

Arkansas

Holtz, Petty both frustrated after loss

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look they hoped would offer new results. Corey Jenkins entered as quarterback for USC to start off its first drive of the half. The drive started with the same problems, however, as Jenkins fumbled his first snap. Jenkins made up for his early mistake with a couple of rushes and a completed pass before he broke loose for a 41-yard run into the end zone. The PAT was good, and the Gamecocks led 7-3.

Jenkins was just happy to play his part.

"I went in and tried to make a few things happen. I just wanted momentum to pick up a little for us," Jenkins said.

The Razorbacks responded on their next drive by going down the field 69 yards before quarterback Zak Clark completed a 10-yard pass to Richard Smith for the touchdown with 4:28 remaining in the third quarter.

The Gamecocks were forced to punt for two straight drives before getting a final chance to reclaim the lead with 6:23 left in the game. Starting on their 20-yard line, the Gamecocks went 27 yards before Petty threw a 30-yard strike to Brian Scott to put the USC on the 17-yard line. Carolina attempted

two rushes by Petty and Pinnock before finding themselves in a third-and-four on the 10-yard line. An offsides penalty pushed the Gamecocks back 5 yards. Petty attempted a touchdown pass to Scott, but Razorback defender Ahmad Carroll was able to contain the USC wideout.

USC then lined up to attempt the field goal. The Gamecocks, wary of the height of the Razorbacks, practiced all week kicking a half-yard further than usual in hopes the ball would get more height early. Daniel Weaver kicked the ball, but it only found the hands of Arkansas defender Carlos Hall, who ended the USC drive with 53 seconds remaining in the game. The Razorbacks ran out the clock to hold onto their victory over the No. 9 Gamecocks and their first SEC win of the season.

After the game, Holtz was frustrated with the way his team played.

"We played hard here today, but we didn't necessarily play intelligent," Holtz said. "It's a very disappointing loss."

Petty was frustrated, but knew the team couldn't harp on the loss for too long. "It's one we felt we let slip away, but you can't have it back; it's over. We just have to find a way to bounce back."

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Almond

In SEC, any team can win on any day

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it's that in the SEC, you can't overlook anyone.

I'm not saying USC overlooked Arkansas or Florida overlooked Auburn. But the upset wins should serve as a future reminder to any teams that get complacent.

This conference is stocked from top to bottom, and any team can win on a given day. There's no Duke or Baylor in the SEC, even if Vandy sometimes looks like it.

Shoutouts

Bob Stoops, you can hand that Coach of the Year honor over to Ralph Friedgen now. ... MJ, nix the goatee. ... Dan Duquette, how do you still have a job? ... The best player in the NFL? Once again, Brett Favre ... Does anyone know how we're supposed to stop Woody Dantzler? ... Dan Snyder and Jerry Jones, want to know why your teams are the worst in the league? Look in the mirror. Let the coaches do their job and stop playing around where you don't belong. ... Maddux and Glavine, your time is up. Move over for Schilling and the Unit. ... Big Mac, just retire and save us the whining.

RANKINGS AND STANDINGS

Associated Press Top 25

1. Miami
2. Oklahoma
3. Nebraska
4. UCLA
5. Oregon
6. Virginia Tech
7. Florida
8. Fresno State
9. Texas
10. Michigan
11. Tennessee
12. Maryland
13. Clemson
14. Colorado
15. Washington
16. SOUTH CAROLINA
17. Georgia
18. Brigham Young
19. Washington State
20. Auburn
21. Florida State
22. Northwestern
23. Georgia Tech
24. Purdue
25. Toledo

SEC football standings

All statistics are current as of Oct. 16.

EASTERN DIVISION	CONF.	OVERALL
South Carolina	4-1	5-1
Florida	3-1	4-1
Georgia	3-1	4-1
Tennessee	2-1	3-1
Vanderbilt	0-3	1-4
Kentucky	0-4	1-5

WESTERN DIVISION	CONF.	OVERALL
Auburn	4-0	5-1
Ole Miss	2-1	4-1
Alabama	2-2	3-3
Louisiana State	1-2	3-2
Arkansas	1-3	3-3
Mississippi State	0-3	1-4

This week in the SEC:

- VANDERBILT AT SOUTH CAROLINA**
 Tennessee at Alabama
 Louisiana Tech at Alabama
 Kentucky at Georgia
 LSU at Miss. State
 Middle Tennessee St. at Ole Miss

ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll

1. Miami
2. Oklahoma
3. Nebraska
4. Virginia Tech
5. Oregon
6. UCLA
7. Florida
8. Texas
9. Michigan
10. Fresno State
11. Tennessee
12. Washington
13. Brigham Young
14. Maryland
15. Clemson
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This week's games:

- ♦ VANDERBILT AT NO. 16 SOUTH CAROLINA
- ♦ NO. 11 TENNESSEE AT ALABAMA
- ♦ LSU AT MISSISSIPPI STATE
- ♦ NO. 14 COLORADO AT NO. 9 TEXAS
- ♦ TEXAS A&M AT KANSAS STATE
- ♦ N.C. STATE AT NO. 23 GEORGIA TECH
- ♦ NORTH CAROLINA AT NO. 13 CLEMSON

Send your picks in this week and check *The Gamecock* on Friday to see the picks of the staff, as well as reader picks.

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS:
 Five tied at 4-3.

Victory

Gamecocks beat Hogs in something — soccer

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Junior co-captain Melinda Carter was able to reclaim the lead for the Gamecocks at the 22:48 mark as she shot in her third goal of the season off a Becca Epstein assist.

LSU was quick to respond yet again. Not even two minutes passed before Rachel Cohen nailed in an unassisted goal to tie the game 2-2.

Still in the first half, the Lady Tigers were able to take the lead for the first time in the game when Artie Brown knocked in a 10-yard goal to put LSU up 3-2. The Lady Gamecocks responded with a goal from junior midfielder Kanika McAlpine off an assist from Jessica Julin to tie the match at 3-3. The goal was McAlpine's first of the season.

Epstein led off the scoring in the second half, putting in her fourth goal of the season with a shot to the upper right corner to give the Lady Gamecocks a 4-3 lead.

About 72 minutes into the game, LSU scored what would be the last goal of the day when Tiger defender Ashley Mitnick scored off a direct kick to tie the game 4-4. It was the first time this season an opponent has managed to score against the Lady Gamecocks in the second half of play.

Despite tying the Lady Tigers, the Lady Gamecocks outshot them 29-12.

The Lady Gamecocks will be on the road again next week as they travel to Georgia on Friday and to Tennessee on Sunday.

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