

Men's Soccer Bachmeyer credits teammates for success

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weren't looking at the same games I was looking at," USC head coach Mark Berson said. "[Bachmeyer] was clearly the Most Valuable Defensive Player in the tournament."

Regardless, Bachmeyer's dependable play has been a steady influence for USC all season. "Mike's had a great year, and he's been very solid from the start of the season until now," Berson said. "We need that consistency. We need to count on that in the last four games of the season."

Bachmeyer credits his teammates for his success and says

playing behind Ring helped him become the player he is today.

"I learned a lot from Henry the three years I was behind him," Bachmeyer said. "I got more comfortable being behind him in training, and by watching him play I definitely got a sense of how to be a college keeper."

The 6-foot-6 Bachmeyer is an intimidating figure on the field as well as an intense competitor. But he's also a calming influence to his teammates.

"I try to calm everyone down, joke around and just make everybody relax a little more," Bachmeyer said.

If Bachmeyer keeps stopping shots and dominating teams like he has been this season, relaxing won't be a problem for Berson and the Gamecocks.

Bachmeyer will look for his third straight shutout Sunday

when USC plays host to Drury at the Graveyard in the second-to-last home game of the season.

The Gamecocks have four games remaining in the regular season. After this weekend, USC will play host to Elon in a rescheduled game before facing North Carolina and Florida International on the road.

Berson stresses the importance of finishing the season on a positive note.

"Good teams need to close out the season in a strong way," he said.

Sunday's game will kick off at 2 p.m. Tickets are free with a student ID.

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Women's Soccer Seniors will be honored at event

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goals. Gosnell's .455 shot percentage is among the Gamecocks' highest.

Attempting to hinder the Gamecock offense will be Spartan senior goalkeeper Kathryn Clewley, who has started in every game this season.

She has 19 career shutouts, registering six of them this season. Senior Lynsey McLean, a defense midfielder who led the Spartans to last season's confer-

ence title, will also be attempting to stop the Gamecocks.

Before the game, the Lady Gamecocks will honor seniors Lydia Bienias and Jessica Ward.

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Baines Guidelines should be set for officials

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If the conference doesn't do something or doesn't set some

sort of guidelines for officials to follow, then why should the officials change? If it ain't broke, don't fix it. The commissioner's office is giving the impression that nothing is broken.

To Gaston and SEC Commissioner Roy Kramer, do something about this or you're

going to start getting hate mail, if you haven't already.

On the bright side, let's go out and beat those puppies Saturday and prepare for the reptilians from the south.

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Football Advantage USC across the board

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has been a steady leader and is one of the reasons the Gamecocks lead the SEC in turnover margin. Petty has only three interceptions compared to eight touchdowns.

USC should have a decided advantage over the Terriers in speed and strength catching the ball.

ADVANTAGE: USC

Wofford offense vs. USC defense

RUSHING: Coach Ayers will run the same offense he always has in his 15 years at Wofford. Senior quarterback Travis Wilson will lead the wishbone attack for the Terriers.

The triple-option attack will feature a number of backs that will carry the ball. Running backs Melvin Jones and J.R. McNair have piled up nearly 1,000 yards between them, while Wilson also provides a running threat. Wilson is second on the team in rushing.

Although they gave up 120 yards against Tennessee's Travis Stephens on the ground, the Gamecocks did a better job of containing Stephens than about every other Vol opponent.

The Terriers' option attack should be good practice for the Gamecocks, who struggled earlier this season when Alabama showed the option.

If Wofford matches up well with Carolina in any facet of the game, it would be its rushing attack against Carolina's defensive line. The Gamecocks still have more talent, though.

PASSING: Wofford only shows the pass in their arsenal when it is necessary. Wilson has been successful when he has gone to the air this season. Wilson passes at a 56 percent clip but only passes an average of a little more than 10 times per game.

When Wilson does pass, his main target is Isaac Goodpaster. Goodpaster has 337 of the Terriers' 843 receiving yards this season.

Carolina has the second-ranked passing defense in the SEC. Wofford is the ideal team to give cornerback Andre Goodman time to heal. Goodman will be out with a shoulder injury.

Wofford gives up the advantage on the pass to almost every team they face, especially one of the top pass defenses in the nation.

ADVANTAGE: USC

SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTING/KICKING: USC punter Tyeler Dean had been doing a good job for most of the season but had punting woes at Tennessee, hitting several low liners. Sophomore kicker Dan Weaver has been one of the SEC's best. Weaver is 8-10 in field goals with a long of 44 yards.

The Wofford kicking game is a strength for the team. Kicker Darren Brown has been solid on the season, going 5-7. Jimmy Miner has been outstanding this season, with an average of 42.5 yards per punt with 13 landing inside the 20-yard line.

ADVANTAGE: WOFFORD
RETURNING: While Derek Watson is tops in the SEC in kick-off return average, the Gamecock kickoff return squad has struggled, allowing 25.5 yards per kick-off return, which puts them dead last in the SEC.

Wofford's Chris Edwards has become a force on returns for the Terriers. Edwards averages more than 10 yards per punt return and 19 yards on kickoffs.

ADVANTAGE: USC
This game will play out like a scrimmage as the Gamecocks prepare for the SEC East showdown with Florida on Nov. 17. The best-case scenario would be for the Gamecocks to build a big lead early and get Corey Jenkins in early.

FINAL SCORE: USC 59, WOFFORD 0

Odom makes Gamecock debut

BY CHRIS FOY
THE GAMECOCK

The University of South Carolina men's basketball team hits the court for the first time tomorrow night in an exhibition game against Team Nike.

The game will mark the debut of new USC head coach Dave Odom. Odom led Wake Forest to 11 consecutive national tournament appearances and was

named National Coach of the Year in 1995. In his tenure at Wake, Odom averaged an impressive 20 wins per season in the tough Atlantic Coast Conference while playing against teams like Duke and North Carolina.

Last year's South Carolina squad averaged 68.1 points per game while giving up an average of 67.1. They made 41.7 percent of their field goals and net-

ted 67.3 percent of their free throws. Sophomore Rolando Howell led last year's team, making 52.8 percent of his field goals. Senior Jamel Bradley has been a force since he arrived at USC, making 35.5 percent of his three-point field goals. The team ended last season even with a 15-15 record.

Tip off is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Frank McGuire Arena.

SPORTS STANDINGS

Associated Press Top 25

1. Miami
2. Nebraska
3. Oklahoma
4. Florida
5. Texas
6. Michigan
7. Tennessee
8. Oregon
9. UCLA
10. Stanford
11. Washington
12. Virginia Tech
13. Brigham Young
14. Florida State
15. Maryland
16. Washington State
17. SOUTH CAROLINA
18. Georgia
19. Syracuse
20. Purdue
21. Illinois
22. North Carolina
23. Georgia Tech
24. Texas A&M
25. Colorado

SEC football standings

All statistics are current as of Oct. 16.

EASTERN DIVISION	CONF.	OVERALL
Florida	4-1	6-1
Tennessee	3-1	5-1
South Carolina	5-2	6-2
Georgia	4-2	5-2
Vanderbilt	0-4	2-5
Kentucky	0-5	1-6

WESTERN DIVISION	CONF.	OVERALL
Auburn	4-1	6-2
Ole Miss	3-1	6-1
Alabama	2-3	3-4
Arkansas	2-3	4-3
LSU	2-3	4-3
Mississippi State	0-4	1-5

This week in the SEC:

Wofford at SOUTH CAROLINA
Vanderbilt at Florida
LSU at Alabama
Arkansas at Ole Miss
Kentucky at Miss. State
Tennessee at Notre Dame

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