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This week's games:

- USC at 14 LSU
- Wake Forest at Clemson
- 21 Ole Miss at 24 Alabama
- Auburn at Florida
- Kentucky at Arkansas
- 9 Iowa State at 2 Oklahoma
- 7 Notre Dame at 18 Air Force
- 22 Washington at 19 So. Cal
- Minnesota at Michigan State
- TCU at Louisville

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Women's soccer 1-1 this weekend

BY MATT ROTHENBERG
THE GAMECOCK

The USC women's soccer team split two SEC games at the Graveyard this weekend.

Friday evening, the Gamecocks lost a 2-1 heartbreaker to the Arkansas Razorbacks in double overtime. But Sunday against LSU, Carolina rebounded with a 2-0 win.

In Friday's game, Arkansas' Lisa Jones knocked in a rebound off USC goalkeeper Elise Matthews at the 40:23 mark to give the Hogs a 1-0 lead going into the break.

Four minutes into the second half, Carolina senior Jessica Julin notched her third goal of

the season, hitting the ball into the left corner after defender Sarah Lentz found her in the penalty box.

Senior Carolyn Ortega, who replaced Matthews in goal at the beginning of the second half, made save after save to propel the game into overtime. But three minutes into the second overtime, Jones beat Ortega from 10 yards out for the game-winner.



Ortega

The Gamecocks outshot the Razorbacks 15-13 and held a four-shot advantage in shots on goal, but USC couldn't convert on its

chances and came up short.

"It's disappointing to lose tonight, and we had our chances to win the game," USC head coach Shelley Smith said. "Arkansas did a good job of capitalizing on our mistakes."

Carolina started more of its younger players on Sunday against LSU, but a couple of veterans came off the bench to bring USC to victory.

Scoreless after the half, Julin broke the deadlock at the 68:44 mark with a header off Katherine Stokes' corner kick. It was Julin's fourth goal of the season and the eventual game-winner.

Ashley Williams added an insurance goal nearly seven minutes later for her sixth goal of the

season. Ortega stopped five shots en route to her first shutout of the year.

"I'm proud of our team effort this afternoon," Smith said, as 21 of the 25 Gamecocks saw action against LSU. "We played a full 90 minutes, and everyone contributed. Our players worked hard and did a good job of keeping the game at a high level of play throughout the entire match."

The Gamecocks (10-4, 3-2 SEC) return to the Graveyard on Friday for a 7 p.m. match against the Georgia Bulldogs.

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Kentucky

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first down, and punter Tyeler Dean backed out of the end zone for a safety with 33 seconds left.

The Wildcats got the ball one more time and drove to the Carolina 34. Lorenzen's desperation pass into the end zone was batted down as time expired.

The Wildcats were on USC's side of the field most of the first

half and reached the Gamecocks' 15 early in the second quarter. But fullback Mike Kamphake fumbled, marking only the second time in 21 trips inside the opponents' 20-yard line this season that the Wildcats have failed to score.

Derek Abney returned a punt 44 yards to set up the Wildcats for their first scoring drive later in the second quarter. Pinner had a 24-yard run on the march and Lorenzen threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Tommy Cook over the middle

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TROY WILLIAMSON
USC WIDE RECEIVER

with 3:14 left before halftime.

Taylor Begley kicked a 40-yard field goal with 13 seconds left for a 10-0 lead.

"We told the defense at halftime we were sorry for keeping them out there for so long," USC wide receiver Troy Williamson said. "In the second half, we came

out and played our game."

The Gamecocks were deep in their own territory early in the second half when Jenkins found Williamson wide open behind the Kentucky defense. The 59-yard pass play led to Daniel Weaver's 38-yard field goal with 9:44 left in the third quarter.

BRIEFLY

Men's soccer loses third straight match

The ninth-ranked USC men's soccer team fell to No. 3 Wake Forest 1-0 on Friday night at Spry Stadium in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Wake's Adam Hakes scored the lone goal of the match with 4:13 remaining to give the Demon Deacons a 1-0 victory. Wake outshot Carolina 22-7.

Since starting the season 7-0-1, Carolina has dropped three straight games. The Demon Deacons remain unbeaten, improving to 9-0-2.

The Gamecocks will try to pull it together Wednesday when they play host to Charlotte at the Graveyard. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

Holtz's call-in show to be held on campus

USC football head coach Lou Holtz's weekly call-in show will broadcast live from the Russell House on Wednesday night.

The event, sponsored by the Student Gamecock Club, is an opportunity for students and fans to interact with Holtz as he and the Gamecocks prepare for LSU.

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Palmetto Ballroom.

Girls & Sports

BY JUSTIN BORUS AND ANDREW FEINSTEIN



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Volleyball

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"I think that by saying, 'We got this. We can do this. We just have to play,' we knew we just had to go out and do what we could do, and then we'd just go out and get them," she said.

Christopher added: "Cally (Plummer) was just like, 'This is not going to happen in our gym,' and I think we just needed to make sure that we were taking

care of business on our side. We couldn't really control all the things they were doing, but we made some adjustments to what we were doing offensively and we were a little more successful."

With the emotional scale tipping back in their favor, USC came back and put the final strike into the Lady Vols with a 15-10 victory in game five. Alban provided four kills in the game.

"Sam Alban came up with some critical, key plays — not just key plays to where she performed, but just great plays," Christopher

noted. "We, finally in the fourth game, got the momentum, and we were excited about having the momentum. ... I think volleyball is such a game of momentum, and that was the difference in games four and five."

The Gamecocks still have a number of key battles left this season, including a rematch with Tennessee and a pair of games against rival Florida. But Alban is confident of her team's ability to excel when coming from behind.

"I think mentally, we took ourselves out, but Tennessee would not go away today," she said. "I credit them for giving us a great match, and I think that we did more of taking ourselves out of it, but it's good to know that we can put ourselves back in too."

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Almond

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out. It won't be easy, but it's not inconceivable. And if they do that and Georgia chokes and loses two games, USC will be playing in Atlanta for the SEC championship.

But can Georgia choke? The Bulldogs, ranked fifth in the country, are playing well right now.

I think it's still a good possibility. The Bulldogs still have to play at Kentucky. They still have to play the Gators in the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party. And their last two SEC games are against Ole Miss and Auburn, two of the Western Division's best. As the season winds to a close and the pressure mounts, the Bulldogs could cave in.

I know it's easy to look back and say "What if?" But if you think about it, the Gamecocks are 2 yards and one fumble away from being in Georgia's position. And that could end up being the difference in a title race. Ouch.

Weekly Awards

Pimp Daddy of the Week:
Ryan Brewer

Brewer's 6-yard touchdown run put Carolina ahead for good in the Kentucky game. And the senior, as usual, made some clutch grabs for the Gamecocks late in the game.

Toolbox of the Week:
Chris Simms

I've been the only one giving him props, and the Texas quarterback lets me down with a weak performance against Oklahoma. I'm joining the bandwagon — Simms sucks.

Quote of the Week:
"Lou Holtz da man. Lou Holtz da best coach in da SEC." — A guy on WIS-TV's newscast Saturday night

I don't know the man's name (he was wearing a FUBU jersey and a Ray Lewis bandanna), but he hit it right on the nose.

Almond is a fourth-year print journalism student. His column appears every Wednesday in Gamecock Sports.

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Students may have their ID cards scanned to enter the lottery on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, (Oct. 21, 22, 23) from 9:00 am til 4:00 pm in Room 205 in the Russell House. This will be during football distribution for student tickets for the Arkansas and Tennessee Games.

A list will be posted of the students who will be eligible to buy a ticket by 9:00 am Monday, Oct. 28 in the Student Government Office.

The list will contain 1000 primary students and 2 alternative lists of 100 each.

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