



# SPORTS

## GAMECOCK SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Men's basketball vs. Vanderbilt, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's basketball at Vanderbilt, Thursday, 8 p.m.
- Men's basketball vs. Auburn, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's swimming at Arkansas/Kentucky, Saturday, 11 a.m.
- Indoor track in SEC Quad at Kentucky, Saturday

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### OUTBACK BOWL BOX SCORE

USC	0	3	7	14	--	24
Ohio St.	0	0	7	0	--	7

### Scoring Summary

2nd Quarter  
USC -- Corse 23 yard FG, 12:42

3rd Quarter  
USC -- Brewer 7 yard TD run (Corse kick), 10:53  
OSU -- Gurr TD fumble recovery (Stultz kick), 3:51

4th Quarter  
USC -- Brewer 28 yard TD pass from Petty (Corse kick), 14:17  
USC -- Brewer 2 yard TD run (Corse kick), 6:11

### Team Statistics

	USC	OSU
First downs	18	16
Rush offense	51-218	33-85
Pass yards	175	173
Comp-Att-Int	9-19-1	16-28-2
Turnovers	1	2
Time of Poss.	33:33	26:27
Sacks-Yards	4-23	1-9
Penalties-Yards	7-50	9-65

### Individual Statistics

#### RUSHING:

USC -- Brewer 19-109, Pinnock 11-33, Smith 7-33, Petty 7-23, Alexander 5-11, Scott 1-7, Spikes 1-2  
OSU -- Wells 14-52, Combs 8-25, Rambo 1-7, Bellisari 10-1

#### PASSING:

USC -- Petty 9-19-175-1  
OSU -- Bellisari 14-25-157-2, Krenzel 2-3-16

#### RECEIVING:

USC -- Brewer 3-92, Kelly 3-43, Scott 3-40  
OSU -- Sanders 5-47, Rambo 2-5, Westbrook 2-22, Combs 2-6, Wells 2-4, Provitt 1-17, Cheatwood 1-7, Bryant 1-5

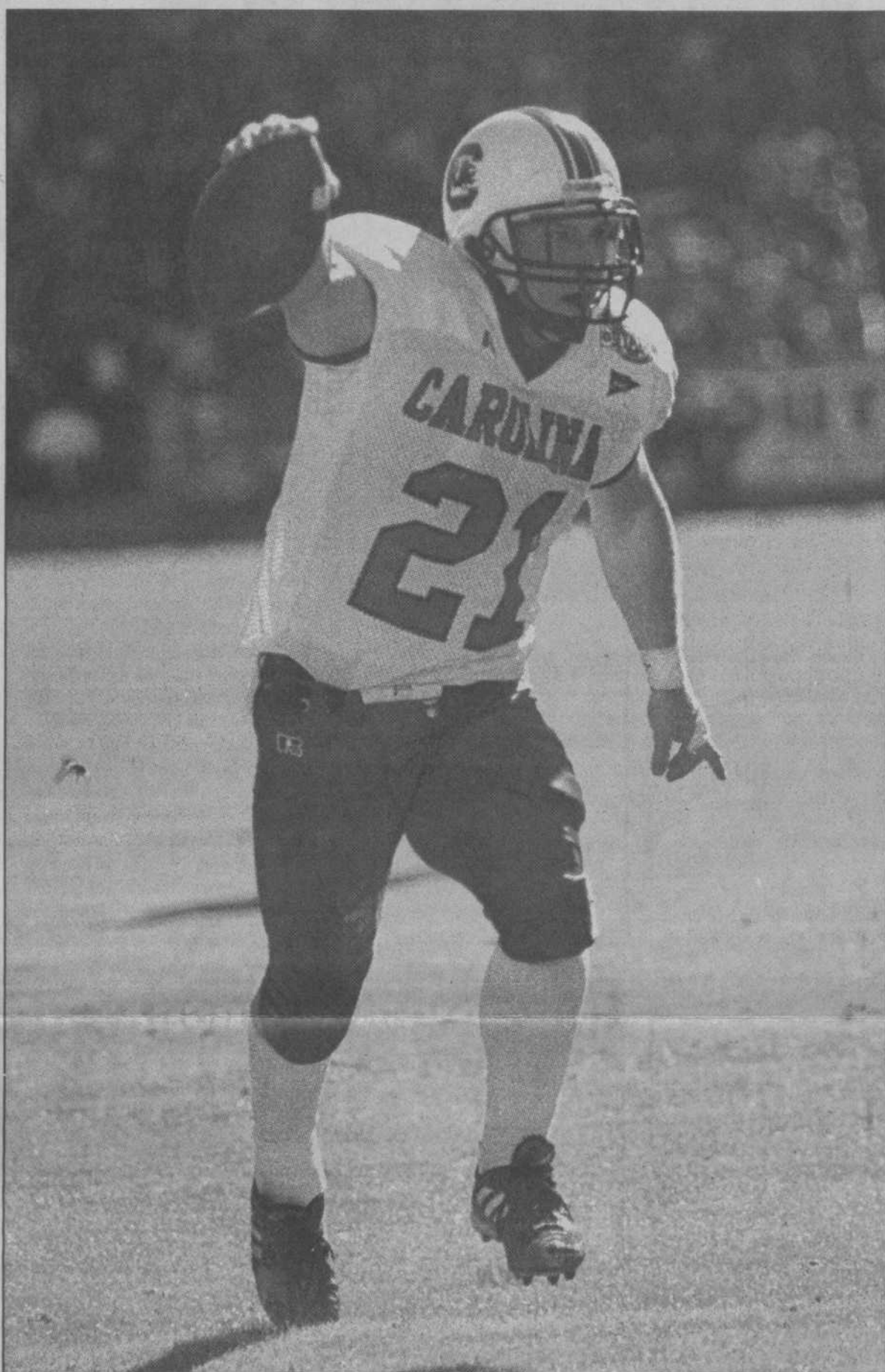
#### DEFENSE:

USC -- Leading tackler - Harney (8), Most tackles for loss - Edwards (3-17), Most sacks - Edwards (3), Most interceptions - Elland (2)  
OSU -- Leading tacklers - Nickey, Clements, Pickett, Cooper (6), Most tackles for loss - Bullard (2-3), Most sacks - Bailey (1), Most interceptions - Bullard (1)

## CAROLINA 24



## OHIO STATE 7



Sean Rayford The Gamecock

Sophomore running back Ryan Brewer scored three touchdowns in the Gamecocks' 24-7 win in the Outback Bowl. He was chosen as the game's Most Valuable Player and set Outback Bowl records for individual points scored (18) and touchdowns. Brewer was Mr. Football in Ohio and wasn't recruited by the team he ran over, Ohio State.

## Brewer shines in Tampa Bay

BY BROCK VERGAKIS  
THE GAMECOCK

TAMPA - USC's superstar in the Outback Bowl probably shouldn't have even come to South Carolina to play football. Ryan Brewer had grown up in Ohio and wanted to play for Ohio State — badly. But Ohio State didn't seem to want him. Sure, he was Mr. Football in Ohio, but Ohio State's head coach, John Cooper, just seemed to think he was a little too small and they never offered him a scholarship.

At the same time Brewer was searching for a school to play at, USC had recently named Lou Holtz its head football coach. South Carolina suddenly became another option for Mr. Football.

"I had just arrived at South Carolina, and I received a message that Ohio's Mr. Football wanted to play here, so I called him," Holtz said of Brewer. "I told him we want you to visit and we're going to recruit you hard. He said, 'I'm committing myself,' and I went, 'Whoa, maybe I should look at some film.'"

Holtz looked at that film and saw something in Brewer that apparently Cooper didn't.

"There are a lot of talented athletes who play football," Holtz said. "But Ryan Brewer is a good football player. He's old-fashioned. He's a good student. He's respected by his teammates. He plays on all of our special teams. He's not a guy who runs to the sidelines. He's a north-south guy."

In Carolina's 24-7 victory over the Buckeyes, Cooper saw exactly what he missed and Holtz didn't. After the game, Cooper made a point to find Brewer and congratulate him on his performance.

"[Cooper] said, 'We all make mistakes.' It was the longest conversation we've ever had," Brewer said.

Ohio State's loss turned out to be USC's gain, and Brewer's teammates know it.

"They could have used him," senior wide receiver Jermale Kelly said.

"But they chose not to choose him, and I'm glad we got him."

The entire football team knew how special this game was to Brewer and how much he wanted to perform well in this game. Andrew Pinnock said Brewer wanted a piece of Ohio State even before the bowl match-ups were announced.

"I've always wanted to play against Ohio State. Once I knew we were playing them, I couldn't sleep or anything," Brewer said.

But before the game started Holtz saw the nervous anticipation Brewer had and tried to calm him down.

"I had no trouble getting up for the game," Brewer said. "Maybe I was too pumped up. Coach Holtz found a way to calm me down. I dropped a ball in warm-ups, and he came over and talked to me. He said 'Don't play this game against Ohio State for yourself. Play it for the team.'"

And by playing for the team, Brewer certainly achieved a level of satisfaction for himself.

"This game meant a little more to me," he said. "I grew up an Ohio State fan, so this was a big deal for me. It was something special to go out on the field before the game and see those Buckeyes over there. I felt I had something to prove to myself prideside."

And prove it he did. Not only to himself, but to everyone who was watching. As the game winded down, chants of "Brewer" roared across the stadium. What most people didn't notice, however, is that the first wave of "Brewer" chants was started by fans in the Ohio State section showing their respect for the one who got away.

"I said all along I needed to prove something to myself today, and I think I did it," Brewer said. "It's been a dream game for me, and it was a dream outcome. I don't think I even believe what's happened yet."

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### WHILE YOU WERE AWAY...

## Kraft's buzzer-beating shot tops No. 5 Florida 69-68

■ After losing six straight, USC finally beats Clemson, see B3

BY KYLE ALMOND  
THE GAMECOCK

Travis Kraft only played 19.6 seconds in South Carolina's SEC opener against Florida, and he only took one shot — but that was all he needed to become a hero.

Kraft's long-range 3-pointer at the buzzer Sunday night (Jan. 7) stunned the visiting Gators 69-68 and gave the Gamecocks a huge upset win against the fifth-ranked team in the nation.

The Gamecocks (9-3, 1-0 SEC) looked to be all but out of the game with less than five minutes remaining, as the Gators (10-2, 0-1) were up by 10 with 4:49 remaining in the game. However, USC fought back in the waning minutes and put itself in a position to win with 2.5 seconds left.

Down by two points, Kraft in-bounded the ball to forward Calvin Clemmons. Clemmons immediately passed the ball back to a wide-open Kraft, who calmly swished the game-winner from about 25 feet and sent

the Carolina Coliseum into hysteria.

"I was looking for the shot right away," said Kraft, a sophomore whose playing time has been limited because of a foot injury.

"Before the game and at halftime, Coach (Eddie Fogler) personally said, 'Travis, be ready. We may need you.'"

Fogler's words proved to be true. Kraft's game-winner spoiled a solid night for Florida's Matt Bonner, who led the Gators with 18 points and 15 rebounds.

"We just lost on a shot at the buzzer," Bonner said. "We just didn't make the plays we needed to make. We made too many mistakes."

The Gators were playing the final minutes without some of their best players. Forward Brent Wright sat out the game because of injury, point guard Teddy Dupay had fouled out and center Udonis Haslem was on the bench in foul trouble.

Bonner's big night alone wasn't

### Men's basketball OVER THE BREAK

Dec. 9 Clemson 76-64 W  
Kitchings: 23 points, 7 rebounds

Dec. 19 UNC Asheville 80-55 W  
Clemmons: 12 points, 7 rebounds

Dec. 21 Wyoming 78-67 W  
Eidsen: 13 points, 11 rebounds

Dec. 28 VMI 82-68 W  
Lucas: 16 points, 5 assists

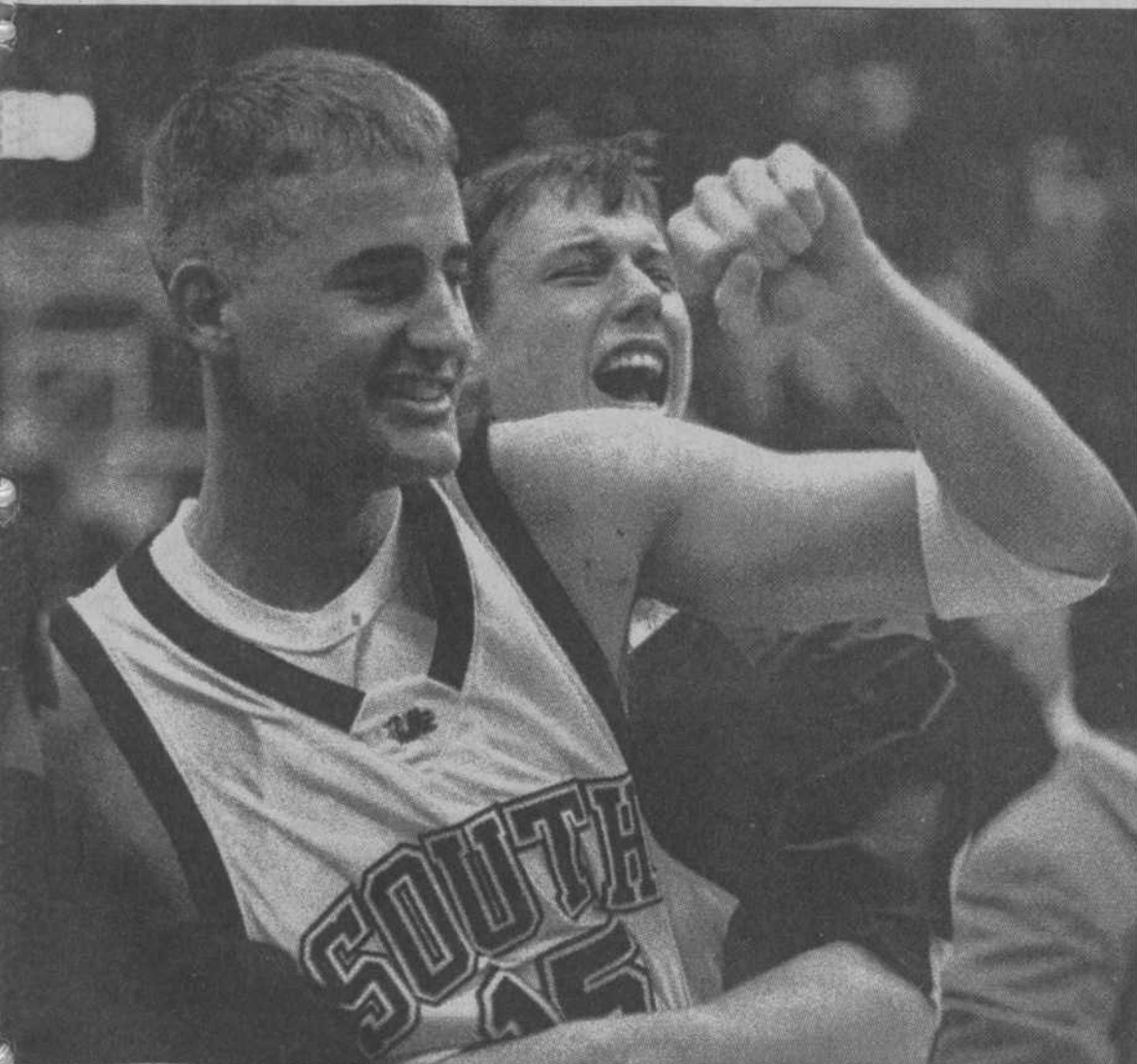
Dec. 30 at Providence 60-55 L  
Maxey (PU): 11 points, 4 steals

Jan. 7 Florida 69-68 W  
Kraft: game-winning 3-pointer

Jan. 10 at Kentucky 69-63 L  
Prince (UK): 10 points, 4 assists

Jan. 13 at Tennessee 79-71 L  
Yarbrough (UT): 14 points, 8 rebounds, 6 assists

Record over break: (5-3, 1-2 SEC)  
OVERALL RECORD: (9-5, 1-2 SEC)



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Travis Kraft (left) is hugged by teammate Greg Taylor moments after sinking the game-winning 3-pointer against the fifth-ranked Florida Gators. Kraft, a sophomore who has seen limited action because of injury, only played 19.6 seconds in the game in which he was a pivotal player.