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NCAA violations reported by USC

COLUMBIA (AP) —The USC football program reported eight secondary NCAA violations from May through December. Three of the violations involved the football team.

Each violation was ruled secondary by the NCAA, which accepted the corrective action taken by the university's athletic department and involved letters of reprimand in most cases, athletics spokesman Kerry Sharp said.

The Greenville News acquired the information through a Freedom of Information Act request. The coaches and athletes involved were not named.

The three football violations reported were:

- Two players attending summer school at a junior college received tutoring from USC while not enrolled at the university. Both have reimbursed the school, Sharp said.

- A player received more than the SEC allotment of four tickets for a home game.

- A walk-on player signed his complimentary guest card allowing family members to attend a game but then had guests admitted who were not family members.

The track and field team also reported three violations, including a coach paying for athletes' meals, an athlete competing without being listed on the official squad list, and an athlete who competed before being certified as eligible.

One violation involved athletes from several sports. Four players had their names and pictures "associated improperly with commercial entities," the school said.

That involved a weekly athlete-of-the-week feature in the publication *Spurs & Feathers*, Sharp said.

The final reported violation involved men's basketball player Marius Petravicius, who was declared ineligible for playing for a team that was a member of a European pro league. He was suspended for three games before he regained his eligibility.

Men's golf finishes 9th in tournament

Three Gamecocks finished in the top 25 of the Cleveland Golf-Augusta State Invitational this past weekend to elevate USC's men's golf team to a ninth-place finish.

USC combined for a three-round total of 859. SEC foe Tennessee blasted an 841 to lead the 18-team field. Wake Forest finished second while Clemson placed third.

Martin Rominger continued his success for Carolina with his fifth top-20 finish of the season. Rominger shot a 209 to finish in a tie for 10th place.

Freshman teammate Alex Hamilton shot a 67 in the final round to vault him to 17th place, his first top-20 finish of the season. Hamilton posted a three-round total of 211.

Also cracking the top 25 was sophomore Brent Delahoussaye. Delahoussaye fired a 213 to tie for 21st.

Carolina returns to action April 19-21 at the SEC Championships in Sea Island, Ga. Last season, the Gamecocks finished in seventh place.

Women's golf plays solid final round but only finishes in 3rd

The USC women's golf team posted its best score of the LSU/Cleveland Golf Classic on Sunday by firing a 302, the best round by any team for the day.

Auburn fired a 304 to win the tournament, but the Lady Gamecocks finished with a score of 911, holding off Vanderbilt for third place by two strokes.

Junior All-American Kristy McPherson and sophomore Adrienne Gautreaux led the Lady Gamecocks, as each finished five-over (221) for the tournament and in a tie for fifth place. McPherson now has four top-five finishes on the season, and Gautreaux now has two. Gautreaux fired a one-over 73 on Sunday, while McPherson shot a four-over 76.

Softball

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leads in slugging percentage (.558) and on-base percentage (.435).

Kim Evans and Melissa Sandel are second and third in hitting with averages of .318 and .317. Evans leads the team with Jodi Pittro in runs scored with 26, while Sandel has been on an of-

fensive tear of late, knocking in Sunday's winning run.

Amber Curtis has team-leading numbers in doubles (nine), home runs (five), and RBIs (25) while batting .304.

On the mound, Carolina is led by senior Megan Matthews. Matthews is 15-4 with a 1.37 ERA and 147 strikeouts this season. Matthews also has nine shutouts. Stacey Johnson sports an 8-5

record and a 1.69 ERA with 77 strikeouts, while SEC Pitcher of the Week Aleca Johnson (6-1, 1.91 ERA) comes off a big week where she notched three victories and struck out 13 in 8 2/3 innings.

First pitch for Wednesday's doubleheader and Thursday's series finale is 5 p.m.

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Quick Shots

♦ Megan Matthews is 19 strikeouts away from claiming the USC career strikeout record. With four starts this week, she could claim that this weekend.
♦ The strikeout record is held by former standout Trinity Johnson, who had 1,032 strikeouts in her career from 1995-97.

Career Notes on

> Researching Companies

In a national survey, recruiters indicated that company research was one of the 3 most important steps in preparing for an interview.

Many job seekers put tremendous effort in identifying their strengths, writing a resume, and preparing for an interview. However, many candidates neglect to perform company research- a process that can help you make more critical career decisions.

The basic questions to ask are:

- Who is the company?
- What is the company's reputation; what is it known for?
- What is the company history?
- How is the company structured?
- How competitive is the company?
- What types of products and services are offered?
- What is the condition of the company offices and facilities?
- Are there any problems you can identify?

Start by looking at the company's website. The Career Center library also houses corporate brochures as well as resources to help you answer questions. Finally, some websites specialize in providing information:

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