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points to go with 42 points in the paint.

Leading the Gamecocks were Jocelyn Penn and Gortman. Gortman had 24 points in addition to her four steals, while Penn added 23 points.

Carletta Brown, who scored 16 points, led the Lady Rebels: Von Kirk had 12 points and Ally Kelly scored 11 points.

After the game, Walvius still thought her team could have played better going into the SEC Tournament.

"I thought we were running patterns and not playing basketball, but our aggressive offense was good," Walvius said. "However, our defense could be better."

With the No. 2 seed, the Lady Gamecocks will have a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament. On Friday, they will play the winner of Thursday's Arkansas/Ole Miss matchup. The tournament will be held in Nashville, Tenn.

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USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH

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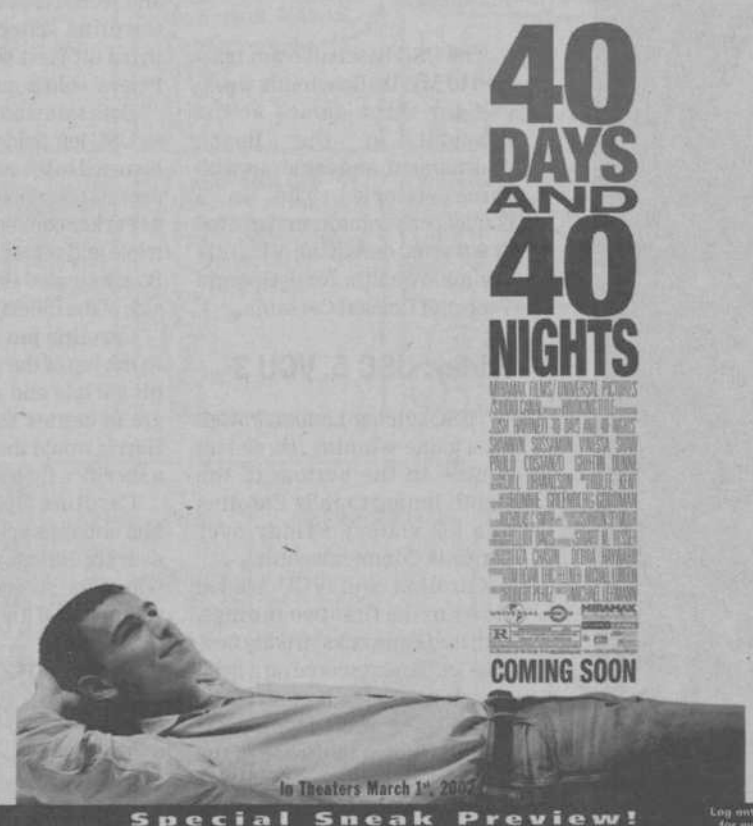

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BRIEFLY

USC won 12 events and set 10 facility records at the Gamecock Indoor Invitational earlier this season. The men's and women's track teams finished ninth and fourth, at the SECs this past weekend.
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Gaspar wins three SEC titles

The USC men's and women's swimming and diving teams finished the SEC Championships on Saturday evening at the Arkansas Natatorium. The No. 14 men's squad finished in fifth place with 339 points, while the Lady Gamecocks placed sixth overall with 285.5 points.

The fifth-place finish for the men's squad was the best conference finish for the Gamecocks since Carolina's first season in the SEC, when USC finished fifth in 1992. The Lady Gamecocks also tied its best conference finish in the SEC. The Gamecocks finish the meet having broken 10 school records. Highlighting the meet was senior All-American Zsolt Gaspar. With two SEC titles already claimed (50-yard freestyle, 100-yard butterfly), Gaspar won his third SEC title in as many nights, setting an SEC record in the 100 freestyle with a time of 42.89 seconds. With a perfect three victories in three events entered, Gaspar was awarded the SEC Commissioner Cup on the men's side. The Cup goes to the swimmer with the highest individual point total of the SEC Championships.

"I'm pleased that we finished the meet off on a high note," USC swimming head coach Don Gibb said. "I think the 10 records broken shows the movement of this program is positive and in the right direction."

On the women's side, USC broke a 10-year old record in the 400-yard freestyle relay, finishing with a time of 3:23.92. The relay of Heather Skaggs, Jenn VanAssen, Carolynn McHugh and Kristen Butler placed fourth overall in the SEC.

Track strong at SEC Championships

With both Demetria Washington, Otukile Lekote and the women's 4x400-meter relay defending their SEC titles, the USC men's and women's track teams finished ninth and fourth at the SEC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Washington collected her seventh SEC title — the most in school history.

Florida won the women's title, while Arkansas upset Tennessee to win the men's title.

USC set a school record in the men's 4x400m relay. USC also put up seven NCAA automatic times and seven NCAA provisional times with six athletes collecting personal bests.

"We had a good finish. We can't ask for more than the effort than our men and women put forth. This is the nation's No. 1 conference and there were so many fine performances," said USC head coach Curtis Frye. "There are four women's team's here that will compete in two weeks for a national championship. On the men's side, what we brought to meet, they competed. Our 4x400m relay ran a world-class time. I am thrilled to have so many fine young performances."

USC's women won its sixth straight 4x400m relay, its third indoors, putting up an NCAA automatic time of 3:34.74.

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