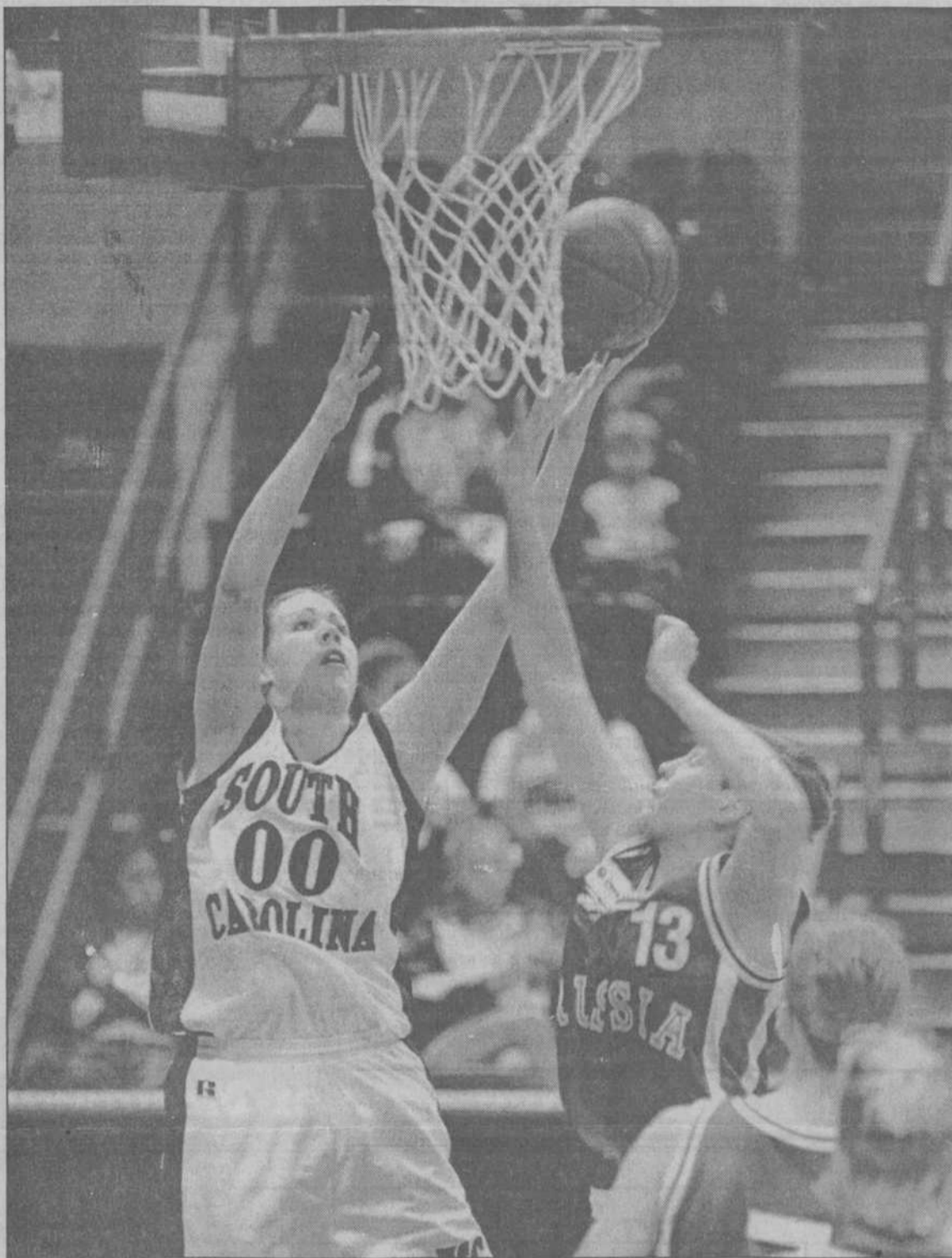


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Gators chomp Lady Gamecocks

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USC center Petra Ujhelyi attempts to snare a rebound earlier this year against the Russian National team. The Lady Gamecocks saw their one-game SEC winning streak halted Sunday against Florida.

Sixty-two points and a valiant comeback effort weren't enough for the USC women's basketball team in their matchup against SEC rival Florida on Sunday.

The Lady Gators got off to an early lead, hitting field goals on their first five drives. Florida would hold onto that lead for the remainder of the game, winning 76-62 and moving to 2-3 in the conference.

Taking a while to get into the speed of the game, Carolina came within one point of the Lady Gators with 55 seconds left in the first half on a steal and easy layup from Jocelyn Penn. Penn came off the bench and recorded 10 points, four assists and one steal in the game.

The Lady Gamecocks picked up the pace enough in the second half to keep the Florida lead to within 10. The USC momentum lasted until the last four minutes, when the Lady Gators went on a 13-4 run.

Shaun Gortman led the Gamecocks in point totals throughout the game. She finished with 15 points, seven rebounds and one of USC's five steals.

"Shaun has repeatedly stepped up enough to do what the coaching staff has asked of her," head coach Susan Walvius said. "I'd like to see her continue to grow as a player on the court, and that's the area that she is working on for right now."

The point totals for Florida were evenly distributed, as each of the five starters scored in the double digits. Leading her team was guard Tiffany Travis with 19 points, two rebounds and two steals. Tombi Bell recorded 18 points and three of her team's 14 steals and also tallied six rebounds.

As she analyzed Florida's final run, Walvius said she felt her team rushed its offensive decision-making.

"We were pretty disappointed with the final minutes of the game," she said. "I think that we could've been a lot more patient with our offense."

However, with the youth on her team, she said she knows it can only get better as the years go on.

"A lot of the mistakes we were making out there were young mistakes," she said. "Many of the teams in our league have the luxury of keeping young players on the bench and working with them. We don't have that same luxury right now as a team."

After breaking her nose in a practice session early last week, Ines Ajanovic had it reset for USC's win against Vanderbilt last Thursday. Ajanovic was told that she will have to go through

the process again, however, when she was elbowed in the face late in the second half against Florida. Proving the importance of the matchup, Ajanovic returned to the court after stopping the bleeding and putting a bandage over her nose. She ended the game with three points and four rebounds.

After only sinking five of their attempted 25 3-point shots, outside shooting has turned out to be an area for the USC squad to focus on for their next matchup.

"Again, we rushed things offensively instead of just letting the team create chances for us," Walvius said. "I thought that we shot the ball a little too quickly, especially on the outside of the arc."

Although the Lady Gamecocks dropped from 28 turnovers against Vanderbilt to 21 on Sunday, Walvius said that number is still too great for the skill level of her squad.

"The number has gotten better, but 21 turnovers is a potential 42 points that we could have had. I think we need to grow in taking care of the basketball, but I think that we can definitely improve on it."

Next, the Lady Gamecocks attempt to redeem themselves as they go on the road for the first of two games against Arkansas and look to increase their 1-4 SEC and 11-7 overall record. As for last night's loss and what they can do for the rest of their SEC season, Walvius is confident in her team's ability.

"I felt we made a good effort to come back," she said. "But we know we still need to work on placing more value on the ball and getting rid of those turnovers. So while it's disappointing, we have to take it one game at a time and find some kind of structure."

Florida 11-6, 2-3 SEC																		
No.	TOT-FG			3-PT			REBOUNDS					PF	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
	FG	FGA	FG%	FG	FGA	FG%	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TOT							
43 Naomi Mobley, f	5	8	0	1	2	2	10	12	2	11	1	0	0	2	32			
44 Tonya Washington, f	6	20	1	5	0	0	4	6	10	0	13	2	4	0	3	36		
04 Tamara Stocks, c	6	10	0	2	2	5	3	8	5	14	0	3	0	3	27			
05 Tombi Bell, g	5	9	0	8	12	2	4	6	3	18	5	3	0	3	26			
12 Tiffany Travis, g	6	16	0	1	7	8	1	1	2	19	4	2	0	2	36			
10 Nikki Tibbs	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4				
13 Erin O'Neil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4				
22 Shona Rucker	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	11			
24 Kelly Freeman	0	3	0	1	2	2	0	2	0	1	3	1	0	0	18			
25 Monique Cardenas	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6				
Team									2	5	7							
Totals	28	71	1	8	19	26	19	30	49	16	76	17	15	0	14	200		

South Carolina 11-7, 1-4																		
No.	TOT-FG			3-PT			REBOUNDS					PF	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
	FG	FGA	FG%	FG	FGA	FG%	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TOT							
34 Shannon Segres, f	2	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	2	4	0	2	19		
44 Annie Lester, f	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	8	3	2	1	1	19		
00 Petra Ujhelyi, c	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	6	1	0	1	0	22			
32 Shaunzinski Gortman, g	7	15	0	3	1	3	0	7	7	15	3	5	1	3	34			
51 Shanta Jeffcoat, g	2	5	2	5	0	1	4	5	2	6	1	3	1	0	35			
51 Ines Ajanovic	1	6	1	4	0	1	3	4	0	3	1	1	0	0	8			
10 Kelly Morrison	3	9	2	6	1	2	0	3	3	2	9	3	0	1	3			
11 Christina Hill	0	3	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3				
33 Casie Key	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11				
45 Jocelyn Penn	4	7	0	2	2	4	3	7	4	10	4	4	0	1	1			
55 Linda Hoglund	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22			
Team								1	3	4								
Totals	25	60	5	25	7	15	11	26	37	21	62	16	21	2	5	200		

Bulldogs wallop Carolina; USC extends losing streak

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After a close loss to No. 4 Auburn, the Gamecocks traveled to Athens, Ga., Saturday for a meeting with the Georgia Bulldogs in a game pivotal to USC's postseason chances.

A win was not in the cards, however, as the Gamecocks fell flat on their faces, 90-62, plunging into the cellar of the Southeastern Conference.

The game was almost completely epitomized in its first five minutes. The Gamecocks were 1-of-5 from the field and committed four fouls, with two on sophomore guard Aaron Lucas. The Bulldogs, however, couldn't miss.

Led by sophomore D.A. Layne, who canned three straight 3-pointers and was responsible for 11 of Georgia's first 21 points, the Bulldogs pulled ahead 5-0 and never looked back.

The Gamecocks were further plagued by fouls, putting themselves in the bonus with 12:33 to go in the first half. Lucas and freshman guard Chuck Eidson each picked up their third fouls on back-to-back 3-point attempts by Georgia.

Freshman forward Calvin Clemmons also committed a foul on a Georgia offensive rebound, giving the Bulldogs three straight trips to the free throw line.

After the game, USC coach Eddie Fogler said of the fouls, "I've never seen that before. Well, maybe in a junior high school game."

The foul accumulation left USC without its two point guards for the rest of the half.

The Gamecocks went into the locker room down 48-18, shooting an abysmal 21.4 percent from the field, while the red-hot Bulldogs shot 64 percent.

"I'm not sure that we realized how unintelligently we were playing," Fogler said. "We just didn't play as smart as we should have," Lucas agreed.

At first, it seemed as if the second half would be more of the same for the Gamecocks, as Eidson picked up his fourth foul with 13:43 to go in the game.

But, things started to pick up for Carolina, as Layne was ultimately held to one 3-pointer in the second half. Eidson, despite foul trouble, went on to score 15 of his team-high 17 points.

A pleasant surprise off the bench was freshman forward Ivan Howell, who scored nine points late in the game, all on 3-pointers.

Afterward, the questions of the season still lingered for USC: Why have the Gamecocks played well against some of the top teams in the nation while playing flat against a sub-par team?

"I guess that's the question among everybody," Lucas said. "I have no answer for that. We're still young, but we've played a lot of games, so that's not an excuse anymore."

Although the Gamecocks had a less-than-stellar performance, Fogler is still confident.

"You don't play Syracuse, Auburn and Michigan State as well as we played them just by luck," Fogler said. "That being said, we are capable."

Lucas, however, said the game was the worst the Gamecocks have played since he has been at Carolina, even ranking it worse than last year's 84-37 loss to Syracuse at the Carrier Dome.

"Against Syracuse [last year], we played and just got beat," Lucas said. "Tonight, we didn't play at all."

The road doesn't get any easier for the Gamecocks. Carolina plays host to No. 20 Vanderbilt on Wednesday, then travels to No. 16 Tennessee. Next week, USC plays No. 9 Florida in Columbia, then travels to Rupp Arena to face No. 18 Kentucky.

South Carolina 9-9, 1-4 SEC																		
No.	TOT-FG			3-PT			REBOUNDS					PF	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
	FG	FGA	FG%	FG	FGA	FG%	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TOT							
14 Herbert Lee Davis	1	4	1	3	0	0	1	2	3	1	3	0	0	0	23			
33 Damien Kinloch	3	7	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	2	6	0	2	1	21			
12 Marius Petravicius	1	5	0	2	4	1	2	3	3	2	4	0	3	0	18			
05 Aaron Lucas	1	5	0	3	0	0	1	1	3	2	3	0	1	20				
31 Chuck Eidson	7	10	2	4	1	1	0	0	4	17	2	2	0	5	19			
00 David Ross	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	4				
04 Ivan Howell	3	3	3	3	0	0	1	1	1	9	0	1	0	5				
10 Jamil Bradley	2	5	2	4	0	0	1	1	0	6	1	0	0	16				
15 Travis Kraft	2	11	2	9	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	0	3	0	17			
20 Jo Jo Cadray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3				
32 Calvin Clemmons	2	5	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	10				
35 Antonio Grant	1	4	0	3	1	2	4	0	4	1	3	0	0	17				
50 Tony Kitchens	1	7	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	1	2	1	2	1	17			
Team								3	1	4								
Totals	24	69	10	31	4	9	17	12	29	20	62	9	16	2	11	200		

Georgia 9-9, 2-4 SEC																		
No.	TOT-FG			3-PT			REBOUNDS					PF	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
	FG	FGA	FG%	FG	FGA	FG%	FT	FTA	OF	DE	TOT							
11 Adrian Jones	3	4	2	3	2	3	1	4	5	2	10	7	5	0	1	26		
51 Shon Coleman	3	5	0	0	2	2	1	7	8	1	8	2	4	0	1	23		
04 Anthony Evans	5	7	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	3	10	0	2	0	17			
03 Moses White	1	4	0	2	2	0	3	3	1	4	4	2	0	1	25			
32 D.A. Layne	6	10	5	7	3	5	0	1	1	20	2	0	0	2	41			
02 Sean Faulkner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2				
12 Jay Crowell	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4				
13 Badi Oliver	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	9				
14 Jamil Hardwick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4				
15 Michael Patrick	1	3	0	0	2	2	2	4	0	4	1	0	1	5				
25 Nick Tennin	3	4	0	1	2	2	2	3	7	2	2	0	0	16				
33 Shawn Fields	1	4	0	2	3	1	2	3	0	4	1	1	0	15				
34 Robb Dryden	4	5	0	2	2	1	2	3	1	10	2	1	2	1	25			
44 Ryan Lewis	3	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	6				
Team								2	3	5								
Totals	32	51	7	10	19	24	9	32	41	12	90	21	20	2	6	200		