

# USC goes 1-1 in Syracuse

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South Carolina's women's basketball team traveled to Syracuse, N.Y. this past weekend to take part in the Carrier Classic, and the Lady Gamecocks came out with a win and a loss.

On Friday afternoon, USC (2-5) defeated the University of Akron 77-55.

The Lady Gamecocks, having a definite height advantage over Akron, received 38 points from the bench on their way to victory. Both Shannon Segres and Teresa Geter scored in double figures. Segres scored 14 points and pulled down eight rebounds, while Geter contributed 10 points. Christina Ciocan added five assists and four steals.

The Lady Gamecocks also shot a season high 47 percent from the field and 40 percent from three-point range. USC also out-rebounded the Zips, 49-31, to complete a totally dominating performance.

"This was a much needed game for us and an opportunity to play everyone," Carolina head coach Susan Walvius said after the Akron win. "We used a lot of full-court man defense to pressure Akron. We put them on the free-throw line way too much today. But I was pleased with our offense and with the post production. Our execution was much better, and we did a good job of getting some second shots at the basket."

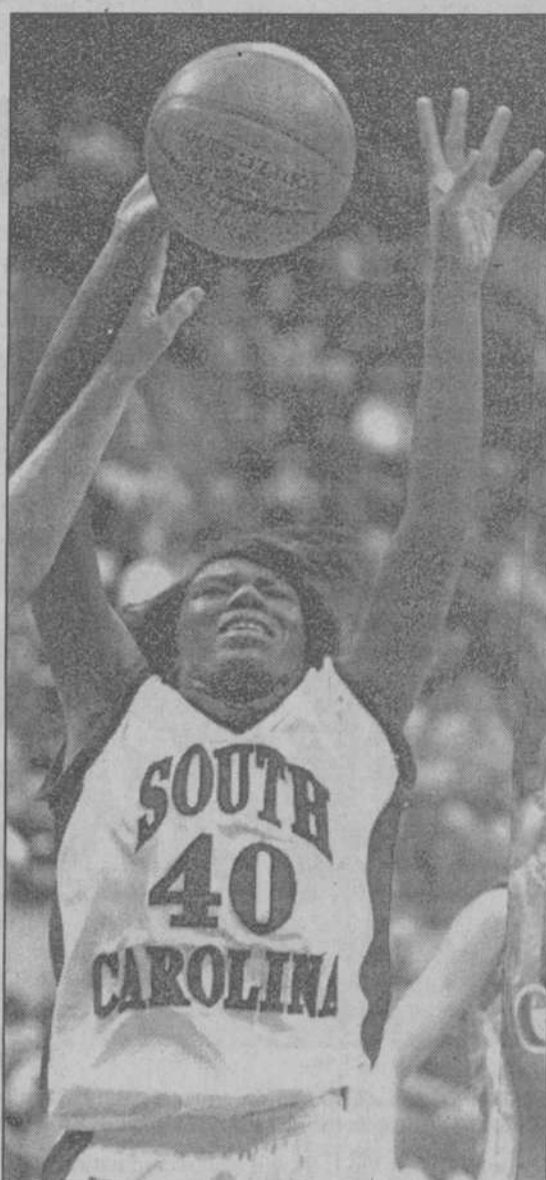
The Lady Gamecocks leaped to an early 20-8 lead in the first half. Shaunzinski Gortman contributed two 3-pointers and Tatyana Troina helped out with another 3-point shot. USC led by as many as 14 points. A 7-3 Akron rally closed the scoring deficit to only eight, but Lady Gamecocks Nihan Anaz and Tasha Cook contributed several baskets to end the half with a comfortable 42-28 lead.

In the second half, a three-pointer by Akron guard Katie Hank cut the score to 50-43. Only one minute later, Hank twisted her knee and could not return to the game. The Lady Gamecocks then went on a 10-3 run, sealing a victory for USC.

The next day, the Lady Gamecocks fell to the host Syracuse Orangewomen. Syracuse senior Beth Record scored 24 points as Syracuse beat Carolina, 73-58.

Over the first 10 minutes of the game, USC enjoyed brief periods with the lead. Syracuse took over the lead for the remainder of the half, however. The Lady Gamecocks narrowed the Orangewomen lead to only 3 points, but a 3-pointer from Syracuse guard Julie McBride sent Carolina into the locker room trailing 31-25.

In the second half, USC made an 11-7 run to cut their deficit to only six points, but that was as close as they came to the lead. Syracuse dominated the second half as well and won by a 15 point margin.



SEAN RAYFORD THE GAMECOCK

Lady Gamecock Teresa Geter reaches for a rebound against Clemson last week.

For their outstanding efforts in the tournament, USC's Anaz and Petra Ujhelyi were named to the All-Tournament team. Both had 12 points in the championship game against Syracuse.

USC will play their next game tonight when they host No. 22 North Carolina State. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

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# Gamecock divers break records vs. Charleston

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As former Gamecock swimmers participated last weekend at the U.S. Open in Auburn, Ala., USC divers were in competition at home against the College of Charleston. Unlike the swimmers, who have had exposure to competition this semester, this was only the second meet the divers had participated in this season.

USC's Brandon Hulko, who recently earned himself a place on the U.S. National Team, led the Gamecocks in Friday's meet. Considered one of the best divers at USC, Hulko lived up to billing, shattering a school record in the one-meter springboard event.

Hulko, who had technically clean dives in both the one- and three-meter events, went on to break his second school record shortly afterwards in the three-meter springboard.

"I felt really good coming in from the Northwestern (meet)," Hulko said. "I tried to have the same results as I had there, and I am trying to create some consistency in my dives."

Fellow teammate Brad Brown came in second in both the one- and three-meter events behind Hulko. According to USC diving coach Todd Sherritt, Brown is a diver who has shown much potential over the last few years and has done a good job of filling in for the loss of diver Chad Sheldon, who graduated last year. He will be seen extensively this year in the one-meter springboard, three-meter springboard and platform events. Sherritt expects Brown to be among the top eight finishers at the NCAA championships scheduled for next semester.

For the Lady Gamecocks, Hol-

ly Rodgers, a freshman from Indianapolis, finished first in both the girls one- and three-meter platform dives. Rodgers, a Junior Olympic National Champion in the one-meter board, won at the Nationals and was a first time All-American during her senior year. She is also expected to make the finals at the NCAA, according to Sherritt.

The Gamecocks were handicapped due to the absence of Jessica Pichota, a freshman from Texas who is recovering from surgery.

Sherritt was pleased with the way his team performed against the College of Charleston.

"Both Brandon and Brad have really improved over the summer, and I was happy with their dives," he said.

Sherritt has proven himself to be one of the best diving coaches in the nation. He has an impressive track record as both a diver and a coach.

He first came to South Carolina from Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1982 in order to train for the U.S. Olympic trials, and has since made South Carolina his home. During his coaching career, Sherritt coached Olympian Michelle Davison, who competed in the three-meter springboard event at the summer Olympics in Sydney this year. He has also represented the United States as a coach for the World Cup and the World University Games in 1999.

Sherritt deflects the praise to his team.

"I feel that USC has some of the countries most talented divers on their team, and I am confident that they will reach high levels," he said.

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Tempe, Ariz.  
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Orlando, Fla.  
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## BASKETBALL

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"We gave too many second shots in the first half, and they killed us in transition," Fogler said. "They've got a great basketball team."

"They were great on tape and they were great in person. When they're shooting the ball like that ... they have a chance to be an outstanding basketball team."

Now the Gamecocks (3-2) must rebound and face two in-state foes this week.

"We can't let one loss from a very good team get us down," Clemmons said.

Carolina will take on the Citadel in Charleston on Tuesday, before returning home to face Clemson on Saturday.

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# Florida State in title game once again

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Florida State always seems to be in the mix no matter what system college football uses to decide a national champion.

For the fourth time in the last five seasons, the No. 3 Seminoles (11-1) will play for a national title — this time against No. 1 Oklahoma (12-0) in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3.

The Bowl Championship Series' system of rating teams using polls, computers, schedule strength and losses, placed the Seminoles second behind the Sooners in its final standings released Sunday.

The matchup creates the possibility of split national champions. The AP media poll and the coaches' poll have Oklahoma and Miami ranked 1-2. If Florida State beats Oklahoma and Miami beats Florida in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2, there's a chance for co-champions.

The AP poll's sports writers and broadcasters vote independently of the BCS, but the coach-

es' poll owns the Orange Bowl winner as its champio.

"If that happens, then that will be what it is," BCS coordinator John Swofford said. "The BCS doesn't eliminate that possibility. We've known that all along. It does minimize the chances for it happening."

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden understands his team could share a national title with the Hurricanes, who beat the Seminoles 27-24 on Oct. 7. Still, he says the BCS formula proves his team deserves to play in Miami.

"Everything was run through the computer," Bowden said. "We had nothing to do with it. The facts were fed in during the season and it came out rating us second. We will accept that."

"It's No. 1 vs. No. 2 in the BCS and if we were to beat Oklahoma, then I think we should be No. 1 in the nation in the BCS. But that probably won't happen in the AP unless Florida beats Miami."

Miami coach Butch Davis said his team did its best to reach the BCS title game, which is

being played in its own backyard.

"Regardless of how it turned out, it can't take anything away from our great season," Davis said. "We had some great games, against Florida State and then Virginia Tech. We've won nine in a row and did everything we think we could have."

Florida State (11-1) is trying to become just the seventh school to win back-to-back national titles and the first since Nebraska in 1994-95.

Oklahoma, the nation's only major unbeaten team after its 27-24 win over Kansas State in the Big 12 title game Saturday night, is gunning for its sixth national title and first since 1956.

The remaining BCS bowls were filled Sunday, along with most other bowl matchups.

In one of the more intriguing games, Miami (10-1) and Florida (10-2) renew a heated rivalry that ended in 1987. The Big East champion Hurricanes and SEC champion Gators are scheduled to play again in 2002.

Because Florida State beat Florida 30-7, Miami may need to win by a similar or greater margin to have a chance at a co-national title.

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