

The Gamecock

In the sports pages



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Who Else?

I thought I'd take a break from my regular routine and comment on several happenings in the sports world, instead of just one. (This is a nice way of saying I couldn't think of 700 biting and witty words about any one particular topic.)

Ewing gets the Gold. Newly-signed Orlando Magic center Patrick Ewing testified at the Gold Club trial in Atlanta this week. Ewing talked about the several "favors" he received from employees of the gentleman's club, spurred on by the owner, a Knicks fan. Ewing further revealed this kind of practice had been going on since 1996, giving a whole new meaning to the term, "give and go."

If memory serves, the Knicks refused to hold preseason training camp in Charleston one year because they were offended by the Confederate flag in South Carolina and wanted to stand up for the morals of the team. With Ewing's brand of morals, I can see why a simple piece of fabric could be so offensive.

Duval wins the grog. David Duval finally won a major golf championship, claiming victory at the British Open. I was more amazed that the guy actually had eyes behind those Oakleys. What's even more amazing is Tiger Woods finished 25th. He must have been too busy counting the \$88 billion he's accumulated over the last five years.

Ankiel heating up. Rick "Wild Thing 2" Ankiel has been blowing batters away in A ball. And why not? He's the second coming of "Nuke" LaLoosh from *Bull Durham*. Word of advice, Rick. Don't think, just throw. And look around for Susan Sarandon.

DeRosa comes up big. Braves rookie Mark DeRosa hit a 10th-inning game-winning home run against Montreal last week for his first big-league homer. However, when fellow rookie Marcus Giles hit a game-winning grand slam earlier this season, he was optioned back to AAA Richmond the next day. If the Braves follow suit, DeRosa will be flogged by Andrew Jones until he learns not to do that again. With the way Jones is

swinging lately, however, DeRosa won't have much to worry about.

Harrison hems, haws. WNBA star Lisa Harrison is waffling on her statement to pose for *Playboy* if she won the "Sexiest Babe in the WNBA" contest. After saying that, her percentage of the vote skyrocketed. Now the Phoenix Mercury forward has said the money *Playboy* is offering may not be enough to shed her clothes, not to mention her dignity, in the magazine. Tease.

Rice happy in Oakland. Former 49ers wide receiver Jerry Rice is enjoying his new status as an Oakland Raider. Apparently, Rice hasn't met Al Davis yet.

Jodie roughed up in debut. Former USC pitcher and current New York Yankee Brett Jodie was greeted rather roughly in his major league debut Friday, getting torched for seven hits and six runs in just over two innings. Gamecocks and Yankees just don't mix.

Webber re-signs. The Kings retained the rights to Chris Webber for a contract that would choke a horse. The new contract is the first one in history to feature a "no timeout" clause.

Kournikova not married. Tennis vixen Anna Kournikova is not secretly married to Sergei Federov, according to her father. I'm sure she's too busy fending off suitors who watched her new workout video anyway. (It comes with a complimentary pack of cigarettes.)

Jordan still not decided. Michael Jordan can't make up his mind on whether to come out of retirement for the NBA. I have two reasons why Jordan shouldn't. 1. Washington. 2. Wizards.

Armstrong on track. Superhuman Lance Armstrong is on track to win another Tour de France. Why do we give Dennis Rodman his own TV show but can't even send a thank-you note to Armstrong, who is single-handedly destroying the image of "The Ugly American?"

Bravo named Player of Week. Colorado midfielder Paul Bravo was named Major League Soccer Player of the Week. Wheeeee.

Mariners keep winning. The Seattle Mariners are up to 72 wins now. I hear Bud Selig, in the interest of fairness, is thinking of replacing Seattle's entire starting pitching staff with XFL punters.

Wadley to have surgery

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Senior linebacker Shannon Wadley has decided to undergo arthroscopic surgery to repair the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. Wadley tore the ligament and surrounding cartilage last week during conditioning drills.

It is not known how long Wadley will be out, but there is hope he can play this season since the injury happened during the summer. This will give Wadley more time to exercise and receive therapy to the injury. Normally, an ACL injury can cost an athlete an entire season.

Wadley's injury opens a large hole in the Gamecock defensive unit. Since Wadley can't be counted on for USC's opener against Boise State on Sept. 1, defensive coordinator Charlie Strong will have to find both a starter and a replacement for the position. Wadley's backup, Jeremiah Garrison, has been suspended indefinitely from the team.

Around the SEC

■ Pettaway earns scholarship

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Antoine Pettway, a rising sophomore on the basketball team, has been awarded an athletic scholarship. Pettway turned down several athletic scholarships at schools in order to walk on to the Crimson Tide basketball team. Pettway played in 29 games, averaging 12.4 minutes a game for the Tide last season. He also scored 19 against Ole Miss. Pettway was on academic scholarship last season.

■ Auburn swimmer wins silver medal

FUKUOKA, Japan — Auburn swimmer Maggie Bowen won a silver medal in the 400-meter individual medley at the FINA World Swimming Championships.

Although she did not win the gold, she lowered her personal best time for the event by four seconds, giving her the third best mark for the event in U.S. history, bested only by swimming legends Janet Evans and Summer Sanders.

■ Gator named to U.S. U-21 team

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida women's soccer player Abby

Wambach was named to the U.S. Under-21 National Soccer team after a three-day camp at the University of Rhode Island. The team will represent the U.S. in the Nordic Cup tournament July 25-31 in Norway. Wambach led the Gators in goals last season, notching 23 for the year.

■ Arkansas unveils new logo

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Head football coach Houston Nutt and men's basketball Coach Nolan Richardson were among those who unveiled new logos for the University of Arkansas. Phoenix Design Works from New York City designed the new logos, which includes a newer version of Arkansas' classic "running hog" logo.



■ Bulldogs name new coach

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia assistant David Perno has been named head baseball coach for the Bulldogs. Perno replaces Ron Polk, who left Georgia to take the head coaching position at Mississippi State. Perno has been an assistant for the Bulldogs for the past five seasons.

Allden leaves Gamecocks

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USC cross country coach Andrew Allden left Thursday to take the same position at Coastal Carolina. Allden had been with USC since 1996.

"We are excited to have Andrew Allden join us at Coastal Carolina as the men's cross country and track and field coach," Coastal Carolina Director of Athletics Warren "Moose" Koegel said. "Andrew brings a great wealth of experience in national and international competition and has collegiate experience with some very impressive track programs."

Allden led the Gamecocks to their highest finish ever in 1999 and

had two runners make the All-SEC team. He was named the S.C. Division I Women's Cross Country Collegiate Coach of the Year for his accomplishments.

Allden's athletes also performed admirably in the classroom, collecting a team grade-point average of 3.38, good enough for placement on the All-Academic team for five straight years.

"My family is very excited about the opportunity Coastal Carolina presents," Allden said. "I am looking forward to many successful years at Coastal. My goal



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is to bring the men's programs up to the high standards established by Coach Alan Connie with the women's programs."

Allden went to the 2000 Olympics in Sydney with USC athletes Marvin Watts and Charmaine Howell. Howell earned a silver medal for her performance in the 4x400-meter relay.

Prior to his tenure at USC, Allden coached at Tulane from 1994-66. The Green Wave had seven conference champions, 19 all-conference selections and recorded the highest national finish ever at Tulane.

Allden also spent five years at North Carolina under current USC coach Curtis Frye, and one year as a graduate assistant at Georgia.