



USC SCHEDULE

- Men's basketball vs. Wofford, Friday
- Volleyball at Kentucky, Friday

USC swim teams fall to Clemson

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The USC men's and women's swim teams fell to in-state rival Clemson in a dual meet Friday at USC's Blatt P.E. Center. The Lady Gamecocks were beaten 165-77, while the Carolina men lost a closer battle, 126-117.

Clemson's Lady Tigers swept nine of 13 events, and the men took four events. Clemson got off to a fast start, placing first and second in the women's 400-medley relay and then winning the men's 400-relay, as well.

The Gamecocks answered, securing wins in both the men's and women's 1,000-yard freestyle. Sophomore Sarah Doyle cruised through the race with a personal-best time of nine minutes, 59.71 seconds, nearly 11 seconds ahead of the second-place Clemson swimmer.

For the men, USC's Cory Conway was victorious in an impressive come-from-behind win, clocking in at nine minutes, 31.91 seconds.

While Clemson's women tallied wins in the next five events, the Gamecock men came on strong. Zsolt Gaspar, a candidate for the 2000 Hungarian Olympic team, won three events. His impressive finish in the 200 freestyle, one minute, 37.51 seconds, ranks him among the top five times in the country for that event. Gaspar also went on to win the 100 and 500 freestyles with times of 44.71 seconds and four minutes, 36.98 seconds, respectively.

Other bright spots for Carolina's men on the day included the 200 backstroke, won by freshman Joey Faltraco with a time of one minute, 48.43 seconds, and the 200 breaststroke, in which senior Andrew Cho came from behind in the last five yards to beat out a Clemson swimmer by less than a 10th of a second. Cho's time was two minutes, 06.71 seconds.

The Gamecocks also won the 1- and 3-meter diving events, with Chad Sheldon taking the honors in both, and the 200-butterfly.

For the Lady Gamecocks, freshman Kristen Butler captured the 200 breaststroke with a time of two minutes, 04.90 seconds. Also, diver Nicki Unroe won the 3-meter diving competition.

The USC men and women each hold 1-3 records on the season. Carolina travels Friday to Athens, Ga., to take on the Bulldogs at 2 p.m. in another dual meet.

Gamecocks take on Terriers

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After beginning its season with two exhibition wins, the South Carolina men's basketball team looks to continue its streak Friday against Wofford.

The last time Carolina opened the regular season with Wofford at home, USC scored 91 points in a 49-point rout. The 1998 performance turned out to be Carolina's easiest win in an 8-21 season.

With seven returning lettermen, the Gamecocks have scored 118 points so far this year. Leading the team in field goal percentage is sophomore Damien Kinloch, with a .857 percentage. Kinloch also saw action in 28 out of 29 games in the 1998-1999 season.

Alongside Kinloch in the forward position will be redshirt junior Antonio Grant. He chipped in four rebounds per game last season and was also four of seven from the field in USC's 1999 exhibitions.

In the guard position, the Gamecocks have returning starter Aaron Lucas. The sophomore led the newcomers in all categories last season and averaged 5.7 points per game. Senior Herbert Lee Davis will look to have a strong last season and will fill the other guard slot. In the 1998-1999 season, Davis led the team's scoring average behind BJ McKie with 6.3 points per game and started 12 games at a small forward position. He was third on the team in assists, scoring and steals.

Ending their 1998-1999 season 11-16 and third in the South Division of the Southern Conference with an 8-8 record, the Wofford Terriers return three starters and nine lettermen. This includes one of the SoCon Player of the Year candidates, Ian Chadwick.

Placing second in the conference in scoring with a 16.8-points-per-game average, Chadwick was the lone underclassman to earn first-team all-conference honors. Anchoring the back court alongside him is junior Jon Pryor, who will be taking over departed point guard Donald Davis' position.

Senior Starzee Walker has scored double figures in the past 12 of his 14 games played and will look to continue his run at the forward position. Also, returning to the center slot after starting all 27 games in that position last season is Rushane DeLoach.

Wofford also has two other big guns in Matt Tucker and Grant Sterley. The two forwards averaged 11.7 and 12 points per game, respectively, in high school.

USC and Wofford will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Frank McGuire Arena.



Sophomore guard Jamel Bradley tries to get past a Lithuania-Alyta defender in USC's Nov. 10 exhibition game. The Gamecocks will begin the 1999-2000 regular season at 7 p.m. Friday against the Wofford Terriers.

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Holtz emphasizing Clemson rivalry to team

BY MICHAEL HANEY
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This is it. One more game. One bullet left in the chamber. Another chance for South Carolina to find some salvation in what has become a season that most fans and players would like to forget.

Carolina missed a chance to defeat one of the top teams in the country this past weekend when they gave No. 4 Florida about all they could handle in a 20-3 loss.

"I really felt for the first time we brought in a football team that was prepared," head coach Lou Holtz said after the game. "This is the first time I felt we had a chance. We played them toe-to-toe."

The Gamecocks turn their heads toward the

Clemson Tigers, their bitter and hated rival from the upstate. Clemson needs a win on Saturday to qualify for a bowl game.

South Carolina will look to ruin that opportunity for the Tigers and find positives in a season marred by injuries and missed opportunities. The players and coaches are looking forward to this week's game and a chance to end the team's 20-game losing streak.

Offensive coordinator Skip Holtz spoke to the media on Monday at the team's weekly press conference. The younger Holtz sat in for his father who was attending his mother's funeral in East Liverpool, Ohio.

"It will be huge. One, because it's Clemson. Then, after playing the No. 3 and 4 teams in the country pretty solid and not being rewarded... this game would go a long way in their efforts

being rewarded on the field," he said.

Clemson brings a newfound aerial attack that has seen them put impressive numbers on the scoreboard and in the box scores. Carolina will try to do what it has done to teams such as Florida and Kentucky who have similar offenses. The Gamecocks were able to hold those teams to some of their lowest offensive performances of the season. South Carolina has the No. 1 pass defense in the SEC.

"Our problem right now is that Clemson can put up points as a Florida or a Tennessee can put up points," Holtz said. "Offensively, we've gained some yards and moved the ball effectively. What we haven't done is put the ball in the end zone. What we have to do is find a way to score."

Talking about the preparation for the game

this week, the younger Holtz explained how he has come to understand how big this rivalry is.

"It's an exciting week for us as a staff and especially for the fans. Every town you go to in this state, you'll find Clemson supporters and Carolina supporters," Holtz said. "We're really looking forward to it. I think the players will have a little extra pep in their step and will put in a little more preparation time."

To help some of the players better understand the rivalry, Lou Holtz is using the meeting times to teach the players the importance of this game, especially to the fans. The players are learning everything from when the rivalry started to how the schools are funded and who has won the most games. He will end the week by giving the players a test on the information

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East Division	W	L	Home	Road	Div	Str
Washington	5	4	3-2	2-2	2-3	L-2
Dallas	5	4	4-0	1-4	3-1	W-1
New York Giants	4	4	2-2	2-2	2-2	L-1
Arizona	3	6	2-3	1-3	2-2	W-1
Philadelphia	3	7	2-3	1-4	2-3	W-1
Central Division						
Detroit	6	3	4-1	2-2	2-0	L-1
Minnesota	6	4	3-2	3-2	2-3	W-3
Tampa Bay	5	4	3-1	2-3	0-2	W-3
Green Bay	4	5	3-2	1-3	2-2	L-3
Chicago	4	6	2-3	2-3	2-1	L-1
West Division						
St. Louis	7	2	5-0	2-2	4-0	W-1
Carolina	3	6	2-2	1-4	1-3	L-1
San Francisco	3	6	2-2	1-4	1-3	L-5
Atlanta	2	7	1-4	1-3	2-2	L-1
New Orleans	2	7	2-4	0-3	2-2	W-1

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East Division	W	L	Home	Road	Div	Str
Miami	7	2	2-2	4-1	2-2	L-1
Indianapolis	7	2	5-1	2-1	2-2	W-5
Buffalo	7	3	4-2	3-1	3-2	W-1
New England	6	3	3-2	3-1	2-2	L-1
New York Jets	3	6	1-4	2-2	1-3	W-2
Central Division						
Jacksonville	8	1	3-1	5-0	4-1	W-6
Tennessee	7	2	4-1	3-1	5-0	W-4
Pittsburgh	5	3	1-2	4-1	3-1	W-3
Baltimore	3	6	1-3	2-3	2-3	L-1
Cleveland	2	8	0-4	2-4	1-6	W-1
Cincinnati	1	9	0-5	1-4	1-4	L-5
West Division						
Seattle	6	2	3-1	3-1	1-1	W-3
Kansas City	5	4	4-0	1-4	2-1	L-2
Oakland	5	4	3-2	2-2	1-2	W-1
San Diego	4	5	2-3	2-2	2-3	L-3
Denver	3	6	1-3	2-3	2-1	W-1

TUESDAY'S TOP NEWS

- Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez unanimous choice for American League Cy Young Award
- Panthers wide receiver Rae Carruth declines questioning after his pregnant girlfriend was found shot
- Mavericks rookie Leon Smith admitted to hospital after aspirin overdose
- Cincinnati Bearcats are No. 1 in college hoops
- LSU football coach Gerry Dinardo fired with one game left in season

BCS STANDINGS (THROUGH NOV. 13)

1. Florida State
2. Virginia Tech
3. Nebraska
4. Florida
5. Tennessee
6. Alabama
7. Wisconsin
8. Kansas State
9. Texas
10. Michigan
11. Penn State
12. Michigan State
13. Georgia Tech
14. Marshall
15. Mississippi State