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batters in addition to only allowing three hits.

Freshman Mike Cisco came in for two shutout innings of relief and struck out four of the six batters he faced. In the five innings Cisco has thrown this year, he has not allowed a batter on base.

"I've been lucky to get some appearances," Cisco said. "I've been fortunate to have the defense make some great plays behind me. I hope I can keep making pitches and everything works out."

The series began slowly on Friday, as neither team could manage a hit in the first two innings. Nonetheless, the Gamecocks eventually came to life, winning 7-0. The action began in the third when catcher Phil Disher got on with a walk and moved to second by recording his first career steal.

Then right fielder Mark Stanley singled, and third baseman Neil Giesler hit a two-RBI line drive to center. Morgan walked left fielder Cheyne Hurst, and DH Robbie Grinestaff capitalized by blasting a three-run homer.

Radford kept USC in check until Grinestaff knocked out his second home run in the seventh inning. The two home

runs were the first in a Gamecock uniform for the junior transfer from Okaloosa-Walton College.

The Gamecocks received nearly flawless pitching efforts from Arik Hempy, Andy Lambert, Dan Luczak and Will Atwood. The four struck out 12 and only gave up one hit. Lambert recorded the win in four innings of work after Hempy was forced to sit out due to a recurring blister on his pitching hand.

While the basketball team struggled on Saturday, the baseball team was taking care of business, winning 5-2.

Carolina again hit paydirt in the third inning on a Chris Brown RBI fielder's choice with the bases loaded.

The Gamecocks went into the ninth inning with a shutout, but Radford managed a two-RBI double to make things interesting. Shawn Valdes-Fauli substituted in to make the last out and earn the save.

Carolina's pitching was again the difference, as Radford struck out 13 times. Starting pitcher Wynn Pelzer gave up only three hits in 4.2 innings, and Andrew Cruse earned the win with two scoreless innings.

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Women win third-straight SEC game

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THE GAMECOCK

USC defeated Ole Miss 77-66 on Sunday for its third consecutive conference win.

The Gamecocks are now 6-6 in the SEC and 15-9 overall, which ties them with Vanderbilt for sixth place in the SEC.

The Gamecocks dominated Ole Miss both defensively and on the boards.

"You have to give South Carolina all the credit," Ole Miss coach Carol Ross said. "They dominated in the field and in the paint. This was our worst effort of the season."

Ole Miss kept the game close until the end. Carolina was up 29-25 at the half, and the Lady Rebels were only down by five points with four minutes left in the game.

Both Carolina's Lea

Fabrizi and Ole Miss' Shawn Goff had some foul trouble in the second half.

USC sophomore forward Lakesha Tolliver scored a career-high 16 points and junior forward Melanie Johnson contributed 17 points and 13 rebounds for her third double-double of the season.

Ole Miss' Armintie Price had 16 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Rebels.

Ashley Johnson and Carla Barteo also added some points to the board, Barteo with 14 points and Ashley Johnson with 13.

USC's game plan for the night was to keep the ball away from Price and keep her from penetrating the lane.

The Gamecocks cut her off in the first half, allowing her only five points.

Price rebounded to score 11 second-half points.

"Price is a good

rebounder," Tolliver said. "We boxed her out and kept her out of the lane."

USC has been shooting 50 percent or better during its latest winning streak. Carolina did struggle, however, with holding on to the ball. The team's 25 turnovers slowed momentum and kept the Rebels in the game.

"We used to lose games on simple errors that we could have corrected," USC's Melanie Johnson said. "We're correcting those and we're doing better."

USC has two conference games and a match up with Longwood remaining before heading to North Little Rock, Ark. for the SEC Tournament.

"If we take it one game at a time I think we can do well in the SEC and NCAA," Melanie Johnson said.

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USC forward Iva Sliskovic finished with 20 points in the Gamecocks 77-66 win.

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replace him? There is no coach available that would be an upgrade.

I've got news for you: basketball at USC isn't football at USC. Hiring a big name football coach that gets paid as much as he wants to field a team in front of 85,000 screaming fans every weekend is one thing. Hiring a big name basketball coach to come field a team in front of a couple hundred students and a few thousand lackadaisical fans is

another.

In 2000, then-Boston Celtics coach Rick Pitino stood up on a podium and addressed the fact that just because his team won a few games doesn't mean expectations should get out of control.

"Larry Bird is not walking through that door, fans. Kevin McHale is not walking through that door, and Robert Parish is not walking through that door," Pitino said. "And as soon as they realize that those three guys are not coming through that door,

the better this town will be for all of us."

Well, Carolina fans, Bobby Knight isn't walking through that door. Larry Brown is not walking through that door, and Mike Krzyzewski is not walking through that door. And as soon as you realize that turning against Odom during the season isn't going to help anything, the better this town will be for all of us.

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future, but rather about how things are going to play out down the upcoming stretch.

"It's a disappointment, but we've still got a chance," Wallace said. "You take your lumps and bruises along the way. Maybe this is a wake-up call. Go back to fighting like we've been fighting."

The Gamecocks will take on the Georgia Bulldogs on Thursday in Athens.

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Wednesday, February 22

- 11 AM - 2 PM • West African Dance, RH Patio
• Healthy Alternatives
Sponsored by Campus Wellness

Thursday, February 23

- 11 AM - 2 PM • "Watch Your Drink", RH 1st floor desk
• Cocky Thursday...
8 PM - 11 PM Free Game room, Karaoke, Spoken Word; RH 2nd floor, next to the Marble Slab

Friday, February 24

- 10 PM - 2 AM • Late Night Carolina
"Fun in the Sun"
RH 2nd floor
Carolina Crew Erg-a-thon
Video Dance Party
Wear your beach gear

Pledge Card signings will take place at each event.

Monday, February 27

- 11 AM - 2 PM • "Use Protection", Greene Street
• "Dance Fever", Country Line
7 PM - 10 PM Dancing, Hip Hop, and Salsa lessons; RH Ballroom

Tuesday, February 28

- 11 AM - 2 PM • "From the bar, to the car, to the bed"; Greene Street
7 PM - 10 PM • "Dessert and a Documentary"; RH Ballroom

Wednesday, March 1

- 9 AM - 3 PM • Blood Drive
Greene Street
11 AM - 3 PM • Safe Spring Break Week Carnival
Greene Street
5 PM - 7 PM • Get in Shape for Spring Break at the Thurmond Center 3rd year anniversary celebration with GAMMA, PHE, and the NCAA Choices Team

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