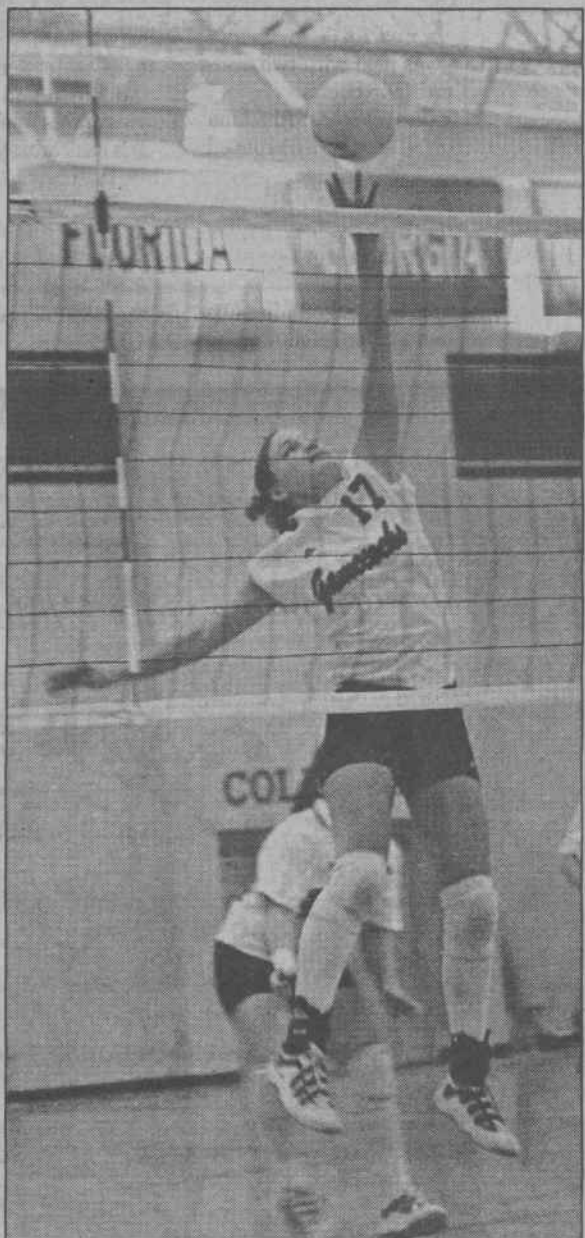
In the second game, USC jumped out to a 5-1 lead before UA settled down and took a 7-5 lead.

Plummer knocked down an ace to make it 7-6 UA, and then an error by Arkansas allowed the Gamecocks to tie it up, 7-7.

UA went up 8-7 and then 9-8. The 'Backs never looked back, scoring six straight points to take Game 2, 15-8.

Game 3 was all Lady Razorbacks. They jumped out to a 9-0 lead before Sara Heri, last year's hero in USC's 3-1 win over Arkansas, knocked down an ace. Carolina scored two more points on an ace by Danika Taylor and a kill by Crystal Moore. But Arkansas scored the next three points, one on an ace, to win the game and the match 15-3.

The schedule doesn't get any easier, as USC heads to No. 8 Florida next Sunday for a 1 p.m. match. The match will be televised live on the Sunshine Network.



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Freshman, Cally Plummer, stretches over the net for a point in Carolina's win over LSU Friday.

Legat wins championship in USC Fall Classic; Fogler hosts clinic

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Guillaume Legat took the A-2 flight championship match Sunday in the last day of the USC Fall Classic. Jerome Jourdon pulled out of the contest with an injury.

Jourdon and Legat were the lone Gamecocks to advance in the 1998 USC Fall Classic Saturday. In A-1 Singles, Jourdon defeated Patrick Brown of William & Mary 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 and then advanced to the semi-final by crushing SEC foe Edo Bowano of Kentucky 6-1, 6-4.

In A-2 Singles, Guillaume Legat eased through his rounds by defeating Georgia Southern's Kendal Swartz 6-1, 6-1 and then went on to overpower Alex Lehnhoff of UNC-Greensboro 6-0, 6-1.

Basketball Clinic

Head coach Eddie Fogler will host his second annual Ladies Basketball Clinic Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Gamecock practice facility, which is adjacent to the Carolina Coliseum.

The event will begin with tours of the Carolina basketball facilities. Fogler will address the group at 9 a.m., followed by the 1997-98 highlight video and informative lectures on the game, officiating, and behind-the-scenes events in Gamecock basketball.

Carolina women's coach Susan Walvius will preview her 1998-99 team and, following lunch, the ladies will attend a Carolina practice session at 1:30 p.m.

Admission is \$30 for the event and tickets can be purchased at the door of the practice facility.

Admission includes lunch and a T-shirt.

Tip-Off Club

The Columbia Tip-Off Club will begin its 1998-99 meeting season Oct. 27, with University of South Carolina Basketball Head Coaches Eddie Fogler and Susan Walvius speaking at Seawell's in the State Fairgrounds at 7 p.m.

Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., with the dinner and addresses from Walvius and Fogler beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets, which include cocktails and dinner, can be purchased at the door for \$15. Individual and corporate membership information will be available at the event.

Tuesday's meeting is the first of 10 scheduled Tip-Off Club meetings during the 1998-99 season.

Membership in the Tip-Off Club includes lunch or dinner at each meeting. Each meeting features an address by a member of the Carolina coaching staff and a guest speaker — the head coach of Carolina's opponent later that day.

Nine head coaches are scheduled to speak to the club this season, including Hugh Durham of Jacksonville (Dec. 30), Tubby Smith of Kentucky (Jan. 5), Cliff Ellis of Auburn (Feb. 3), and Jerry Green of Tennessee (Feb. 20), among others.

The purpose of the Columbia Tip-Off Club is to promote interest in both the men's and women's basketball programs at the University of South Carolina. For more information, contact club captain Ginny Collins at 798-0404. Women's Golf

Women's Golf

The 22nd-ranked University of South Carolina women's golf team fired a 307 Saturday, a seven stroke improvement from the first round, and has moved to fourth place after two rounds of the Lady Paladin Invitational at the Furman University Golf Club.

As has been the case in the entire fall season, including Friday, Carolina was paced by consistent scoring and an improved second round from team stroke average leader Emma Lofgren. The junior improved two strokes to post a 3-over 75 and is in eighth place at 8-over 152 through two rounds. Senior Lotte Moeller and freshman Dallas Ambrose had identical rounds for the second straight day, 78, and are tied for 18th place at 12-over 156. Sophomore Stefanie Reynolds improved six strokes from Friday and her 76 Saturday leaves her in 30th place at 14-over 158.

Junior Aprily Arrants shaved three strokes off her Friday score, as her 78 Saturday leaves her in 37th place at 15-over 159. Freshman Sarah Kidd is playing for individual medalist honors only and improved to 81 Saturday, standing in 58th place at 20-over 164.