

BRIEFLY

Swim teams defeat Kentucky at home

The USC swimming and diving teams defeated Kentucky at the Carolina Natatorium on Friday. The men's team won 125-118, and the women's team won 163.5-78.5.

"It feels nice to win here," head coach Don Gibb said. "We did better than we expected. The men were very evenly matched. On paper, Kentucky is even a little better, but we swam well tonight. Both teams swam well. We did better tonight than we did at Virginia, which is what we are trying to do — improve with every meet that we are in."



Gibb

Leading the way for the women was freshman Stephanie Margalis, who won every event she swam, including a team top time of 10 minutes, 6:32 seconds in the 1000-yard freestyle. She also won the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle.

Bronwyn Dedekind also achieved a team-best time, 2:04:38 in the 200 butterfly.

Other individual winners on the women's team were Jennifer VanAssen (200 freestyle), Anna Nyiry (50 freestyle) and Heather Skaggs (100 freestyle).

Four members of the men's team swam team-best times. Tamas Szucs' time of 1:38:21 in the 200 freestyle was good enough to make the NCAA B-qualifying standards. Szucs also won the 500 freestyle.

Other top times included Lir Derieg's 51:75 in the 100 backstroke, Chris McCrary's 20:63 in the 50 freestyle, and Ed Murphy's 46:70 in the 100 freestyle.

The Gamecock diving team won all four of the diving competitions, placing first in all individual categories.

For the men, Andy Bradley continued to shine, as he won his third straight competition of the year. This was the first meet where Bradley did not break a record, however.



Bradley

He won both the 1- and 3-meter springboards.

For the women, Carolina occupied the first three spots. In the 1-meter board competition, sophomore Allison Brennan placed first followed by Tracey Richardson and Holly Hodges. In the 3-meter event, Richardson took first and was followed by Lauren King and Brennan.

Regular season ends with win for Carolina

Senior Morgan McIntyre scored her eighth goal of the season, and junior goalkeeper Elise Matthews recorded her fourth shutout as the USC women's soccer team concluded its regular season with a 2-0 win at UNC-Greensboro on Friday.

The Gamecocks (13-5-2), who are one win away from tying the school's single-season record for wins, head to the SEC Tournament next week.

Carolina will be the No. 5 seed in the tournament and play No. 4 Florida at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

Women golfers 8th in Auburn tourney

The USC women's golf team fired a 301 Sunday to finish in eighth place at the Auburn Tiger Derby Invitational in Auburn, Ala.

The Gamecocks finished with a team score of 900, two strokes better than top-ranked Oklahoma State and six strokes better than second-ranked Vanderbilt. No. 19 Tennessee won the tournament with a score of 871.

Junior Adrienne Gautreaux was the top finisher for the Gamecocks after firing a four-over 76 on Sunday to finish with a total score of 223. Gautreaux finished in a tie for 15th place, just two strokes back of the top 10. Defending SEC Champion Kristy McPherson also shot a 76 on Sunday to finish with a 224 and in a tie for 20th place.

First-half scores lift men's soccer to win

The 19th-ranked USC men's soccer team lost 3-0 Friday to No. 14 Coastal Carolina, but the Gamecocks rebounded with a 5-1 thrashing Sunday of Winthrop in the College of Charleston Invitational.

A three-goal first half paved the way for Carolina's win and the Gamecocks' largest margin of victory all season.

The Eagles (11-5-1) jumped out to an early 1-0 lead at 13:35. Gareth Hayden scored an unassisted goal from 15 yards out.



Robert Rosenberg opened the scoring for USC in its 5-1 win over Winthrop on Sunday.

But five minutes later, the Gamecocks (10-6-1) answered when Robert Rosenberg headed the ball past Eagles' goalkeeper Steve Winton. Tim Glowienka served the ball to the middle of the box, where Rosenberg knocked it in to tie the match.

In the 41st minute, junior Jack Cummings scored his first of two goals in the match, and one minute later, Anthony Stovall connected with defender Josh Alcalá to give the Gamecocks a two-goal lead heading into halftime.

USC nets three titles in home tournament

The USC women's tennis team took two of four single championships and one of three doubles championships Sunday at the Southern Intercollegiate Tournament in Columbia.

The Gamecocks' lowest single finish was fourth place, and no Gamecock doubles team finished lower than third.

In the A2 doubles draw, Danielle Wiggins and Ayako Suzuki defeated Clemson's Ana Stiglic and Richele Lesaldo 8-6 in the final. Jodi Kenoyer and Audrey George were runners-up in the A3 draw, dropping the doubles final to Rosemary Younger and Stephanie Koot of Coastal Carolina 9-8 (5).

Two of the four singles finals were between Gamecocks. The top draw saw Kenoyer defeating Wiggins 6-2, 7-6 (6). The other all-Gamecock final displayed Magda Wojdylo defeating Suzuki 6-0, 6-2 in the A2 singles.

Gators back in SEC East race

AROUND THE SEC

	Florida (6-3, 4-2 SEC)	20
	Georgia (8-1, 5-1 SEC)	13

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. (AP) — There was no party for Georgia on this night. That privilege belonged once again to Florida, the team that befuddles the Bulldogs like no other.

On a night when the fifth-ranked Bulldogs could have clinched a title, Rex Grossman ruined those plans. The Florida quarterback threw for 339 yards Saturday to help the Gators breathe life back into their on-and-off season with a 20-13 victory.

"This was huge," Grossman said. "It couldn't have been any bigger for us."

In a season on the verge of flaming out, the Gators (6-3, 4-2 SEC) proved they didn't need Steve Spurrier to beat Georgia. Florida won the game known as the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party for the 12th time in 13 years, this time with Ron Zook as coach.

The Bulldogs (8-1, 5-1) could have clinched the SEC East — their first significant title since they won the conference in 1982 — and made headway in the national-title race on a day in which three other undefeated teams lost.

Instead, they went home losers, and their fans — cautiously optimistic in all the pregame revelry this week — had to make the slow walk of shame out of Alltel Stadium.

Again. "It's real unbearable," said senior tackle Jon Stinchcomb, tears streaming down his face. "For the rest of our lives, all the seniors will know they never beat Florida. It's one of our biggest rivalries, and we're all 0-4. That's a pretty tough pill to swallow."

It's made worse by the fact that Florida didn't play its best. Nor did the Gators need all of their best players to win this game against the rival Spurrier hated the most.

Leading receiver Taylor Jacobs left during the first series with an injured right knee that could keep him out four weeks. That simply opened the door for Kelvin Knight and Carlos Perez, who broke career receiving records on Grossman's 36-of-46 night.

"They were coming into the offense and complaining that they didn't get opportunities," Zook

Standings

EASTERN	CONF.	OVERALL
Georgia	5-1	8-1
Florida	4-2	6-3
USC	3-3	5-4
Kentucky*	2-3	6-3
Tennessee	2-3	5-3
Vanderbilt	0-5	2-7

WESTERN	CONF.	OVERALL
Alabama*	4-1	7-2
LSU	3-1	6-2
Auburn	4-2	6-3
Arkansas	2-3	5-3
Ole Miss	2-3	5-4
Mississippi St.	0-4	3-5

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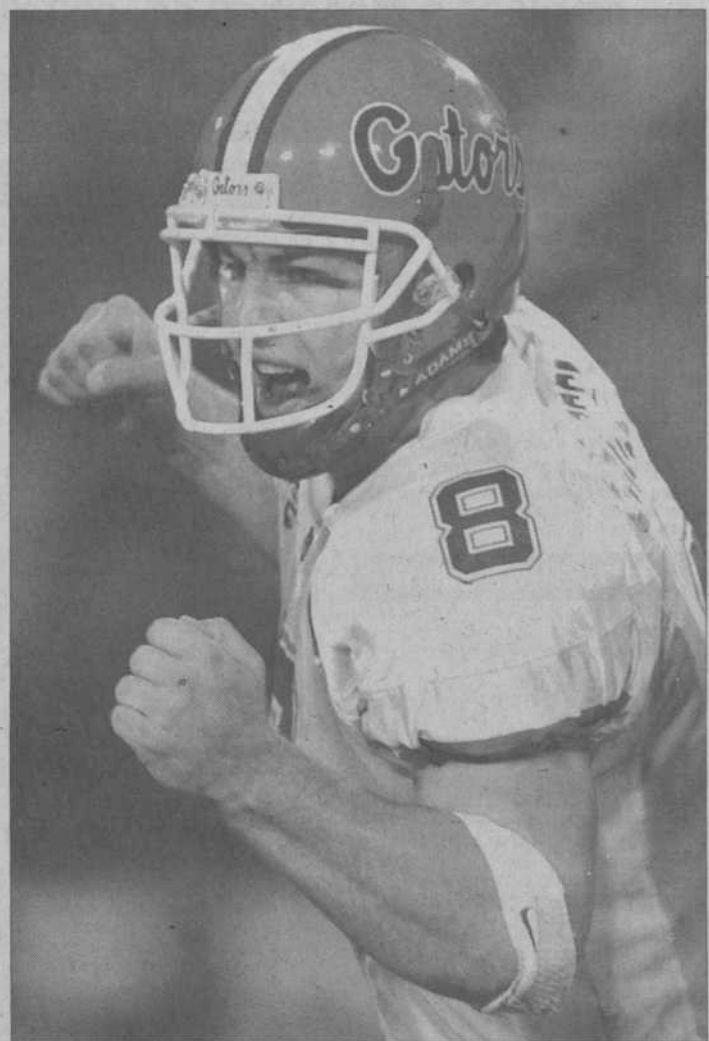


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Florida quarterback Rex Grossman celebrates a touchdown pass in the second quarter of the Gators' 20-13 win over Georgia on Saturday.

said. "I'm so happy they got their opportunity and made plays they had to make."

With the loss, the Bulldogs need to win their remaining SEC games — against Ole Miss and Auburn — to ensure the SEC East title.

"We're still trying to do things one at a time," linebacker Tony Gilbert said, "and we can still accomplish that."

But after a loss like that, they might be forced to at least confront the possibility that Gators offensive lineman Shannon Snell was right when he predicted Georgia would lose to Florida, and again somewhere down the road.

It was great bulletin-board material, and the Gators took care of the part they could control.

"Like I said earlier, and I'm not lying, they're going to lose another one, and I hope they do," Snell reiterated after the game.

Indeed, the Gators are thinking about a title, just like Georgia. If Georgia loses once more and the Gators beat Vanderbilt and South Carolina in the next two weeks, they would win the SEC East — a notion that seemed laughable just a few weeks ago.

"It's fun, to be underdogs in a rivalry game, to come out with a victory and spoil their season and keep yourself alive," Grossman said.

Auburn 31, Ole Miss 24

Travaris Robinson caught Eli Manning's third interception of the second half in the end zone with 1:52 left Saturday to seal Auburn's 31-24 victory over Mississippi.

Ronnie Brown rushed for 224 yards on 33 carries and three

touchdowns for the Tigers (6-3, 4-2 SEC). Brown's third touchdown, a 21-yard run in the third quarter, gave Auburn a 22-17 lead.

The loss was the third straight for the Rebels (5-4, 2-3) and their first home loss in six games.

Kentucky 45, Mississippi State 24

Derek Abney returned two punts for touchdowns and Artose Pinner scored on a 1-yard run — all in the third quarter — as Kentucky beat Mississippi State 45-24 Saturday.

Abney's first touchdown came on a 69-yard punt return to turn a close game into a rout for Kentucky (6-3, 2-3 SEC).

The Wildcats had lost their previous three games to Mississippi State (3-5, 0-4).

Alabama 30, Vanderbilt 8

Tyler Watts threw for 176 yards and ran for a touchdown, and the

12th-ranked Tide used a dominant defense to beat Vanderbilt 30-8 Saturday for their 18th straight victory in this series.

The Crimson Tide, the SEC's best team at playing keepaway, held the ball for more than 36 minutes and rolled up 428 yards of offense with 76 plays. The nation's fourth-best defense held the Commodores to a season-low 162 yards and forced two turnovers.

Arkansas 23, Troy State 0

Bo Mosley scored on a blocked punt return for the second time this season, and he capped a 23-0 Arkansas victory over Troy State on Saturday with a 50-yard interception return for a touchdown.

While Arkansas (5-3) struggled to get anything going on a cold, rainy day, the Trojans (3-7) were equally inept. The Razorbacks held Troy State to 142 yards and 14 first downs.

Tennessee

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a fourth down and made them punt. But Tennessee muffed the punt and led to Carolina's first score, a 26-yard Daniel Weaver field goal.

Tennessee answered on its next drive with a 2-yard pass to C.J. Fayton that was set up by Jabari Davis' career-long 62-yard run. Tennessee also

scored on two Alex Walls field goals.

USC doesn't have much time to mope about the loss, as it will face a rising Arkansas Razorbacks team next Saturday.

"We have to face a good Arkansas team," Moore said. "They're going to run the ball down our throat. So we've got to step up, throw our necks back and try and stop them."

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Passing

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"Corey's our starting quarterback, no doubt," Lou Holtz said.

Going into the start of the season, most fans knew the running game would be highlighted, especially because of the uncertainty of Jenkins' throwing ability. But it has been the ground attack that has received the go-

ahead more often than not.

Being a team that runs the ball most of the time does not please Lou Holtz, who recognizes the need for an offense that can do more than use its rushing speed.

"We can't be one-dimensional," he said. "I think we run the ball well, and I think our goal-line offense is good. But our passing game is really a problem right now."

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