

## BRIEFLY

## USC downs Wofford in women's soccer

The USC women's soccer team (5-3-1) beat the Wofford Terriers (3-3-1) at Spartanburg on Wednesday night 2-0. Forward M.A. Foster scored her second game-winning goal of the season, while midfielder Erica Bowie scored the insurance goal.

Foster knocked the goal in early in the second half with an assist from midfielder Abi Markham. Bowie got her goal with less than three minutes left in the game with forward Ashley Williams being credited with the assist. Carolina finished the game with a 13-3 shot advantage over Wofford and is still undefeated against the Terriers.

The Gamecocks will take their three-game winning streak to the UGA/Nike Tournament in Athens, Ga., on Friday to compete against Georgia Southern and Liberty. Overall, Carolina is 4-1 against Georgia Southern, winning last season's contest 1-0. The Gamecocks' match versus Liberty is the first meeting between the two schools.

USC takes on Georgia Southern on Friday at 5 p.m. and will play Liberty on Sunday at 11 a.m. Carolina's next home games come against defending

SEC Champion Auburn on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. and Alabama on Oct. 5 at 1 p.m.

## Equestrian team to play host of meet

The USC equestrian team will begin its season Saturday by playing host to the South Carolina Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. The competition will be held at the Irish Oaks Equestrian Centre in the Ascot subdivision in Irmo.

The field will include riders from Clemson, Berry College, Erskine, Lander, Anderson, Augusta State, Judson College and other colleges and universities. Carolina starts the competition at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

The Gamecocks' next event will be at Georgia on Oct. 3.

## Cross country team to run at two meets

The USC cross country team splits up again this weekend, with the A-team traveling to Cary, N.C., to run in the Great American Cross Country Festival and the B-team to run at The Citadel Invitational.

The Great American Cross Country Festival will include over 400 teams and over 4,000 runners, from universities to

elementary schools. Carolina will be one of 80 collegiate women's teams competing and will run at 5:15 p.m. Friday.

The Gamecock B-team's race at The Citadel Invitational in Charleston will start at 9:45 a.m. Saturday.

## Security measures remain at Tennessee

Security measures instituted at the beginning of the football season at Tennessee's Neyland Stadium will remain in effect for Saturday's game between USC and Tennessee. Gates will open at 5:45 p.m. — two hours before kickoff.

"Authorized personnel will be at the gates, advising fans that large parcels such as backpacks or boxes are not permitted inside the stadium," said Philip Scheurer, Tennessee vice president of operations. "In addition, no items may be stored or left at the gate."

Radios, small bags, cell phones and cushions will be allowed, but UT reserves the right to search any bag.

"We want fans from both schools to support their team enthusiastically," Scheurer said. "At the same time, we expect them to demonstrate good sportsmanship outside and inside the stadium."

## SPORTS CHALLENGE

**THE CHALLENGE:** The Gamecock's readers and staff test their sports knowledge with predictions of the weekend's games. (Rankings are from The Associated Press.)

	Brad Senkiw Sports Editor (23-17)	Wes Wolfe Asst. Sports Editor (25-15)	Charles Tomlinson Editor in Chief (26-14)	Adam Beam Managing Editor (28-12)	Meg Moore The Mix Editor (27-13)	Andy Ferris Reader of the Week (18-20)
9 Arkansas at Alabama	Arkansas	Alabama	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas
25 Florida at Kentucky	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
13 Iowa at Michigan State	Iowa	Mich. St.	Iowa	Mich. St.	Iowa	Iowa
Notre Dame at 22 Purdue	N. Dame	N. Dame	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue
Texas Tech at Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Tex. Tech	Ole Miss	Ole Miss
21 Wash. St. at 10 Oregon	Wash. St.	Oregon	Wash. St.	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon
Iowa State at 20 N. Illinois	Iowa St.	N. Illinois	N. Illinois	N. Illinois	N. Illinois	N. Illinois
Wake Forest at Virginia	Virginia	Wake	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Wake
Georgia Tech at Vanderbilt	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech
USC at 8 Tennessee	UT 24-14	UT 21-10	UT 28-7	USC 21-17	UT 28-10	USC 24-20

**SPORTS CHALLENGE'S FIFTH-WEEK OUTLOOK:** Adam Beam once again won the weekly challenge, going a rough 5-5. Wes Wolfe, Brad Senkiw and Charles Tomlinson each finished at a terrible 4-6 after a few upsets took place nationally. Overall, Beam continues to shine, while the selected staff member trails closely. The readers are having a difficult time keeping pace after a 2-8 week. This week's reader needs to be nearly perfect to make an impact on this week's standings. Be sure to get those picks in every Thursday by 2 p.m.

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## Michigan wins appeal; NCAA tournament eligibility reinstated

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**ANN ARBOR, MICH.** — The Michigan basketball team won its appeal and will be eligible to play in the 2004 NCAA tournament.

The decision to overturn the ban handed down in May was made by the NCAA's infractions appeals committee, the organization announced Thursday.

"This is a tremendously positive day for the University of Michigan and our basketball program," Michigan coach Tommy Amaker said in a statement. "We are so appreciative of the news we received. I am thrilled for the young men on our team, and I believe they truly deserve this opportunity."

Michigan's successful appeal concludes all NCAA procedures regarding the Ed Martin scandal. Martin, who died earlier this year, had been accused of making illicit cash payments totaling \$616,000 to former players Chris Webber, Maurice Taylor, Louis Bullock and Robert Traylor.

Of the NCAA sanctions handed down in May, the ban on participation in the NCAA tournament and National Invitation Tournament was the only one that Michigan appealed.

Other sanctions, including 3 1/2 years of probation and the loss of

one scholarship in each of four seasons beginning in 2004-2005, remain in effect.

A message left with Terry Don Phillips, chairman of the appeals committee and Clemson's athletic director, was not immediately returned.

"We accepted full responsibility for the wrongdoing that occurred, and we felt that the loss of scholarships, extended probation, and other penalties imposed by the NCAA were an appropriately severe response to the violations," school president Mary Sue Coleman said in a statement.

The school's appeal was focused on the additional postseason ban, because it fell "disproportionately" on the current players and coaches, Coleman said.

Expectations for last season's Michigan team were low because of an apparent lack of talent and motivation. The Wolverines lost their first six games but staged a remarkable turnaround under second-year coach Amaker, winning 13 straight games for the first time since 1987-88.

Michigan finished with its best season in five years, going 17-13 overall and 10-6 in the Big Ten and earning a first-round bye in the conference tournament. The 2003-04 Wolverines are expected to contend for an NCAA tournament berth.

Michigan officials hoped the penalties they imposed on their program in November 2002 would appease the NCAA.

Those penalties included a post-season ban for 2003; forfeiture of 112 regular-season and tournament victories from five seasons, plus its victory in the 1992 NCAA semifinal; returning \$450,000 to the NCAA for money earned from the NCAA tournament during those years; and placing itself on two years' probation.

It also removed four banners from Crisler Arena: for the 1992 and 1993 Final Fours, 1997 NIT title and 1998 Big Ten tournament title.

Martin, a self-described Wolverines basketball booster, pleaded guilty in 2002 to conspiracy to launder money and told federal prosecutors he took gambling money, combined it with other funds and lent \$616,000 to Webber and the other players. He was awaiting sentencing when he died in February at age 69 of a pulmonary embolism.

"This long and unpleasant chapter in the university history has ended once and for all," athletic director Bill Martin said in a statement. "We have learned some hard lessons from this experience, but we emerged from it with a stronger program and a renewed commitment to the highest standards of integrity."

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