

BRIEFLY

Walvius finalist for coaching award

USC women's basketball head coach Susan Walvius is one of 20 finalists for the 2002 Naismith College Basketball Coach of the Year Award.

Picked to finish 10th in the SEC, Walvius' Lady Gamecocks are 21-4 and currently ranked No. 10 in the nation. They are in second place in the SEC at 9-3.

The Lady Gamecocks will finish the season with their first winning record since 1996 and their first 20-win season since joining the SEC in 1991.

Men's soccer to open spring play

The USC men's soccer team opens its spring season this Saturday when it travels to

Charleston to take on College of Charleston and Jacksonville. USC will play two 70-minute matches with two 35-minute halves.

Carolina plays College of Charleston at 11:20 a.m., followed by Jacksonville at 12:40 p.m.

Women divers in early lead at SECs

The USC men's and women's diving teams opened up the first day of competition at the SEC Swimming & Diving Championships at the Arkansas Natatorium.

After the first day of diving, Carolina is tied for first place on the women's side with 33 points. The men's squad sits in sixth place with 15 points.

For the women, who are tied with Tennessee, sophomore Holly Hodges and freshman Tracey Richardson each reached the finals for USC in the one-me-

ter competition. Hodges placed fifth with a score of 269.95, while Richardson, in her first SEC Championships, earned seventh place with 247.15.

The men's squad also earned points on the first day, with three divers in competition on the three-meter board. Senior Brandon Hulko placed the highest for USC, finishing 10th in the preliminaries with a score of 465.95. Freshman Dean Emmerton was right behind Hulko with a score of 464.90. Senior Brad Brown finished 15th with a score of 439.35.

Women's tennis topples Harvard

The USC women's tennis team held off 39th-ranked Harvard 4-2 in a non-conference match at the USC Indoor Tennis Center on Monday afternoon.

No. 22 Carolina improves to

MEN'S BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

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Missouri at Texas Tech	Missouri	Missouri	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Missouri
LSU at USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
No.3 Duke at No.21 Wake Forest	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke	Duke
No.9 Marquette at No.4 Cincy	Cincy	Cincy	Cincy	Cincy	Cincy	Cincy
Notre Dame at No.13 Miami	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Miami	Miami	Miami
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USC at Auburn	USC	USC	USC	Auburn	USC	USC
Michigan State at No.18 Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Mich. St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.
Georgetown at No.25 Syracuse	G-Town	Syracuse	G-Town	Syracuse	G-Town	G-Town
No.10 Pittsburgh at Seton Hall	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Seton Hall	Pittsburgh

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5-1 with its second win over a Top 40 opponent this season. Harvard falls to 2-3.

The Gamecocks won the doubles point behind wins in two of the three matches. The 36th-ranked team of Lynn-Yin Tan and Jodi Kenoyer rallied from a

6-5 deficit to beat Harvard's Courtney Bergman and Susanna Lingman 9-8 (3) and claim the point for Carolina.

USC has now won the doubles point in each of its first six matches this season. Carolina got an earlier win at No. 1 doubles, as 26th-

ranked Jennifer Radman and Kathy Boyanovich overpowered Harvard's 48th-ranked duo of Alexis Martire and Sanja Bajin 8-3.

Carolina returns to action Saturday, when it travels to Raleigh, N.C., to face North Carolina State.

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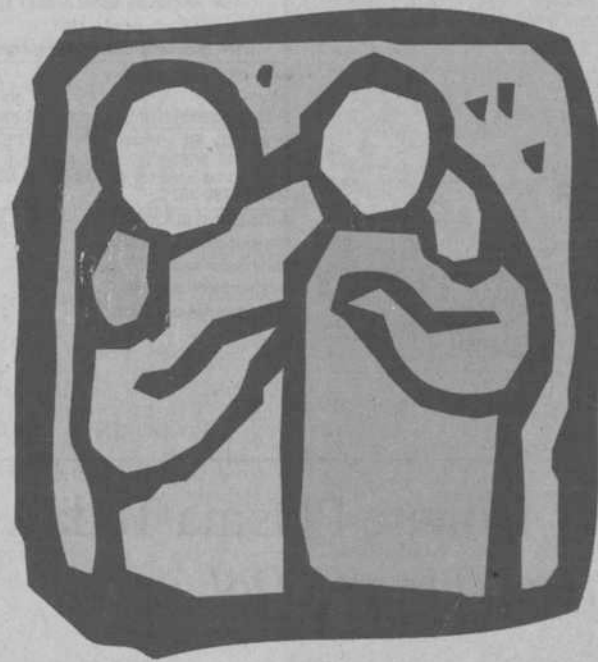
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