



## GAMECOCK SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Men's basketball vs. Tennessee Tech, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
- Swimming at Northwestern Invitational, Friday

- Volleyball vs. Georgia at SEC Tournament in Gainesville, Fla., Friday
- Football at Clemson, Saturday, 3:30 p.m. (ABC)



# Palmetto War



### South Carolina, Clemson resume rivalry in Death Valley looking to recover from back-to-back defeats

BY MICHAEL HANEY  
THE GAMECOCK

The excitement is in the air. The leaves have turned to shades of dark red and orange, symbolizing the mixture of Clemson and USC fans in the state of South Carolina.

"You've got Clemson fans, you've got Carolina fans, but you don't know who is who," USC head coach Lou Holtz said Monday. "I see someone give me a dirty look, so I figure they're a Clemson fan. I've got a Clemson neighbor. It's something you learn to deal with."

The No. 25 Gamecocks (7-3, 5-3 SEC) will try to deal with a two-game losing streak when they take to the road Saturday to face the No. 16 Tigers (8-2, 6-2 ACC) in their final regular season game of the year.

The Gamecocks have lost back-to-back games to Florida and Tennessee and are looking to finish the season on a high note.

Their bitter rivals from the Upstate are looking for the same thing. Clemson's hopes for an ACC title were shattered by Florida State, and nothing would salvage their season more than a win over the Gamecocks.

This is the first time since 1987 that both teams have been ranked going into their annual meeting. Carolina won that game 20-7 at Williams-Brice Stadium.

The Tigers hold a 12-7-1 advan-

tage in Clemson and a 58-35-4 lead overall in the series, which dates back to 1896.

The Tigers have already accepted a bid to play in the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville and will likely play either Virginia Tech or Notre Dame.

The Gamecocks, on the other hand, are still playing for a spot in one of three bowls.

If Carolina loses Saturday, the Peach Bowl is their likely destination. If they win, the Outback Bowl is more probable, with a Citrus Bowl birth an outside possibility.

Even without bowl implications, the Clemson/Carolina games are usually an intense, all-out war that has the entire state choosing sides.

Saturday should be no exception. The Gamecocks and Tigers bring two of the best defenses in the country into Saturday's meeting.

Until their loss two weeks ago to Florida State, Clemson was one of the top fifteen defensive teams in the nation.

Carolina, coming off of their worst defensive performance of the year against Florida, is currently 16th in total defense.

Both units feature great players. Clemson's Keith Adams is a Butkus Award finalist and has gathered 121 tackles. Adams is complemented by linebacker Chad Carson, who has 128 total tackles. The Tigers also bring

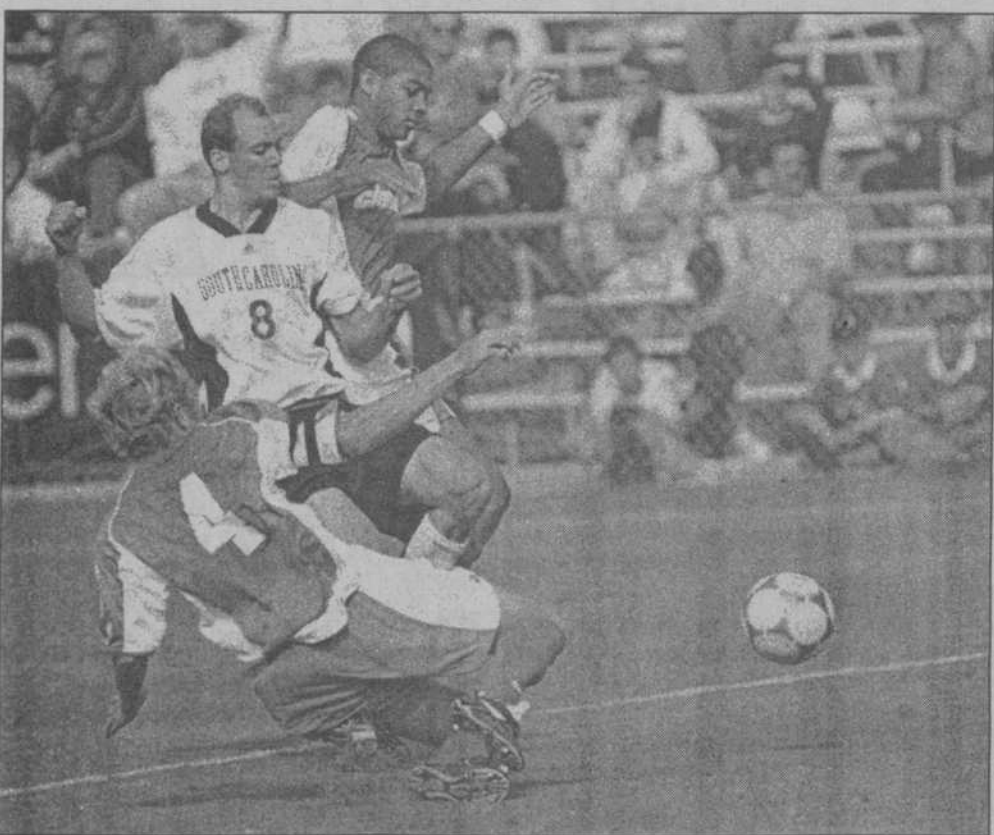


SEAN RAYFORD THE GAMECOCK

Clemson linebacker Braxton Williams has Carolina quarterback Phil Petty on the run during last season's meeting at Williams-Brice Stadium. The Tigers won that game, 31-21, and will try to make it four straight wins over the Gamecocks this Saturday in Death Valley.

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## Men's soccer prepares for battle against Duke



SEAN RAYFORD THE GAMECOCK

USC midfielder Joey Worthen is challenged by a pair of Clemson defenders.

BY KYLE ALMOND  
THE GAMECOCK

Gamecock senior defender Chris Lockwood was surprised when he heard USC had received the seventh seed in the NCAA Tournament.

"But he wasn't shocked. 'I wasn't expecting it,' he said. 'But we played a tough schedule, so I guess they rewarded us.'"

The Gamecocks, ranked No. 21 in the NSCAA poll, leapfrogged several teams, including their first round opponent, Duke, to earn a tournament seed.

The reward: a first round home game and a chance for a second.

"I'm really excited," USC sophomore forward Jordan Quinn said. "I'm looking forward to it."

USC's strength of schedule helped get them a seed in the tournament, but it also had other benefits.

By playing competitive, top-ranked teams like Virginia, Penn

State, Maryland, Clemson and North Carolina during the season, the Gamecocks (12-3-3) know what it's like to play in a big game.

"There will probably be some nerves going into the game," Lockwood said. "But with our tough

schedule, we know what to expect."

Quinn expects a hard fought, scrappy game.

"The key will be outworking your opponent," said Quinn, the Gamecocks' leading scorer on the season with 13 goals. "It won't be the type of game where it's a touch here and a touch there. It's going to be no holds barred, with a lot of fifty-fifty balls. Whoever works the hardest will win."

Duke (14-5) comes into Sunday's contest trying to prove they were the team worthy of the seed, not the Gamecocks.

The Blue Devils are currently ranked No. 16 in the NSCAA polls, five spots ahead of the Gamecocks.

Senior forward Ali Curtis will be the player that Carolina must



NCAA First Round  
#7 USC vs. Duke  
Sunday, 1 p.m.

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### TALE OF THE TAPE



South Carolina  
(7-3, 5-3 SEC)

Clemson  
(8-2, 6-2 ACC)

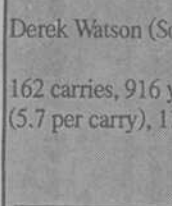
Sept. 2	New Mexico State	31-0 W
Sept. 9	Georgia	21-10 W
Sept. 16	Eastern Michigan	41-6 W
Sept. 23	Mississippi State	23-19 W
Sept. 30	at Alabama	17-27 L
Oct. 7	at Kentucky	20-17 W
Oct. 14	Arkansas	27-7 W
Oct. 21	at Vanderbilt	30-14 W
Oct. 28	Tennessee	14-17 L
Nov. 11	at Florida	21-41 L
Nov. 18	at Clemson	

Sept. 2	The Citadel	38-0 W
Sept. 9	Missouri	62-9 W
Sept. 16	Wake Forest	55-7 W
Sept. 23	at Virginia	31-10 W
Sept. 30	at Duke	52-22 W
Oct. 7	N.C. State	34-27 W
Oct. 14	Maryland	35-14 W
Oct. 21	at North Carolina	38-24 W
Oct. 28	Georgia Tech	28-31 L
Nov. 4	at Florida State	7-54 L
Nov. 18	South Carolina	

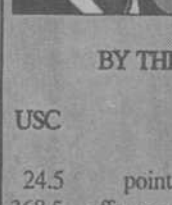
#### TEAM LEADERS



Phil Petty (R-Jr.)  
148-270, 1910 yds.,  
7 TD, 6 INT



Derek Watson (So.)  
162 carries, 916 yds.  
(5.7 per carry), 11 TD



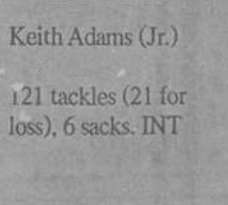
Rashad Faison (R-So.)  
87 tackles (13 for loss),  
5 sacks, INT, TD

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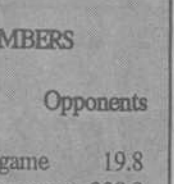
Woody Dantzler (R-Jr.)  
108-144, 1506 pass  
yds., 867 rush yds., 23  
TD, 6 INT



Rod Gardner (R-Sr.)  
47 receptions, 849  
yds., 6 TD



Keith Adams Jr.  
121 tackles (21 for loss),  
6 sacks, INT



#### BY THE NUMBERS

USC	Opponents
24.5	points per game
368.5	offense yards per game
156.5	rush yards per game
212.0	pass yards per game
29:38	time of poss. per game
+6	turnover margin
43.0%	third down conversion

#### BY THE NUMBERS

CU	Opponents
38.0	points per game
455.2	offense yards per game
242.6	rush yards per game
212.6	pass yards per game
30:04	time of poss. per game
+3	turnover margin
42.6%	third down conversion

## Clemson/USC over the last half century

Series Record: Clemson leads, 58-35-4  
At Columbia: Clemson leads, 46-28-3  
At Clemson: Clemson leads, 12-7-1  
First Meeting: South Carolina 12, Clemson 6  
(Nov. 12, 1896 at Columbia)  
Last Meeting: Clemson 31, South Carolina 21  
(Nov. 20, 1999 at Columbia)

1950:	Carolina 14, Clemson 14	at Columbia
1951:	Carolina 20, Clemson 0	at Columbia
1952:	Carolina 6, Clemson 0	at Columbia
1953:	Carolina 14, Clemson 7	at Columbia
1954:	Carolina 13, Clemson 8	at Columbia
1955:	Clemson 28, Carolina 14	at Columbia
1956:	Clemson 7, Carolina 0	at Columbia
1957:	Clemson 13, Carolina 0	at Columbia
1958:	Carolina 26, Clemson 6	at Columbia
1959:	Clemson 27, Carolina 0	at Columbia
1960:	Clemson 12, Carolina 2	at Columbia
1961:	Carolina 21, Clemson 14	at Columbia
1962:	Clemson 20, Carolina 17	at Columbia
1963:	Clemson 24, Carolina 20	at Columbia
1964:	Carolina 7, Clemson 3	at Columbia
1965:	Carolina 17, Clemson 16	at Columbia
1966:	Clemson 35, Carolina 10	at Columbia
1967:	Clemson 23, Carolina 12	at Columbia
1968:	Carolina 7, Clemson 3	at Columbia
1969:	Carolina 27, Clemson 13	at Columbia
1970:	Carolina 38, Clemson 32	at Columbia
1971:	Clemson 17, Carolina 7	at Columbia
1972:	Clemson 7, Carolina 6	at Columbia
1973:	Carolina 32, Clemson 20	at Columbia
1974:	Clemson 39, Carolina 21	at Columbia
1975:	Carolina 56, Clemson 20	at Columbia
1976:	Clemson 28, Carolina 9	at Columbia
1977:	Clemson 31, Carolina 27	at Columbia
1978:	Clemson 41, Carolina 23	at Columbia
1979:	Carolina 13, Clemson 9	at Columbia
1980:	Clemson 27, Carolina 6	at Columbia
1981:	Clemson 29, Carolina 13	at Columbia
1982:	Clemson 24, Carolina 6	at Columbia
1983:	Clemson 22, Carolina 13	at Columbia
1984:	Carolina 22, Clemson 21	at Columbia
1985:	Clemson 24, Carolina 17	at Columbia
1986:	Carolina 21, Clemson 21	at Columbia
1987:	Carolina 20, Clemson 7	at Columbia
1988:	Clemson 29, Carolina 10	at Columbia
1989:	Clemson 45, Carolina 0	at Columbia
1990:	Clemson 24, Carolina 15	at Columbia
1991:	Clemson 41, Carolina 24	at Columbia
1992:	Carolina 24, Clemson 13	at Columbia
1993:	Clemson 16, Carolina 13	at Columbia
1994:	Carolina 33, Clemson 7	at Columbia
1995:	Clemson 38, Carolina 17	at Columbia
1996:	Carolina 34, Clemson 31	at Columbia
1997:	Clemson 48, Carolina 21	at Columbia
1998:	Clemson 28, Carolina 19	at Columbia
1999:	Clemson 31, Carolina 21	at Columbia