SEC BRIEFS

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Georgia moves to No. 19 in upset

In the biggest upset this side of the Mississippi, Georgia (3-1, 2-1) beat Tennessee (3-1, 2-1) 26-24 on Saturday. This marks the first time Georgia has won in Knoxville since 1980. The Georgia-Tennessee rivalry extends back to 1899, with Tennessee now leading the all-time series 17-12-2. Since the current SEC was formed in 1992, Tennessee had won eight straight before last year's loss to the Bulldogs in Athens. Georgia's win propels them to the No. 19 spot in the AP poll, while the Vols dropped to No. 13. This marks the second time the Dawgs have been in the Top 25 this year. They fell out of the polls after their loss to USC on Sept. 9. Georgia will travel to Nashville on Saturday to take on Vanderbilt, while Tennessee will have a bye week.

Alex Brown wins player of week

Defensive end Alex Brown won the SEC's defensive player of the week honors for his performance against LSU. The Gators downed the Tigers in Baton Rouge on Saturday 44-15. Brown broke the school's record for sacks in the game, reaching 28 for his career. The record had been held by Alonzo Johnson, who played from 1981 to 1985. Next week, Florida will take on the Auburn Tigers.

LSU quarterback injured in sack

Quarterback Rohan Davey is questionable for Saturday's game against Kentucky. Davey was injured on a sack in the team's loss to Florida. Before he left the game toward the end of the first half, Davey was 7-17 with one interception. Despite the possibility of going to Lexington without his starting quarterback, LSU head coach Nick Saban remains confident about his team. "We have to take the games we have moving forward one game at a time. We need to play better and and out what we're made of. We've played two good football teams now back-toback. I think it's time for everybody to look in the mirror and say this is what I need to do to get better and get it done," Saban said. The 1-4 Kentucky Wildcats lost their third SEC match against USC on Saturday.

SEC's toughest conferences

This year's inter-conference matches within the SEC have been the most competitive in the nation. After six weeks, 17 SEC vs. SEC games have had an average scoring margin of 13.88 points per game. Seven games have been decided by five points or less. Only five have been determined by more than 16 points. Four teams are currently in the AP poll, including No. 1 Florida. No. 9 South Carolina, No. 13 Tennessee, and No. 19

ML PLAYOFFS

Braves 7 Astros 4

Indians 5 Mariners 0

Diamondbacks 1 Cardinals 0

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This week's games:

+NO. 9 SOUTH CAROLINA (5-0) AT ARKANSAS (2-3) *NO. 2 MIAMI (4-0) AT NO. 14 FLORIDA STATE (3-1) +NO. 10 WASHINGTON (4-0) AT NO. 7 UCLA (4-0) +NO. 17 PURDUE (4-0) AT NO. 12 MICHIGAN (4-1)

NO. 15 GEORGIA TECH (4-1) *ALABAMA (3-2) AT **OLE MISS (3-1)**

*NO. 22 MARYLAND (5-0) AT

• NO. 16 CLEMSON (3-1) AT N.C. STATE (3-1)

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Asst. Sports Editor Preston Baines and Reader George

Football

Ranking doesn't impress Holtz

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lot of people making a lot of big plays for us, and we play very intelligent. The two most important things: Our players are very competitive and they play together as a team."

The Gamecocks currently are on top in the SEC East. By winning all four of their conference games, USC is one of only three teams remaining in the conference with perfect records, with the others being Florida and Auburn.

The school record for consecutive victories came in 1984 when South Carolina posted a 9-0 record and were ranked at the No. 2 spot in the nation before Navy beat them.

The Gamecocks next challenge will come against one of Holtz's former teams, the Arkansas Razorbacks. Since Holtz's arrival at Columbia, USC has gone 1-1 against the Razorbacks, including last year's 27-7 win at USC. But Holtz remains wary of his former team and fears what Arkansas can do to the Gamecocks if USC loses their focus.

"This is the wrong time to be playing Arkansas," Holtz

The game will be televised nationally by CBS. Kickoff is slated for 3:30 p.m.

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SEC football standings

All statistics are current as of Oct.9.

EASTERN DIVISION

South Carolina

Florida

Georgia

Tennessee

Vanderbilt

Kentucky

Almond

Sports Illustrated looks stupid now CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

State a first-place vote, give me some of that stuff you're smoking. ... Sports Illustrated, way to go picking Oregon State to win the national title! Picking an unusual team to win it all might have sold a few extra copies, but it made you look like idiots. ... What do Major Applewhite and Jeff Hostetler have in common? They can both do just as well, if not better, than a Simms. ... To Chris Fowler, Lee Corso and the rest of ESPN College GameDay, why don't you guys come down Nov. 10 when we upset Florida? ... Dennis Green, try to enjoy your last season at the Metrodome. ... Rob Johnson, just retire already. ... Joe Torre, don't take Oakland lightly. The A's have got the young arms to match up with Clemens, Mussina and Pettitte. ... To the U.S. soccer team, well done on qualifying. Now get healthy and stay that way until next summer. ... Ah, what the hell, Rashad Faison for Heisman!

To see the Gamecocks in the Top 25 in other sports and more, see dailygamecock.com.

AVCA Volleyball

1. Cal St.-Long Beach

Top 25

2. Nebraska

4. Stanford

6. Wisconsin

8. Colorado State

10. Ohio State

11. Penn State

14. Brigham Young

16. Northern Iowa

19. SOUTH CAROLINA

15. Pepperdine

17. Texas A&M

20. Minnesota

21. Notre Dame

18. Utah

7. Arizona

9. Florida

12. Pacific

13. Hawaii

5. UCLA

3. Southern Cal

OFFENSIVE SURGE



Brian Scott catches a touchdown pass against Kentucky on Saturday. Scott is widely regarded as Phil Petty's go-to guy and has been an integral part of this season's improved offense. PHOTO BY AARON HARK

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's golf places 10th in match

The magic score for the South Carolina men's golf team this weekend was 301 as they shot that total all three days of the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Dalton,

The 39 over par 903 total was good enough for 10th place overall. No. 1-ranked Georgia Tech won for the third consecutive year in

Junior Johan Kok shot his tournament-best 73 on Sunday to wrap up first place for the Game-cocks and place himself 27th overall.

Sophomore Brent Delahoussaye shot a final round 76 to tie with Nash Elliot for 37th place with an 11-over 227.

The tournament featured 10 top 25 teams and was won by USC's Kyle Thompson last year.

USC scores

T27 Johan Kok 76-75-73=224 T37 Brent Delahoussaye 74-77-76=227 T37 Nash Elliot 77-73-77=227 T44 Martin Rominger 74-76-80=230 T51 Scott Feaster 80-77-75=232

Final team scores

1. Georgia Tech 280 282 296= 858 -6 2. Tennessee 283 289 296= 868 +4 3. Wake Forest 291 284 297= 872 +8 10. SOUTH CAROLINA

301 301 301 = 903 +39

Women's tennis takes titles easily

The South Carolina women's tennis team blasted through the annual Lady Gamecock classic with ease on Sunday, winning five of the six draw championships.

The Gamecocks got off and running when senior Lynn-Yin Tan beat Laura Ozolins of Georgia Tech in a three-setter in the B Draw championship.

After dropping the first set 3-6, Tan took over the next two sets to win them 6-3 and 6-2. The win moved Tan into fifth place on the alltime wins list with 84.

Junior Catherine Brown knocked off teammate Magda Wojdyte in the C Draw championship in a tough match 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-2.

Carolina also grabbed second and third place in the A Draw. Jennifer Radman got second place after falling to the Yellow Jackets' Jamie Wong 6-7 (7-5), 6-3, 7-6 (7-0).

Junior Jodi Kenoyer claimed third with a victory over the College of Charleston's Rachel Magory 6-3, 7-6 (7-6).

The Gamecocks won all three doubles draw championships as well.

Kenover and Tan outlasted Ozolins and Catherine Gunn for the championship 8-4. Also in the A Draw, Radman and Boyanovich were

Katarina Markovski and Wojdyto won the C Draw over teammates Brown and Audrey George 8-5.

SPORTS STANDINGS AND RANKINGS

CONF.

4-0

3-0

2-1

2-1

0-2

0-3

OVERALL

5-0

4-0

3-1

3-1

1-3

1-4

NSCAA Soccer Top 25

1. Southern Methodist

2. Stanford 3. St. Johns

4. Virginia 5. St. Louis

6. Indiana 7. Washington 8. Alabama-Birmingham

9. Rutgers 10. North Carolina

11. San Diego 12. Loyola (Maryland)

13. Fairfield

14. Clemson

15. Seton Hall

16. Connecticut

17. Penn State 18. South Florida

19. Wisconsin-Milwaukee 20. SOUTH CAROLINA

21. Boston College

22. Ohio State

23. Syracuse

24. Furman 25. Denver

WESTERN DIVISION	CONF.	OVERALL
Auburn	3-0	3-1
Alabama	2-1	3-2
Ole Miss	1-1	3-1
Louisiana State	0-2	2-2
Arkansas	0-3	2-3
Mississippi State	0-3	1-3

SOUTH CAROLINA AT ARKANSAS

Alabama at Ole Miss Florida at Auburn Georgia at Vanderbilt LSU at Kentucky

Troy State at Mississippi St.

22. Louisville 23. Colorado 24. Cal-Santa Barbara 25. Santa Clara

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