

■ RECRUIT

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from some of the South's major powerhouse teams, including Clemson, LSU, Florida State and Tennessee, but chose the Gamecocks after his visit Saturday. Sinclair totaled 80 tackles with nine interceptions last season.

Offensively, Carolina picked up three-star wide receiver Jared Cook of Suwanee, Ga. Cook also had a long list of teams chasing him, including Auburn and Ohio State. He compiled big numbers last fall, hauling in 32 passes for 771 yards and 11 scores. Cook stands at 6-feet-6-inches tall.

USC's final commitment of the weekend came from three-star

defensive tackle Lemuel Jeanpierre of Orlando. Jeanpierre chose the Gamecocks over big-name teams like Georgia Tech and Louisville. His 6-foot-4-inch frame makes him intriguing, and his stats show it. Jeanpierre racked up 96 tackles with nine sacks last fall.

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These three competitive road losses left the Gamecocks behind by only 12 total points to the No. 2, No. 8 and No. 10 teams in the country. With two easier SEC opponents in their near future, LSU tonight in Baton Rouge and Tennessee Saturday night at the Colonial Center, the Gamecocks can solidify a winning attitude and a winning confidence as they approach the more difficult side of their SEC schedule. The importance of momentum in the SEC portion of any team's schedule is crucial. Playing the Volunteers and the Tigers a combined four times last season, USC went 3-1, losing only to UT in Knoxville.

As they ready for yet another top-25 team, No. 18 Mississippi State a week from Saturday, the moment has never been better for the Gamecocks to break through.

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SEC

News & Notes

Moore receives weekly honor

Vanderbilt guard Mario Moore was named SEC Player of the Week last week after the Commodores started 2-0 in the SEC. Moore averaged 17 points and five assists in helping lead his team to easy wins over No. 19 Alabama and in-state rival Tennessee.

Moore scored 16 points in a 70-56 win against the Crimson Tide, including three three-point baskets in a span of a minute to help Vanderbilt pull away before halftime. The junior then scored 18 points in an 88-63 blowout of the Volunteers on Saturday. He also added seven assists and no turnovers in the game.

On the season Moore is averaging 14.5 points and nearly four assists to go with 1.2 steals. This is Moore's first SEC Player of the Week honor.

Week 2 to feature vital contests

Vanderbilt takes its undefeated record in SEC play to Lexington to

face Kentucky. The Wildcats are coming off just their second loss of the season at the hands of No. 2 Kansas. The Commodores, on the other hand, are coming off of two blowout wins against No. 19 Alabama and Tennessee. Kelenna Azubuike leads Kentucky averaging 14.8 points per game. Vanderbilt guard and current SEC Player of the Week Mario Moore leads the Commodores into Rupp Arena.

The Arkansas Razorbacks and 6-foot 6-inch junior Kennedy Winston face a tough road test when they take on No. 11 Mississippi State in Starkville on Saturday. Winston will be met by 6-foot-9-inch 240 pound senior Loren Roberts. Roberts is averaging a double-double for the Bulldogs with 18 points and 12 rebounds per game. Arkansas comes into the week as the SEC leader in steals per game.

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