SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's basketball to face Lady Terriers

Tomorrow afternoon, the South Carolina women's basketball team (7-1) will square off against in-state rival Wofford in a 2 p.m. showdown at the Carolina Coliseum. Wofford is 5-1 (1-1) after losing its first game of the season Wednesday night against East Tennessee State in overtime, 76-74. In the match versus the Lady Bucs, Jenny Nutt led Wofford with 22 points. Phoebe Clark also led the way for the Lady Terriers with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

USC, off to its best start in 13 years, is averaging 77 points per game. The Lady Gamecocks also have a strong .473 shooting percentage. Shaunzinski Gortman has been impressive this season, with an average of 18.2 points per game. Jocelyn Penn is pulling in about 14 points per game, as well as making 2.3 steals per game. Kelly Morrone is averaging 8.7 points per game.

16 players commit to USC baseball

The USC baseball team has announced that 16 players have signed national letters of intent for the Gamecock baseball program. Eight players are from South Carolina.

"We are very pleased with this recruiting class," said USC head coach Ray Tanner. "We are off to a great start for next year's team, and these athletes will be an outstanding complement with the student-athletes who are currently on our squad. Our coaches do a great job recruiting, and this group could be our third Top 10 class in the last three years."

"We will lose 11 seniors off our team this year and possibly four or five draft-eligible juniors," Tanner said. "It is very likely that several of these signees will also be picked in the Major League Baseball draft held in June."

The signees are Forrest Beverly, LHP; Sadry Café', OF, R/R; Michael Campbell, OF, L/L; Nick Gardiner, OF, R/R; Conor Lalor, RHP; Ryan Mahoney, C, L/R; Trey McDaniel, 3B/1B, L/R; Hank Parks, 1B, R/R; Zach Reeves, LHP; B.J. Richmond, OF/1B, L/L; John Marshall Smith, INF, L/R; Steven Tolleson, INF, R/R; Nick Touchstone, LHP; Bryan Triplett, INF, R/R; Bobby White, LHP; and Walker Whitley, RHP.

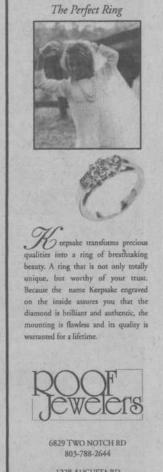## Game
Last-second shot downs Gamecocks

three-pointer to put his team up by four points that a team had led by more than three. Braswell was able to hit a jumper with about two and a half minutes to maintain the run. However, Petravicius put in a bank shot to put USC back up by two but wasn't able to connect on the free throw. Kitchings grabbed the offensive rebound and put it home to force a 65-65 tie with 1:59 remaining.

With the crowd more revved up than it was all night, they watched as Wilson gave Georgetown a short-lived 67-65 lead on two foul shots.

"Our fans were great. The at-mosphere was all a coach could hope for," Odom said.

The Gamecocks still had more gas in the tank, as Lucas nailed a three-pointer in the corner to give Carolina a one-point advantage. With 48 seconds to go, Braswell connected on one of two free throws to tie the match.

Lucas drove down the court on the ensuing possession and forced up a missed shot in heavy traffic. Georgetown handled the rebound, bringing the ball back up the court with the seconds ticking away. After a timeout, Braswell held the ball and hoisted the shot to win the game.

"As soon as I saw [the game-winning shot] go up, I knew it was in," said Hoya coach Craig Esherick.

This was South Carolina's third loss to a team ranked in the Top 25 after falling to Duke and UCLA last month in Maui.

Esherick gave credit to his team after the victory, noting "the biggest thing is that we played a great team on their home floor and put in a group effort."

Now, the Gamecocks will recoup from Thursday's defeat and look forward to facing archrival Clemson on Saturday at Littlejohn Coliseum. "We have to make this game a confidence builder," Odom said.

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