

BRIEFLY

Women's soccer tops College of Charleston

Morgan McIntyre scored two goals, and Jessica Julin added two assists as the USC women's soccer team defeated College of Charleston 3-1 on Saturday at the Graveyard.

USC got on the board twice in the first half with McIntyre and sophomore Ashley Williams each tallying goals. Julin fed McIntyre, who chipped a 20-yard shot to the left corner for a 1-0 lead. Ten minutes later, Julin found Ashley Williams, who beat Cougars goalie Emily Brenner in the right corner.

Charleston's Becca Eddy scored with a header at 74:23 to bring the score to 2-1, but Carolina answered in the 87th minute, as McIntyre scored her fifth goal of the season.

McIntyre and Julin each had five shots to lead the Gamecocks, who outshot the Cougars 21-7 in the match.

Volleyball struggles on West Coast trip

The 23rd-ranked USC volleyball team lost a pair of games this weekend in Long Beach, Calif., falling to San Diego on Friday and fifth-ranked Long Beach State on Saturday.

Carolina became only the third team this season to take a game from Long Beach State, with a 30-20 win in the second game, but the 49ers dominated the rest of the match and won in four games.

Niece Curry led USC with 14 kills, while Cally Plummer recorded 12 kills to move up to seventh on the all-time list.

Long Beach State moved to 8-0 with the win. Carolina dropped to 6-3.

The Gamecocks didn't even win a game against San Diego on Friday.

Carolina will try to get back on the winning track Friday when it returns to Columbia to take on Kentucky.

Women's golf in 14th following first round

The 17th-ranked USC women's golf team is in a tie for 14th place after one round of the NCAA Fall Preview in Lafayette, Ind.

The Gamecocks shot a team score of 312 on Sunday and are eight strokes back of the top 10. The prestigious tournament is being played at the site of the 2003 NCAA Championships and is featuring most of the teams who played in last year's NCAA Championships.

Junior Adrienne Gautreaux led the Lady Gamecocks with a two-over 74 and is in a tie for 19th place. Defending SEC champion Kristy McPherson is in a tie for 25th place after firing a three-over 75.

Oklahoma State leads the field by two strokes with an even-par score of 288. Vanderbilt is in second place with a 290, followed by Texas with a 295, Duke, with a 297, and Ohio State, with a 298, round out the top five.

Karen Sjodin of Oklahoma State leads the individual field after firing a four-under 68.

The two-round tournament will finish Monday, with tee times beginning at 8 a.m.

Brewers to PETA: Don't mess with our sausages

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There are some things in Major League Baseball that just never change: Squabbles between the owners and the players union, the microscopically small crowds at Olympic Stadium in Montreal, and the traditional sausage race in Milwaukee.

Yes, that's right — the sausage race. If it were up to one group, though, an addition would be made to the fabled field of four racing sausages.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals recently wrote a letter to the Milwaukee Brewers requesting that a soy sausage be added to the race that takes place at every home game. PETA's involvement in this situa-

tion should come as no surprise to those whom the organization has fallen into disfavor with in the past — the University of South Carolina, for example. The premise behind the letter was that since the Brewers sell soy sausages at their concession stands, why not add one to the race?

A spokesman from the Brewers told ESPN.com that there was no sense in messing with tradition and that fans can expect the four sausages — a hot dog, a Polish sausage, an Italian sausage, and a bratwurst — to race for years to come.

I wholeheartedly agree. PETA appears to love whatever publicity it can muster, and by staking out professional and amateur athletics, they know they can garner a ton of it.

Aren't there any other "real" issues concerning unethical animal treatment that PETA can take up? Must they really attack something that provides Brewers fans with some of the most entertainment they'll get at Miller Park this season?

Think of all the different con-

cession items available to fans these days. One can set up a whole Olympics-style competition between people dressed up as giant pretzels or chicken fingers. Why must PETA make these awful suggestions that they probably know won't ever happen?

It's because one day, another organization is going to fall prey to their rhetoric, as the NCAA did when they started to have their basketballs made with a synthetic material instead of leather.

According to a news release on PETA's Web site, they claim that a veggie dog can "be a big hit, especially with hip, young baseball fans." In the letter they wrote to the Brewers, the clothing of choice would be "a plain white T-shirt with Gap khakis and PETA's 'Go Vegan' baseball cap."

What are these PETA people smoking? The sausage race is one of the few things worth showing up for in Miller Park. I don't think many fans would warm up to the idea of changing it.

Even worse, I fear the fallout of what adding a soy sausage can do to this beloved race. A fifth

wiener will just take up more room on the Miller Park warning track, possibly causing some nasty confrontations in the home stretch. With a veggie dog among the competitors, what would the Brewers do if other groups wanted themselves represented? We could be seeing an andouille sausage or a chorizo. Perhaps even a knockwurst — now that's something to think about.

Milwaukee already has enough problems fielding a decent team; they don't need to field any more fast foods that can go from foul pole to foul pole in seconds flat.

PETA, on the other hand, should stick not to what it does best — harassing innocent individuals and organizations — but to what they really should do, like preventing animal abuse, neglect and mistreatment.

Politically correct or not, most sports teams aren't going to change what they've done for years just because PETA says so. Even the Brewers' neighbors in Wisconsin, the Green Bay Packers, refused to change their name, which refers

to the meatpacking industry, at PETA's request.

Besides, getting the Brewers to add a "soy-sage" to the in-game race would be like cutting down the ivy on the walls of Wrigley Field. It just won't happen, and it would be sacrilegious if it did.

One could say there's something of a Milwaukee Brewer "holy" trinity. This includes:

1. Bob Uecker always providing his insightful commentary in the radio booth;

2. Bernie Brewer (the mascot) sliding down from his Miller Park perch after every Milwaukee home run;

3. The sausage race.

It would be a shame to see this time-honored Milwaukee tradition fall prey to PETA's requests.

Luckily for us, the Brewers refused, and when we see these four express-speed edibles race for sausage supremacy, we will know we are all better for it.

Rothenberg is a fourth-year sport management student. His column will resume to its regular Friday spot this week.

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er its only scoring drive of the game. Jenkins' 25-yard pass to Ryan Brewer brought the Gamecocks within three.

Georgia came back down the field and kicked a field goal to go up by six with only 2:54 left on the clock.

The Gamecocks, with their backs against the wall, mounted a tremendous drive starting at their own 25-yard line, but they came up short after Pinnock's fumble with 12 seconds left in the game.

Despite the heartbreaking loss, Jenkins was proud of the way the team performed.

"The way we played was tremendous," he said. "We can't get it to go our way, but tonight we showed a lot of guts. We have to take the good with the bad, and, hopefully, soon it'll go our way."

Carolina will look to get back on the winning track next week when it plays host to Temple at 7 p.m.

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Soccer

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With his goal, Quinn claimed sole possession of sixth place on the team's all-time scoring list.

"Jordan Quinn has continued to be a real threat for us," Berson said. "He's created his opportunities because he's working hard."

"Another thing that helps a lot is the way (Washington) set up defensively. Jordan was able to find some soft spots and get in and attack pretty well. And if he has those opportunities, he's going to make you pay for them."

Ryan Deter finished the scoring in the 70th minute, taking a pass from Rosenberg and slotting it past the Washington goalkeeper.

"This is a game with big implications nationally, and our players really rose to the occasion today and beat a team that I think is one of the best in collegiate soccer," Berson said.



Quinn

"A lot of other kids around campus are noticing that we're ranked, but we just take one game at a time and see how we do," Rosenberg said.

Named with Quinn on the All-Tournament Team were Gamecocks Jordan Smith, Michael Bachmeyer and Rosenberg. Washington's Aaron Heinzel was named defensive MVP.

Next up for the Gamecocks is another Classic — the Pro-rehab-Aces Classic in Evansville, Ind.

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Quinn is pleased with the way the season is turning out thus far.

"It's going really well," he said. "Confidence is up. We're proving ourselves on the field."

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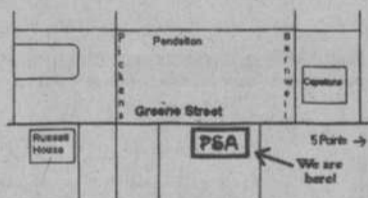
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