



SPORTS

GAME SCHEDULE
WOMEN'S TENNIS vs. BYU, 12 p.m. Friday
TRACK AND FIELD at SEC 5-Way in Gainesville, Fla., Saturday
SWIMMING AND DIVING at Virginia, Saturday
MEN'S BASKETBALL at Ole Miss, 1 p.m. Saturday

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Gamecocks red-hot in rout

USC	94
Tennessee	60

Carolina makes more than half its shots, blows out Tennessee

 BY JASON NOLL
 THE GAMECOCK

The men's basketball team bounced back from a disappointing loss to Vanderbilt by crushing the Tennessee Volunteers 94-60 Wednesday night in Knoxville, Tenn., with the team showing their most dominant play of the season.

The Gamecocks (12-6, 2-3 SEC) were led by freshman forward Carlos Powell, who finished the game with a season-high 19 points. Chuck Eidson and Rolando Howell both added 14 points, with Howell contributing eight rebounds.

USC head coach Dave Odom thought the outcome was a huge win for the Gamecocks though he wasn't quite sure how they won so handily.

"This convinced me I was right all along. I know nothing about basketball. Nothing. Anything I say is simply guess work. Anybody who could have predicted this need not worry about money," Odom said.

"It was not their (Tennessee) night. It was a South Carolina night from beginning to end. It's one of those games you'll see once a year. It's inexplicable."

After USC jumped out to a 17-2 lead in the game's first five minutes, the Volunteers never had a chance to catch up. Carolina increased their lead with spectacular shooting, sinking 60 percent



Carlos Powell, right, was a surprise start in Wednesday night's game at Tennessee, but he made the most of it. The freshman forward scored a career-high 19 points, including three 3-pointers, to help lead the Gamecocks to a 94-60 win. Powell only missed one shot all game and made all three of his 3-point attempts. The Gamecocks handed Tennessee its worst loss at Thompson-Boling Arena and forced the Vols into a season-high 26 turnovers. USC also limited Tennessee to only 23 field goals.

PHOTO BY ROBERT GRUEN

Carolina on fire

USC had its best shooting game all season Wednesday.

♦ USC shot 60 percent from the field (33 of 55) and 52 percent from the 3-point arc (13 of 25) in the game.

♦ In the first half, the Gamecocks made eight of 14 3-pointers and shot 62.5 from the field.

♦ Carolina started the game on a 17-2 run, a far cry from Saturday's loss to Vanderbilt, where they fell behind 19-3.

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Despite the minor setback, Lucas poured in seven points and pulled in three steals.

Jamel Bradley had a huge night as he pulled within four 3-pointers of B.J. McKie's all-time Carolina 3-point record. All of Bradley's shots were taken from behind the 3-point line, where he went 5-10. The Gamecocks finished the game with a total of 11 players scoring points.

The Gamecocks improved their record in road games to 3-1, with the only loss coming against the Florida Gators. The men will be tested again on the road Saturday against Ole Miss at 1 p.m. The game will be televised by Jefferson-Pilot Sports.

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of their field goal attempts and going 13-25 from the 3-point line. By halftime, the Gamecocks already had three players with double figures in scoring, and would finish the game with a total of five.

The Gamecocks led 48-28 at halftime and continued the scoring barrage in the second half, leading by 30 or more points for most of the period.

Nothing seemed to go right for Tennessee as the Vols were plagued by sloppy play, commit-

ting 26 turnovers and converting only 12 assists. The Vols also shot poorly, making only 40.4 percent of their field goal attempts and making only 3-17 from 3-point range.

The loss drops Tennessee (8-10, 1-4) into last place in the SEC East.

Powell, who was making his second start of the regular season, missed only one shot the entire game. He was 3-3 from 3-point range and 4-4 from the free throw

line. Powell began his scoring spree after being knocked to the floor by Volunteer Vincent Yarborough in the first half.

After collecting himself, Powell nailed two consecutive 3-pointers to put the Gamecocks up by 19.

Yarborough led all scorers with 20 points and added seven rebounds. But he also had five turnovers.

The most interesting point of the second half came when Yarborough's knee accidentally

connected with Aaron Lucas's head, causing play stop and forcing Lucas to temporarily leave the game with 12:27 left to play. The fans in Thompson-Boling Arena were angered and began throwing objects onto the floor when the referees waited until Tennessee had set up an offense before calling for a time out.

By this point in the game, the Gamecocks' win was becoming imminent and the Volunteers offered no real protest to the call.

Lady Gamecocks to face Arkansas without Geter


No. 7 USC at Arkansas

 3 p.m. Sunday
 at Bud Walton Arena
 Fayetteville, Ark.
 Radio: Sports Radio 1400 AM

 BY JAMES STARNES
 THE GAMECOCK

The USC women's basketball team (17-2, 5-1 SEC) will be putting their No. 7 ranking on the line Sunday as it travels to Fayetteville, Ark. to take on the Arkansas Lady Razorbacks (10-7, 1-4), and they will do it without Senior forward Teresa Geter.

Geter, who has started 16 of the 19 Lady Gamecock games this year, has a stress fracture in her left foot and will miss an indefinite amount of time, according to team physicians.

Geter's absence will leave the Gamecocks with a 25.4-minute void per game to account for. She is also second on the team in rebounding (6.8) and third in scoring (9.4).

On the loss of one of her key starters, head coach Susan Walvius commented, "Teresa Geter is one of our leaders on the court and off. She plays a vital role in our offensive and defensive schemes and we'll need some of her teammates to step up and produce while she is out."

"This team has demonstrated all season that it doesn't depend on just one player and Geter's absence will further test our versatility," Walvius said. A test Carolina will face against a struggling Lady Razorback squad.



Petra Ujhelyi, shown here driving down the lane against Kentucky, will have to help No. 7 USC compensate for the loss of senior forward Teresa Geter, who has a stress fracture in her left foot and is out indefinitely. Ujhelyi is averaging 6.5 points and 5.4 rebounds a game.

PHOTO BY ROBERT GRUEN

The two teams met two weeks ago on Jan. 13, in a contest where the Lady Gamecocks won soundly, 91-66. Jocelyn Penn tied her career best 32 points in the game. The team also shot a season high 56 percent.

The Lady Razorbacks' leading scorer was Dana Cherry with 19 points. Following her was India Lewis with 17.

Arkansas is currently coming off a tough loss to LSU in which they only allowed the Lady Tigers 35 percent shooting from the field. The Lady 'Backs fell way behind thanks to some dreadful shooting in the first half, but made a brilliant comeback, only to fall short in the end by falling victim to some very crucial turnovers in the closing minutes. LSU claimed the victory at 65-55.

Arkansas has struggled shooting the ball all season and

now are facing a defense that gives up less than 60 points per game, and only allows teams to hit 38 percent of their shots.

Also look for the Lady Gamecocks to force a number of turnovers in this game, possibly more than LSU did. In their last meeting versus USC, the Lady 'Backs turned the ball over 14 times.

This is an important game for Carolina, being only a half game out of first place in the SEC. Three of the next four games are on the road, including a contest against No. 18 Florida in Gainesville, Fla. The only home game in that stretch is against No. 16 Georgia, who will be looking to avenge a 71-64 loss to the Lady Gamecocks in Athens, Ga. earlier this month.

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BRIEFLY
USC's Brown, Paige to play in Senior Bowl

A pair of USC football standouts — cornerback Sheldon Brown and offensive tackle Melvin Paige — are on the South Team and will play in this Saturday's Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala. The all-star game will be televised nationally by ESPN (5 p.m.). The South Team is coached by the staff of the NFL's Arizona Cardinals.

Brown, a 5-10, 190-pounder from Fort Lawn, was a 2001 All-America selection (third-team by The Sporting News) and was a first-team All-SEC pick (coaches team).

He broke up a team-high 12 passes and was tied for the team lead with three interceptions. Brown had two interceptions in the win over Clemson and a crucial interception and return in the Outback Bowl against Ohio State, which set up Daniel Weaver's game-winning 42-yard field goal as time expired.

Paige, a 6-5, 305-pounder from Dillon, was a 2001 second-team All-SEC selection by the league's coaches. Paige finished his USC career having started 38 games at offensive tackle.

He was a four-year starter for the Gamecocks and was the team's most consistent linemen the past two seasons.

Women's tennis team starts season Friday

The 21st-ranked USC women's tennis squad opens the 2002 season Friday at the Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center when it plays host to BYU at 12 p.m.

Facing off against the Cougars for the 14th time in school history, the Lady Gamecocks hold a 7-6 advantage in previous meetings.

In the most recent meeting between the two schools, the USC claimed an 8-1 victory over the Cougars in Columbia on March 12, 1999. That season, Carolina advanced to the NCAA Tournament's "Sweet 16."

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