

COLLEGE BASEBALL - CHARLESTON SOUTHERN AT SOUTH CAROLINA (2/4/00)

South Carolina 13, Charleston Southern 5

COLUMBIA, SC - Catcher Brandon Pack drove in six runs with two doubles and two home runs, one of them with the bases loaded, Friday as South Carolina opened the new millenium with a 13-5 baseball win over Charleston Southern University.

The second game of the series is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Saturday at Sarge Frye Field. Junior right-hander Kip Bouknight pitched 7 2/3 innings to pick up his first win while Andrew Viars, the Charleston Southern starter, took the loss.

Shane Nelson hit the first pitch by Viars over the left field fence in the bottom of the first inning and Chris Plummer and Pack also homered as South Carolina took a 4-0 first inning lead.

Pack had an RBI double in the third inning, hit a grand slam in the fourth, doubled and scored in the eighth, making his major college debut with a four for five day. He played the past two seasons at Cypress Junior College in California.

Bouknight threw only 69 pitches in the first seven innings and held an 11-1 lead before tiring and Charleston Southern chased him with four runs in the eighth.

Marcus McBeth had two of South Carolina's 12 hits, including a double. John McHenry and Tripp Kelly also doubled for the Gamecocks. Kyle Leon and Adrian Vanderburg had two hits apiece in Charleston Southern's nine hit attack. Jason Corrigan and Ted Malikowski had doubles for the Buccaneers.

Charleston Southern turned one double play but committed five errors while the Gamecocks played errorless baseball. South Carolina recorded two double plays, one of them a rifle throw to third base on a fly ball by right fielder Brennan Dees that cut town Richard Gomershall attempting to advance.

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 000 010 040 -- 5- 9-5
SOUTH CAROLINA 402 410 02X--13-12-0

Viars, Coenen (3), Brooks (4), Buczek (8) and Jones. Bouknight, Poston (8) and Pack. W—Bouknight (1-0). L—Viars (0-1). 2B—CSU, Corrigan, Malikowski; USC, Pack 2, McBeth, Kelly, McHenry. HR—USC, Pack 2(2), Nelson (1), Plummer (1).

COLLEGE BASEBALL - CHARLESTON SOUTHERN AT SOUTH CAROLINA (2/5/00)

South Carolina 10 , Charleston Southern 2

COLUMBIA, SC - Peter Bauer limited Charleston Southern to one hit over seven innings Saturday and Tripp Kelly and Brennan Dees hit home runs as South Carolina defeated Charleston Southern 10-2 to sweep a season opening two game college baseball series.

Bauer struck out five as South Carolina improved its record to 2-0. Charleston Southern starter Chad Humbert, 0-1, took the loss. Lee Gronkiewicz pitched the eighth inning with two strikeouts while Scott Barber worked the ninth, striking out three consecutive batters after a leadoff single by Charleston Southern's Ted Malikowski.

Malikowski had both Charleston Southern hits in the game. His single, a walk and an error by Bauer resulted in both Charleston Southern runs in the fourth inning. That tied the score at 2-2, but Kelly's leadoff homer in the bottom of the inning broke the tie. Kelly also had an RBI double in the seventh.

Dees hit a two run homer in the sixth inning. He also had two singles to lead South Carolina's 12 hit attack with three hits. Catcher Brandon Pack, who drove in six runs with four hits in Friday's series opener, added a single and a double in three at bats Saturday. He had six hits in eight at bats with seven runs batted in for the series. Bryon Jeffcoat also had a double Saturday.

South Carolina is idle until Friday when the Gamecocks travel to Charleston to compete against Old Dominion, East Carolina and The Citadel in the Franklin Life Classic.

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 000 200 000 -- 2- 2-2

SOUTH CAROLINA 200 123 20x-- 10-12-2

Humbert, French (5), Smith (7), Boucher (8) and Kellett. Bauer, Gronkiewicz (8), Barber (9) and Pack, Whittaker (8). W—Bauer (1-0), L—Humbert (0-1). 2B—USC, Pack, Kelly, Jeffcoat. HR—USC, Kelly (1), Dees (1).



GAME 3

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SOUTH CAROLINA DEFEATS OLD DOMINION, 3-1

CHARLESTON, SC – Kip Bouknight tossed seven innings of shutout baseball to lead South Carolina to a 3-1 victory over Old Dominion in Game Two of the 2000 Trademark Properties Classic held at Riley Park in Charleston, SC.

The Gamecocks, ranked 21st in the latest *Baseball America* poll, improve to 3-0 on the year while Old Dominion falls to 0-1.

In picking up the 20th victory of his career, Bouknight (2-0) allowed five hits and no runs over seven complete innings while fanning seven and walking none. Lee Gronkiewicz earned his first save of the year by allowing one hit and no earned runs in two innings of work.

With the bases loaded and one out in the bottom of the seventh, Marcus McBeth's sacrifice fly plated Shane Nelson to give the Gamecocks a 1-0 lead. Tripp Kelly followed with a two-run double for a 3-0 South Carolina advantage.

McBeth was cleared to play in Friday's contest just before gametime. He had been undergoing tests to determine the cause of a kidney problem and was not expected to play over the weekend.

In the ninth, Old Dominion accounted for the final margin with an unearned run.

Brent Sollenberger paced the Monarchs with three hits on the afternoon.

Old Dominion starter and loser Brian Ross (0-1) worked seven complete-innings, allowing three hits and three earned runs while walking one and striking out six. Ross didn't allow a hit until John McHenry singled with two outs in the sixth inning.

The Monarchs face Maryland at 10:00 am on Saturday while the Gamecocks play The Citadel tomorrow at 5:00 pm.

(boxscore to follow)



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SOUTH CAROLINA DEFEATS EAST CAROLINA, 12-1

CHARLESTON, SC – Tripp Kelly homered and drove in four runs as 21st-ranked South Carolina defeated East Carolina 12-1 in Game Six of the 2000 Trademark Properties Classic held at Riley Park in Charleston, SC.

The Gamecocks improve to 4-0 while East Carolina falls to 2-1.

South Carolina jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the third inning as Shane Nelson and Chris Plummer drove in runs. After East Carolina pulled within 2-1 in the fourth on Lee Delfino's RBI double, the Gamecocks plated four in the bottom of the fourth with John McHenry's two-run double highlighting the frame.

In the fifth, Kelly's three-run home run triggered a five-run South Carolina inning. Drew Meyer's solo home run in the seventh accounted for the final margin.

Scott Barber (1-0) picked up the win in relief for the Gamecocks. He allowed three runs and one earned run in 5 2/3 innings while fanning five and walking two. South Carolina starter Peter Bauer tossed 2 2/3 shutout innings before being removed with a strained muscle in his rib cage.

East Carolina starter and loser Foye Minton (1-1) surrendered seven hits and six earned run in 3 2/3 innings of action. He fanned four and walked two.

McHenry collected three doubles and drove in three runs while Meyer scored four runs on the night.

For the Pirates, Delfino was three-for-three at the plate.

East Carolina meets Maryland on Sunday at 10:00 am on Sunday while South Carolina takes on The Citadel tomorrow at 5:00 pm.

(boxscore to follow)



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SOUTH CAROLINA DEFEATS THE CITADEL, 4-2

CHARLESTON, SC – Tripp Kelly collected three hits including his third home run of the year as 21st-ranked South Carolina defeated The Citadel 4-2 in Game Nine of the 2000 Trademark Properties Classic held at Riley Park in Charleston, SC.

South Carolina (5-0) claimed a 1-0 lead in the third with an unearned run, and Kelly made it a 2-0 score with a solo home run in the fifth. In the bottom of the fifth, the Bulldogs (2-1) pulled within 2-1 on Michael Harris' RBI double.

Kelly's run-scoring single in the seventh pushed the Gamecocks' advantage to 3-1 before a Chris Plummer two-out, run-scoring double made it a 4-1 South Carolina lead. The Citadel scored one run in the ninth on Jason Randall's RBI single, but Gamecock reliever Ernie Bascuas got Chris Morris to line out to third base with runners on first and third, ending the game.

South Carolina starter Lee Gronkiewicz (1-0) picked up the win after allowing three hits and one earned run in five innings of work. He walked one and fanned four in the outing. Bascuas earned his first save by recording the final out.

For The Citadel, Kyle Bunn (0-1) suffered the loss by surrendering two hits and one earned run in five innings while fanning five and walking two.

South Carolina hosts Delaware State for three games beginning on Friday while The Citadel hosts West Virginia, St. John's and Tennessee in the Winn-Dixie Shootout on February 18-20.

ALL-TRADEMARK PROPERTIES CLASSIC TEAM

1B – *Tripp Kelly, South Carolina (.545, 2 HR, 8 RBI)
2B – John McHenry, South Carolina (.364, 3 2Bs)
3B – Jeremy Dutton, N.C. State (.308, 2 2Bs, 2 RBI)
SS – Lee Delfino, East Carolina (.333, 2 2Bs)
OF – Daryl Byrd, The Citadel (.400, 2B)
OF – Jason Greiner, Old Dominion (.333)
OF – Brian Wright, N.C. State (.333)
DH – Craig Munroe, Maryland (.462, 4 RS)
P – Kip Bouknight, South Carolina (7 IP, 5 H, 0 ER, 7 K vs. East Carolina)
P – Dallas McPherson, The Citadel (7 IP, 5H, 1 ER, 7 K vs. N.C. State)
P – Mike Sollie, N.C. State (7 IP, 1 H, 1 ER, 1 K vs. Old Dominion)
P – Lee Gronkiewicz, South Carolina (1 win, 1 save, 1.29 ERA)

*MVP

COLLEGE BASEBALL - DELAWARE STATE AT SOUTH CAROLINA 2/18/00

South Carolina 19, Delaware State 0

COLUMBIA, SC - Kip Bouknight struck out 11 and allowed one hit over six innings Friday and Tripp Kelly hit his fifth and sixth home runs of the young season as South Carolina defeated Delaware State 19-0 in the first of a three game college baseball series.

The second game is scheduled for 1:30 P.M., Saturday at Sarge Frye Field. South Carolina improved its record to 6-0 while Delaware State was making its season debut. Bouknight improved his record to 3-0 in his third 2000 start while Delaware State starter John Sterling, 0-1, took the loss.

Kelly homered after a double by Marcus McBeth in the second inning to give South Carolina a 2-0 lead. It was the third consecutive game in which the junior first baseman had homered. He drove in a run with an infield out in the third inning and hit another two run homer in the fifth to drive in five runs on the day. Kelly has 16 RBI in six games.

Chris Plummer had three hits, including a double, and drove in three runs. Gamecocks with two hits included Drew Meyer, Brennan Dees, Marcos Rios and Kelly. Meyer, Plummer, Rios, McBeth and Steve Thomas had doubles.

Delaware State, coached by former South Carolina assistant Tripp Keister, managed only three base runners, including two hits and one base on balls. Bouknight gave up a leadoff single to Scott Martin in the third inning and walked Greg Hockman to lead off the fifth. Kelly Williams tripled with one out in the ninth inning off relief pitcher Steve Bondurant but was left stranded.

The Gamecocks scored two runs each in the second, third, fourth and eighth inning, four in the sixth, and batted around in the fifth, scoring seven times in that inning.

The South Carolina defense played errorless baseball while Delaware State committed five errors.

DELAWARE STATE 000 000 000 -- 0- 2-5
SOUTH CAROLINA 022 274 02x - 19-16-0

Sterling, Santiago (5), Johnson (7) and Richardson. Bouknight, Price (7), Wesley (8), Bondurant (9) and Pack, Whittaker (6), Bravo (9). W—Bouknight (3-0). L—Sterling (0-1). 2B—USC, McBeth, Meyer, Plummer, Thomas, Rios. 3B—DSU, K. Williams.

COLLEGE BASEBALL - DELAWARE STATE AT SOUTH CAROLINA 2/19/00

South Carolina 16, Delaware State 1

COLUMBIA, SC - Drew Meyer led a 16 hit attack with four hits Saturday and three Gamecocks hit home runs as South Carolina downed Delaware State 16-1 to take a 2-0 lead in a three game College baseball series.

The third game is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Sunday at Sarge Frye Field. South Carolina improved its record to 7-0 while Delaware State dropped to 0-2. Ernie Bascuas, 1-0, pitched the first five innings, allowing two hits and one run, to claim the win. He struck out seven and walked two. Delaware State starter Tim Vaillancourt, 0-1, took the loss.

Meyer, South Carolina's freshman shortstop, tripled in the fourth inning and singled in the sixth, seventh and eighth to drive in three runs.

Chris Plummer hit a two run home run, his second of the season, in the first inning. He also doubled in the fifth and singled in the sixth. Nate Janowicz hit a two run homer, his first, in the fifth inning and also had a double and a single. Marcus McBeth also had three hits including his first home run of the season leading off the sixth inning.

Four South Carolina pitchers limited Delaware State to three hits, two off Bascuas and one off Steven Whetstone, who pitched two innings. Lee Gronkiewicz worked a hitless eighth and Scott Barber pitched a hitless ninth inning.

South Carolina, which won Friday's game 19-0, allowing two hits, has outscored the Hornets 35-1 in the first two games with 32 hits to five. In Saturday's game, the Gamecocks scored two runs each in the first, fifth and seventh innings, one in the second and sixth, three in the fourth, and five in the eighth.

Delaware State scored its run in the fourth inning when Kelly Williams walked, stole second base and scored on a single by Hector Gonzalez. The only other hit by the Hornets was a fifth inning single by Eddy Linares.

DELAWARE STATE 000 100 000 -- 1- 3-4
SOUTH CAROLINA 210 321 25x - 16-16-1

Vaillancourt, Clemmons (8) and Richardson. Bascuas, Whetstone (6), Gronkiewicz (8), Barber (9) and Pack, Whittaker (7), Rios (9). 2B—USC, Plummer, Janowicz. 3B—USC, Meyer. HR—USC, Plummer (2), Janowicz (1), McBeth (1).

COLLEGE BASEBALL - DELAWARE STATE AT SOUTH CAROLINA 2/20/00

South Carolina 9, Delaware State 1

COLUMBIA, SC -Four South Carolina pitchers limited Delaware State to three hits Sunday and Tripp Kelly and Drew Meyer hit home runs as the Gamecocks downed the Hornets 9-1 to sweep a three game college baseball series.

Coach Ray Tanner announced beforehand that he would use multiple pitchers, thus waiving the required five innings for starting pitcher Brett Price who earned the win in his first start of the season. Price pitched four innings, allowing one hit, and struck out three as South Carolina improved its record to 8-0. Delaware State dropped to 0-3 with starter Mike O'Dea taking the loss.

South Carolina continues an 11 game home stand Tuesday at 3 p.m., against Campbell.

Kelly hit his sixth home run in eight games leading off the eighth inning to stretch his hitting streak to eight games. Meyer homered with two teammates on base in the same inning, his second of the season. The freshman shortstop also had an RBI double in the third inning, finishing the day with four runs driven in.

Brennan Dees had three hits, including a double, and Brandon Pack had a pair of singles for South Carolina.

Dion Miller spoiled the shutout bid with a solo home run in the seventh inning off Clint Collins, South Carolina's third pitcher. Other hits by the Hornets included a third inning single off Price by Roger Richardson and a fifth inning single by Eddy Linares off Matt Wilson. Jamie Poston retired Delaware State without a hit in the ninth inning.

Price, Wilson, Collins and Poston combined to strike out 11 while walking only one batter. South Carolina won Friday's game 19-0, Saturday's contest 16-1, and outscored Delaware State 44-2 in the series.

DELAWARE STATE 000 000 100 -- 1- 3-1

SOUTH CAROLINA 013 001 04x -- 9-10-1

O'Dea, Kilpatrick (7) and Richardson. Price, Wilson (5), Collins (7), Poston (9) and Pack, Whittaker (8). W—rice (1-0). L—O'Dea (0-1). 2B—USC, Meyer, Dees. HR—DSU, Miller (1); USWC, Kelly (6), Meyer (2).

COLLEGE BASEBALL – CAMPBELL AT SOUTH CAROLINA 2/22/00

COLUMBIA, SC – Marcus McBeth drove in four runs with a homer and a bases loaded triple Tuesday and Brandon Pack hit a three run home run to pace South Carolina to a 10-2 college baseball win over Campbell.

The 18th ranked Gamecocks improved their season record to 9-0 while Campbell dropped to 1-2. Scott Barber, 2-0, pitched 5 1/3 innings, allowing eight hits and two runs, only one earned, to claim the win. He struck out nine and walked one. Corey Byrd, 0-1, the Campbell starter, was the losing pitcher.

McBeth broke a 1-1 tie when he hit his second home run of the season in the fourth inning. His three run triple, one of four three baggers by the Gamecocks, was the highlight of a four run outburst in the seventh inning.

Drew Meyer and Brannon Dees hit back to back triples in the fifth inning and Pack's three run homer, his third of the season, came in the same inning. Nate Janowicz tripled in the sixth but did not score.

Meyer, who also had a double, was one of four South Carolina players with two hits. The others were McBeth, Janowicz and Dees.

South Carolina scored an unearned run in the first inning but Campbell tied it at 1-1 in the fourth on singles by Jeff Huff, Daniel Krause and Nic Carter with Huff scoring on Carter's hit. Two hits and an error by Gamecock first baseman Tripp Kelly in the sixth inning accounted for Campbell's second run.

Kelly stretched his hitting streak to nine games with an infield single in the seventh inning.

All nine of Campbell's hits were singles as South Carolina's three pitchers struck out 15 Camels and walked just one. Lee Gronkiewicz pitched 1 1/2 innings, allowing one hit, and Jamie Poston retired the final six Campbell batters.

CAMPBELL 000 101 000 -- 2- 9-1

SOUTH CAROLINA 100 140 40x – 10-12-2

Byrd, Kleweno (5), Stancil (7), Batson (8) and Davis. Barber, Gronkiewicz (6), Poston (8), and Pack, Whittaker (9). 2B—USC, Meyer. 3B—USC, Meyer, Plummer, Janowicz, McBeth. HR—USC, McBeth (2), Pack (3).

COLLEGE BASEBALL - COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON AT SOUTH CAROLINA 2/25/00

COLUMBIA, SC - Kip Bouknight threw only 91 pitches Friday and allowed three hits in a complete game, 3-0 shut out of College of Charleston in the opener of a three game weekend college baseball series.

The second game is scheduled for 4 p.m., Saturday at Sarge Frye Field. Bouknight improved his season record to 4-0 and South Carolina went to 10-0. Lucas Hocker, 0-3, also pitched a complete game for College of Charleston, allowing eight hits, as the Cougars dropped to 5-6. Hocker allowed eight hits, walked two and struck out seven.

Bouknight struck out six, including the final three batters of the game, and walked none. He went to a three ball count on only two batters, none after the fourth inning. College of Charleston managed only three base runners. Josh Edgeworth singled in the second inning, Tom Perrin singled in the fifth, and Adam Smith beat out a bunt in the seventh. Smith was out attempting to steal second base.

Nate Janowicz led off the bottom of the first inning with his second home run of the season, the game's only extra base hit. South Carolina made it 2-0 in the second inning on singles by Brandon Pack and Tripp Kelly, a sacrifice by Clint Collins, and a sacrifice fly by Marcus McBeth. Kelly's single stretched his hitting streak to 10 games.

South Carolina added its final two runs in the eighth inning. Drew Meyer walked, Brennan Dees and Chris Plummer singled, Meyer scoring, and Dees scored on a sacrifice fly by Pack.

South Carolina's eight hits were by eight different players.

Both teams played errorless baseball in the game played in one hour and 48 minutes.

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON 000 000 000 - 0-3-0

SOUTH CAROLINA 110 000 02x - 4-8-0

Hocker and Marmol. Bouknight and Pack. W—Bouknight (4-0). L—Hocker (0-3). HR—USC, Janowicz (2).

COLLEGE BASEBALL – COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON AT SOUTH CAROLINA 2/26/00

COLUMBIA, SC – Nate Janowicz and Bo Mobley hit solo home runs Saturday and South Carolina survived some shaky defense for a 5-2 win over College of Charleston that improved the Gamecock baseball record to 11-0.

The third and final game of the series is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Sunday at Sarge Frye Field. Peter Bauer, 2-0, in his first start since suffering a rib injury two weeks ago, pitched six plus innings, allowing five hits and two unearned runs, to earn the win with Scott Barber recording a save. Travis Parker, 0-2, took the loss as College of Charleston dropped to 5-7.

South Carolina jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first two innings. For the second straight day, Janowicz led off the bottom of the first with a home run, his third of the season. In the second inning, singles by Mobley, Marcus McBeth, Janowicz and Drew Meyer produced three runs. Janowicz drove in Mobley and two runs scored on the hit by Meyer.

South Carolina managed only two hits after the second inning, Mobley's homer in the sixth inning, the first of the freshman designated hitter's career, and an infield single in the eighth by Brandon Pack.

College of Charleston scored unearned runs in the sixth and seventh innings. Singles by Rene Perez and Brett Spivey and errors by Bauer and Gamecock second baseman John McHenry produced the sixth inning run. A throwing error by third baseman Bryon Jeffcoat allowed a run by the Cougars in the seventh.

Double plays started by South Carolina freshman shortstop Drew Meyer snuffed out College of Charleston threats in the eighth and ninth innings. In the eighth, Adam Smith and Tom Perrin hit back to back singles. After pinch hitter Hank Stepleton fouled out to catcher Pack, Ronny Marmol hit into a double play. In the ninth, Josh Edgeworth reached on South Carolina's fourth error of the game but Mitch Miggenburg grounded to shortstop with Meyer starting another double play.

Marmol and Miggenburg had doubles as College of Charleston had eight hits to seven by South Carolina. Gamecock first baseman Tripp Kelly saw his personal hitting streak stopped at 10 games.

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON 000 001 100 -2-8-4
SOUTH CAROLINA 130 001 00x -5-7-4

Parker, Davey (8) and Marmol. Bauer, Bondurant (7), Poston (7), Barber (9) and Pack, Whittaker (9). W: Bauer (2-0). L: Parker (0-2). Save: Barber (1). 2B: CC, Marmol, Miggenburg. HR: USC, Janowicz (3), Mobley (1).

To complete a sweep of a three game college baseball series.

COLLEGE BASEBALL – COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON AT SOUTH CAROLINA 2/27/00

South Carolina 10, College of Charleston 3

COLUMBIA, SC – Four South Carolina players had two hits Sunday and the Gamecocks broke a 3-3 tie with two unearned runs in the sixth inning to defeat College of Charleston 10-3 and complete a sweep of a three game college baseball series.

Jamie Poston, 1-0, the second of five South Carolina pitchers in the game that had an hour and 13 minute rain delay, was the winner while Aaron Black, 1-1, second of five College of Charleston pitchers was charged with the loss.

South Carolina, ranked 18th nationally, improved its record to 12-0 while College of Charleston dropped to 5-8.

South Carolina led 3-1 when rain halted play in the bottom of the fourth inning. When play resumed, College of Charleston scored two unearned runs in the top of the fifth to tie the score but South Carolina countered with two runs, also unearned in the bottom of the inning to reclaim the lead.

Nate Janowicz, Brennan Dees, Bo Mobley and John McHenry had two hits for the winners with Dees and McHenry contributing doubles. Janowicz had a triple and drove in two runs.

Karl Morris hit a home run in the third inning to account for the first run by College of Charleston. The Cougar runs in the fifth resulted from singles by Brett Spivey, Morris, Tom Perrin, an error and two sacrifice flies. Morris and Perrin had two hits apiece for the Cougars and pinch hitter Greg Alden had a double.

College of Charleston committed six errors and only three of South Carolina's 10 runs were earned.

South Carolina is idle until next weekend when Radford visits Sarge Frye Field for a three game series.

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON 001 020 000 -- 3- 7-6

SOUTH CAROLINA 021 021 40x - 10-10-1

Wentzky, Black (4), Howell (7), Mattox (7), Thompson (8) and Lauderdale. Bascuas, Poston (5), Price (6), Gronkiewicz (8), Collins (9) and Pack, Whittaker (9). W: Poston (1-0). L: Black (1-1). 2B: CC, Alden; USC, Dees, McHenry. 3B: USC, Janowicz. HR: CC, Morris (2).

COLLEGE BASEBALL – RADFORD AT SOUTH CAROLINA 3/3/00

South Carolina 8, Radford 4 (Records: South Carolina 13-0; Radford 3-5)

COLUMBIA, SC – South Carolina hit five home runs Friday, two of them by Brennan Dees to defeat Radford 8-4 and the 14th ranked Gamecocks equaled their best start ever by improving their baseball record to 13-0.

Kip Bouknight improved his record to 5-0 with eight strong innings, allowing four hits and one earned run. He walked two and struck out nine. Radford scored three ninth inning runs off two relief pitchers. Jamie Davis, 1-1, the Radford starter, was the losing pitcher.

The second game of the three game series is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Saturday with the finale at 1:30 p.m., Sunday. South Carolina won its first 13 games twice before, in 1975 and 1980. In both of those seasons the Gamecocks wound up in the College World Series, finishing second in 1975 and fourth in 1980.

After a Drew Meyer single, Dees hit his second home run of the season in the bottom of the first inning to stake South Carolina to a 2-0 lead. Tripp Kelly and John McHenry hit back to back homers in the second to make it 4-0. It was Kelly's seventh and McHenry's first of the season.

A two run homer by Bo Mobley, his second of the year, made it 6-0 in the sixth inning and Dees hit his second of the game and third of the year with the bases empty in the eighth. McHenry, who was hit by a pitch in the seventh, came around to score on a double play to account for South Carolina's other run.

Bouknight, who had pitched 28 2/3 consecutive scoreless innings, allowed a run in the seventh on a leadoff single by Adam McKenzie, who moved to second on an infield out, and scored on Ray Detwiler's two out single.

John Wesley relieved Bouknight to open the ninth inning. After striking out Keith Brunst, Wesley gave up three consecutive hits, singles by Damron Shaw and Detwiler, and a double by David Gotauco that drove in one run. Clint Collins relieved Wesley and struck out pinch hitter Fred Wray but then gave up a two RBI single to Mike Potter. Sean Walsh also singled but Collins struck out Bill McCarthy to end the game.

Dees led South Carolina's nine hit attack with three hits and drove in three runs. Meyer had two hits. Potter had three of Radford's nine hits and Detwiler had two.

RADFORD 000 000 103 – 4-9-1

SOUTH CAROLINA 220 002 11x – 8-9-1

Davis, Livingston (8), Light (8) and Gotauco. Bouknight, Wesley (9), Collins (9) and Pack, Whittker (9). W: Bouknight (5-0). L: Davis (1-1). 2V—RU, Gotauco. HR: USC, Dees 2(3), Kelly (7), Mobley (2), McHenry (1).

COLLEGE BASEBALL – RADFORD AT SOUTH CAROLINA 3/4/00

South Carolina 7, Radford 4 (Records: South Carolina 14-0; Radford 3-6)

COLUMBIA, SC – Tripp Kelly and Trey Dyson drove in three runs apiece Saturday as South Carolina defeated Radford 7-4 to improve the 14th ranked Gamecock record to 14-0, the best start in school baseball history.

Peter Bauer, 3-0, pitched seven plus innings to earn the win with Ernie Bascuas picking up his second save. Daryl DeSalvo, 0-2, the Radford starter, was the losing pitcher. The Highlanders dropped to 3-6. The third and final game of the series is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Sarge Frye Field.

South Carolina's previous best starts were 13-0 in 1975 and 1980. The Gamecocks advanced to the College World Series both of those seasons.

Kelly drove in the first run of the game in the second inning with a base hit that scored Dyson, who had led off with a single. An RBI hit by Brennan Dees made it 2-0 in the third inning and Dyson's wind blown, two out, bases loaded, pop fly double to left field in the same inning cleared the bases and made the score 5-0.

Bauer allowed two hits over the first seven innings but was lifted when he walked pinch hitter Matt DiAngelo to lead off the top of the eighth. Relief pitcher Lee Gronkiewicz walked two and DiAngelo scored on an infield out. Bascuas relieved Gronkiewicz and gave up a two RBI double to Adam McKenzie before retiring the side with the score 5-3.

South Carolina added two insurance runs in the bottom of the eighth on Kelly's two RBI single that drove in pinch runner Clint Collins and Dyson who was hit by a pitch.

Radford scored an unearned run in the ninth inning.

South Carolina collected 10 hits, two each by Dyson, Kelly and Drew Meyer. Radford managed four hits with Ray Detwiler, Mike Potter, McKenzie and Keith Brunst getting one apiece. McKenzie's hit was a double. Dyson, Nate Janowicz and Brandon Pack had doubles for the Gamecocks.

RADFORD 000 000 031 – 4- 4-0

SOUTH CAROLINA 014 000 02x – 7-10-2

DeSalvo, Speir (8) and Wray, Gotauco (8). Bauer, Gronkiewicz (8), Bascuas (8) and Pack, Whittaker (9). W: Bauer (3-0). L: DeSalvo (1-1). 2B: RU, McKenzie; USC, Janowicz, Pack, Dyson.

COLLEGE BASEBALL - RADFORD AT SOUTH CAROLINA 3/5/00

South Carolina 13, Radford 1 (Records: South Carolina 15-0; Radford 3-7)

COLUMBIA, SC - South Carolina banged out 14 hits Sunday, including home runs by Drew Meyer, Brandon Pack and Trey Dyson, to defeat Radford 13-1 and improve the Gamecock baseball record to 15-0.

South Carolina, 14th ranked nationally and off to its best start in history, swept the three game series and Radford dropped to 3-7. Scott Barber pitched 6 2/3 innings, allowing four hits and one run, to improve his record to 3-0. Trey Brasington, 1-2, was the losing pitcher.

South Carolina took a 3-0 lead on four hits in the second inning. Radford narrowed it to 3-1 on a solo home run by Keith Brunst, his second of the season, in the top of the fifth inning. Meyer got the run back with his third homer in the bottom of the fifth.

The Gamecocks added one run in the sixth, two in the seventh and scored six times in the eighth, including a three run homer by Pack, his fourth of the year, and a bases empty shot by Dyson, his first.

Tripp Kelly had three hits for South Carolina, including a double, and drove in three runs. Meyer, Brennan Dees and Marcus McBeth had two hits apiece and Marcos Rios chipped in a pinch hit double.

Radford had five hits, two of them by Bill McCarthy. McCarthy and Sean Walsh had doubles.

South Carolina's 15 consecutive wins is the best start in Gamecock history and two shy of the school record for consecutive wins of 17 set in 1975 when South Carolina finished second in the College World Series with a 51-6-1 record.

The Gamecocks complete an 11 game home stand with a Wednesday night game against Furman before beginning Southeastern Conference play next weekend at Auburn.

RADFORD 000 010 000 -- 1- 5-1

SOUTH CAROLINA 030 011 26x - 13-14-0

Brasington, Bailey (7) Speir (7), Van Hoose (8), Livingston (8) and Gotauco. Barber, Poston (7), Bondurant (8), Spigner (9), Whetstone (9) and Whittaker, Pack (8). W: Barber (3-0). L: Brasington (1-2). 2B: RU, McCarthy, Walsh; USC, Kelly, Rios. HR: RU, Brunst (2); USC, Meyer (3), Pack (4), Dyson (1).

COLLEGE BASEBALL – FURMAN AT SOUTH CAROLINA 3/8/00

South Carolina 13, Furman 2 (Records: South Carolina 16-0; Furman 5-12)

COLUMBIA, SC – Three different Furman pitchers gave up home runs to the first batter they faced Wednesday night and South Carolina added two more homers to defeat the Paladins 13-2 and improve the ninth ranked Gamecock baseball record to 16-0.

Coach Ray Tanner used six different pitchers by pre-arrangement with left-hander Brett Price, 2-0, who worked the first four innings, getting the win. Rusty Putnam, the first of six Furman pitchers, took the loss as the Paladins dropped to 5-12.

Nate Janowicz led off the bottom of the first inning off Putnam with a home run for the third time this season. Janowicz has four homers for the year. Brandon Pack greeted relief pitcher Tom Mastny with a two run homer, his fifth, in the fourth inning and Brennan Dees homered on the second pitch by Brian Beaumier in the sixth, the fourth of the year by Dees.

Tripp Kelly hit his team leading eighth homer in the fourth inning and Bryon Jeffcoat hit his first in the sixth. Dees also had a triple and Pack a double in a 16 hit South Carolina attack.

Janowicz and Pack had three hits, Dees and Drew Meyer two and six players had one hit each as the Gamecocks, off to their best start ever, moved to within one game of the school record 17 game win streak set in 1975. The Gamecocks wound up an 11 game home stand and travel to Auburn to open Southeastern Conference competition with a three game series beginning Friday.

South Carolina is ranked ninth this week by *USA Today/Baseball Weekly*, 11th by *Collegiate Baseball*, and 12th by *Baseball America*. Auburn, 16-3 on the season, is ranked fourth by *USA Today/Baseball Weekly*, sixth by *Collegiate Baseball*, and eighth by *Baseball America*.

Furman scored in the fifth inning on a walk, a wild pitch and an error and in the ninth on a double by Adam Etherington, an infield out and a wild pitch. Clint Hill had two of seven hits by Furman.

FURMAN 000 010 001 -- 2- 7-1

SOUTH CAROLINA 201 702 10x - 13-16-3

Putnam, Mastny (4), Beaumeier (5), Corcoran (7), Feldhaus (7), Purvis (8) and Barrett. Price, Wilson (5), Spigner (6), Whetstone (7), Collins (8), Plexico (9) and Pack, Whittaker (7), Bravo (9). W: Price (2-0). L: Putnam (2-4). 2B: FU, Etherington; USC, Pack. HR: USC, Janowicz (4), Pack (5), Kelly (8), Dees (4), Jeffcoat (1).

AUBURN, ALA – Kip Bouknight survived a shaky first inning Friday night to pick up his sixth win as ninth ranked South Carolina hit four home runs to upset fourth ranked Auburn 12-6 and equal the Gamecocks' longest winning streak ever at 17-0.

The win opened the Southeastern Conference schedule for both teams as Auburn fell to 19-4. The second game is scheduled for 2 p.m., Central time Saturday with the series concluding at 1:30 p.m, CST, Sunday.

Bouknight worked the first seven innings, allowing eight hits and five runs, four of them earned. He struck out six with no walks. Scott Barber pitched two hitless innings, striking out three, but allowed an unearned run on his throwing error. Brent Speigner, 4-2, the Auburn starter, took the loss.

South Carolina fell behind 3-0 in the first inning when Auburn collected three consecutive hits with one out, a single by Dominic Rich, a Double by Todd Faulkner, and a three run homer by Gabe Gross, his seventh of the season.

South Carolina scored once in the second inning and took a 5-3 lead in the fourth on a solo home run by Shane Nelson, his second, and a three run shot by Drew Meyer, his fourth.

The Gamecocks added a two run homer by Brandon Pack, his sixth, in the seventh to lead 7-3, but Auburn countered with two in the bottom of the inning, one of them unearned. Barber's throwing error lead to an Auburn run in the eighth inning, cutting the lead to 7-6, but South Carolina capitalized on an Auburn error to add five unearned insurance runs in the ninth, topped off by John McHenry's third homer.

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AUBURN, ALA – First baseman Tripp Kelly started a double play to snuff out a seventh inning Auburn rally Saturday and led off a six run South Carolina eighth inning with his ninth home run and the Gamecocks survived another Tiger rally, 10-9, to win a school record 18th consecutive baseball game.

Ninth ranked South Carolina took a 2-0 lead in the series, improving its record to 18-0, 2-0 in Southeastern Conference games while fourth ranked Auburn dropped to 19-5, 0-2. The final contest of the three game series is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., CST, Sunday.

Ernie Bascuas, 2-0, the fourth of five South Carolina pitchers, was credited with the win with Scott Barber picking up his third save of the season and second in two days. Jacob Sumners, 2-1, second of five Auburn pitchers, took the loss.

Auburn broke a 4-4 tie with a run in the seventh and had the bases loaded with no one out when Brett Burnham hit a hard ground ball which Kelly gloved and threw to catcher Brandon Pack for a force at the plate. Pack threw to second baseman John McHenry covering first base to retire Burnham. Pinch hitter Heath Higgins then ended the inning by grounding to McHenry.

Kelly hit a towering home run, his ninth of the season, on the first pitch by Auburn reliever Sumner to open the Gamecock eighth. Two walks, singles by Drew Meyer, Brennan Dees and Chris Plummer, and a double by Pack chased home five more runs as South Carolina surged to a 10-5 lead.

A three run homer by Todd Faulkner in the bottom of the eighth, his 11th, cut the margin to 10-8, and Auburn scored once in the ninth on two hits but Barber started a double play and Mailon Kent lined to Gamecock shortstop Meyer to end the game.

South Carolina, which hit seven home runs in the first two games of the season, got homers Saturday from Marcus McBeth, his third of the season, and Chris Plummer, also his third. Plummer, Kelly, Pack and Brennan Dees had two hits. Plummer drove in three runs and Pack had two RBI.

Jonathan Schuerholz drove in four runs with three hits and Faulkner had three hits and three RBI for Auburn. Burnham had two hits.

SOUTH CAROLINA 013 000 060 – 10-13-3

AUBURN 010 210 131 -- 9-12-2

Bauer, Poston (7), Price (7), Bascuas (7), Barber (8) and Pack. Bootcheck, Sumners (8), Hudlow (8), Mayfield (8), Knorst (9) and Huddleston. W: Bascuas (2-0). L: Sumners (2-1). SV: Barber (3). 2B: USC, Pack, Kelly; AU, Schuerholz. 3B: AU, Rich. HR: USC, Plummer (3), McBeth (3), Kelly (9); AU, Faulkner (11).

COLLEGE BASEBALL – SOUTH CAROLINA AT AUBURN 3/12/2000
 South Carolina 8, Auburn 7
 Records: South Carolina 19-0; Auburn 19-6

AUBURN, ALA – John McHenry's dramatic three run home run climaxed a four run eighth inning rally Sunday as South Carolina extended its school record winning streak to 19 games with a three game sweep of fourth ranked Auburn.

The win left the ninth ranked Gamecocks 19-0 overall and 3-0 in the Southeastern Conference. Auburn dropped to 19-6, 0-3.

Clint Collins, 1-0, pitched three shutout innings in relief after Auburn had taken a 7-4 lead on Todd Faulkner's none out grand slam homer in the bottom of the seventh inning. Auburn had fought back from a 4-0 deficit with a run in the fifth, two in the sixth and the four run explosion in the seventh.

Colter Bean, 4-1, pitched a complete game for Auburn, allowing nine hits. Seven of South Carolina's eight runs were earned.

After Auburn took a three run lead after seven innings, Chris Plummer drew a walk to lead off South Carolina's eighth. Tripp Kelly was hit by a pitch for the second time in the game and Shane Nelson singled to load the bases with no one out. Plummer scored when Marcus McBeth forced Nelson at second with Nelson moving to third. McHenry hit a two strike fast ball high over the 50 foot high wall in left field at Plainsman Park. The three run shot was his second homer of the series and third of the season.

McHenry had a perfect day at the plate with a single and a triple to go with his homer. He was also hit by a pitch and had four RBI. Nelson had two hits for the Gamecocks. Chris Beard had three of Auburn's 10 hits, including a double. Mailon Kent and John Schuerholz had two hits.

SOUTH CAROLINA 002 110 040 – 8- 9-2
 AUBURN 000 012 400 – 7-10-1

Spigner, Price (6), Poston (6), Collins (7) and Pack. Bean and Huddleston. W: Collins (1-0). L: Bean (4-1).
 2B: USC, Pack, Nelson; AU: Beard. 3B: USC, McHenry. HR: USC, McHenry (3); AU, Faulkner (12).

COLLEGE BASEBALL – UNC ASHEVILLE AT SOUTH CAROLINA 3/14/2000

South Carolina 3, UNC Asheville 1

Records: South Carolina 20-0; UNC Asheville 4-9

COLUMBIA, SC – South Carolina scored two first inning runs on a walk, Brandon Pack's triple and a single by Chris Plummer and Jamie Poston pitched three shutout innings of relief as the Gamecocks edged UNC Asheville 3-1 for a Southeastern Conference record 20th consecutive win.

The fourth ranked Gamecocks were out hit 7-5 and struck out 13 times but managed to improve their record to 20-0 while UNCA dropped to 4-9. Poston, 2-0, the fourth of five South Carolina pitchers, was credited with the win with Scott Barber picking up his fourth save. Barber retired the Bulldogs in order in the ninth inning.

Matt Corrado, 0-3, the UNCA starter, pitched into the fifth inning, allowing three runs, to take the loss. Nick Brandon held South Carolina to one hit the remainder of the game but that hit drove in John McHenry with South Carolina's third run. Brannon struck out nine.

Steven Whetstone, in his first collegiate start for South Carolina, pitched the first four innings, allowing four hits and one run. He struck out one. Ernie Bascuas faced five batters, giving up a hit and three walks and picked off a runner before giving way to Brett Price with the bases loaded in the fifth inning. Price pitched out of that jam but walked the first two batters he faced in the sixth.

Poston took over, pitched out of that jam and allowed two hits in three innings with three strikeouts before turning the mound over to Barber in the ninth.

UNCA scored in the third inning when Corey Mercer doubled and rode home on a single by Stephen Hull. Hull also had a double and Brett Muhlhan had two singles for UNCA.

South Carolina faced Florida in a three game series beginning Friday to open the Gamecock home Southeastern Conference schedule. The Gamecocks are 3-0 in the SEC after sweeping a series at Auburn last weekend. Florida's SEC record is 1-2.

UNC ASHEVILLE 001 000 000 – 1-7-0

SOUTH CAROLINA 200 010 00x – 3-5-0

Corrado, Brannon (5) and Muhlhan. Whetstone, Bascuas (5), Price (5), Poston (6), Barber (9) and Pack, Whittaker (9). W: Poston (2-0) L: Corrado (0-3). SV: Barber (4). 2B: UNCA, Mercer, Hull, 3B: USC, Pack.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – FLORIDA AT SOUTH CAROLINA 3/17/2000

South Carolina 5, Florida 2

Records: South Carolina 21-0, 4-0 SEC; Florida 14-12, 1-3 SEC

COLUMBIA, SC – A two out, two strike, two run triple by Nate Janowicz in the bottom of the eighth inning Friday night broke a 2-2 tie and Janowicz scored on a single by Drew Meyer as South Carolina extended its Southeastern Conference record winning streak to 21 games with a 5-2 win over Florida.

The Gamecocks improved to 21-0, 4-0 in the SEC, while Florida dropped to 14-12, 1-3. The second game of the three game series is scheduled for 4 p.m., Saturday at Sarge Frye Field.

Junior right-hander Kip Bouknight improved his personal record to 7-0 with eight strong innings. He allowed six hits, two earned runs and struck out 12 Gators without issuing a walk. Bouknight raised his career record to 25-7 and moved into South Carolina's top 10 in career innings pitched and strikeouts. Scott Barber struck out the side in the top of the ninth inning to earn his fifth save, fourth in the past five games.

Junior left-hander Mike Smalley, 3-3, allowed six hits in 7 2/3 innings, and struck out 12 Gamecocks but he issued six walks. He was charged with all five runs, only three of them earned.

With one out in the bottom of the eighth inning, Tripp Kelly singled and stole second base. Marcus McBeth walked, but John McHenry struck out. Janowicz, hitless in four previous at bats, lined a two strike pitch into the right centerfield gap for his third triple of the season. Meyer, also hitless in four at bats, singled to right field to drive in Janowicz with the third run of the inning.

South Carolina took a 1-0 lead in the third inning. McHenry walked, moved to second on an infield out, to third when Florida shortstop Tim Olson muffed a pickoff throw, and scored on a two out single to deep shortstop by Brennan Dees. Florida tied it in the fifth on doubles by Olson and Aaron Sobieraj.

The Gamecocks moved ahead 2-1 with another unearned run in the seventh. Dees singled with two out and scored all the way from first base when Olson dropped a pop fly by Brandon Pack. Florida quickly tied the score on a solo home run in the top of the eighth inning by Matt Siegel, his third of the season.

Dees had three of South Carolina's seven hits, including a double. Olson had two hits for Florida.

FLORIDA 000 010 010 – 2-6-3
SOUTH CAROLINA 001 000 13x – 5-7-0

Smalley, Birch (8) and Socarras. Bouknight, Barber (9) and Pack. W: Bouknight (7-0). L: Smally (3-3). SV: Barber (5). 2B: UF, Olson, Sobieraj; USC, Dees. 3B: USC, Janowicz. HR: UF, Siegel (3).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – FLORIDA AT SOUTH CAROLINA 3/18/2000
South Carolina 7, Florida 3
Records: South Carolina 22-0, 5-0 SEC; Florida 14-13, 1-4 SEC

COLUMBIA, SC – Brandon Pack drove in three runs with two hits and a pair of sacrifice flies Saturday as South Carolina extended its Southeastern Conference record winning streak to 22 games with a 7-3 victory over Florida.

The final game of the three game series is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Sunday at Sarge Frye Field.

Peter Bauer, 4-0, weathered a shaky first inning to earn the win. He pitched 7 1/3 innings, allowing seven hits and two earned runs. Florida starter Jeff Cardozo, 2-1, took the loss as the Gators dropped to 14-13 overall, 1-4 in the Southeastern Conference. South Carolina improved to 22-0 overall, 5-0 in the SEC.

Mark Kiger led off the Florida first inning with a bloop single and Bauer walked Matt Siegel and Kurt Keene to load the bases with with no one out. Jason Dill hit into a double play, scoring Kiger. Pete Nystrom was hit by a pitch but Aaron Socarras struck out to end the threat.

South Carolina took a 4-1 lead with a run in the first inning and three in the second. Nate Janowicz led off the bottom of the first with a double and moved to third on a single by Brennan Dees. Janowicz scored on Pack's first sacrifice fly. An error, a walk, the first of three hits by Drew Meyer and Pack's RBI single resulted in the three run second.

The Gamecocks added two runs in the fifth to lead 6-1. Pack's double and two walks loaded the bases and John McHenry drove in two runs with a single.

Florida scored its second run in the sixth when Tony Socarras hit his eighth home run of the season. South Carolina got the run back in the bottom of the inning on hits by Janowicz and Meyer and Pack's second sacrifice fly.

Florida scored its final run in the ninth inning on four singles off Scott Barber before the Gamecock relief pitcher struck out Sobieraj to end the game.

Each team had 11 hits with Siegel, Keene and Sobieraj having two apiece. Meyer had three hits with Janowicz, Pack and McHenry collecting two for South Carolina.

FLORIDA 100 001 001 – 3-11-2

SOUTH CAROLINA 130 021 00x – 7-11-0

Cardozo, Rojas (6) and Socarras. Bauer, Barber (8) and Pack. W: Bauer (4-0). L: Cardozo (2-1). 2B: USC, Janowicz, Pack. HR: Socarras (8).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – FLORIDA AT SOUTH CAROLINA 3/18/2000

Florida 17, South Carolina 8

Records: South Carolina 22-1, 5-1 SEC; Florida 15-13, 2-4 SEC

COLUMBIA, SC – Florida scored 16 unanswered runs Sunday, 10 of them in the sixth inning, to overcome a five run deficit and the Gators went on to defeat South Carolina 17-8 and end the Gamecocks' Southeastern Conference record winning streak at 22 games.

The Gators salvaged the final game of a three game series to improve to 15-13 overall, 2-4 in the SEC. South Carolina dropped to 22-1, 5-1 in the conference.

Kenny Birch, 2-0, was the winning pitcher with the loss going to Clint Collins, 1-1, the fourth of eight pitchers used by South Carolina. Gamecock pitchers walked 12 Gators and hit two batters.

South Carolina built a 6-1 lead through five innings, primarily on Brandon Pack's seventh home run of the season and a three run homer by Drew Meyer, his fifth. Florida sent 16 batters to the plate in the top of the fifth, capitalizing on five walks, a hit batter, a South Carolina error, and five hits, including a two RBI double by Kurt Keene.

The Gators added four runs in the seventh inning, batting around for the second consecutive inning. Florida added two in the eighth to lead 17-6 before South Carolina scored twice in the bottom of the ninth.

Keene had three of Florida's 13 hits and drove in five runs. Tony Socorras was hitless but drove in three on a bases loaded walk, a fielder's choice and an infield out. Jason Dill had three hits and two RBI for the Gators, and Kevin Estrada, a .154 hitter entering the game, was three for three, including a double, and drove in two runs. Keene and Estrada's hits included doubles.

Meyer had two hits and three RBI. Nate Janowicz, Brennan Dees and John McHenry also had two hits for South Carolina. Janowicz and Dees had doubles.

FLORIDA 001 00(10) 420 – 17-13-3

SOUTH CAROLINA 011 040 002 -- 8-12-1

Mosher, Birch (5), Simon (9) and Socarras. Wilson, Poston (5) Price (6), Collins (6), Whetstone (6), Bondurant (7), Bascuas (7), Wesley (9) and Pack, Whittaker (8). W: Birch (2-0). L: Collins (1-1). 2B:UF, Keene, Estrada; USC, Janowicz, Dees. HR: USC, Pack (7), Meyer (5).

COLLEGE BASEBALL – WOFFORD AT SOUTH CAROLINA 3/22/2000
South Carolina 17, Wofford 2
Records: South Carolina 23-1; Wofford 10-15

COLUMBIA, SC – Brennan Dees hit for the cycle, plus a second double, and drove in five runs Wednesday night as second ranked South Carolina improved its record to 23-1 with a 17-2 college baseball win over Wofford.

Dees beat out an infield single in the first inning, doubled to drive in a run in the third, hit a solo home run, his fifth of the season, in the fifth, and tripled with the bases loaded in the seventh. He added a double in the eighth inning to go five for six in the game.

Sophomore left-hander Brett Price, 3-0, pitched the first five innings to earn the win. Wofford starter George Lehr, 2-4, took the loss as the Terriers dropped to 10-15. Price gave up three hits, walked five and struck out nine. South Carolina used three other pitchers.

Wofford scored both of its runs in the ninth inning with three hits, including back to back doubles by Tommy Todd and Strat Stavrou off Rico Bravo, a freshman reserve catcher making his pitching debut for South Carolina. Stavrou also had three infield hits to account for half of Wofford's eight hits. Chad Livingston had a double for the Terriers.

Chris Plummer had three hits for South Carolina and Tripp Kelly had two, including a double. He drove in two runs. Bryon Jeffcoat contributed three singles.

South Carolina scored twice in the second inning, three times each in the third, fifth and eighth, and six times in the seventh inning.

The cycle by right fielder Dees was the third time a South Carolina player has had a single, double, triple and home run in the same game. Both of the previous times were by Derick Urquhart in 1995 and 1998.

WOFFORD 000 000 002 -- 2- 8-8

SOUTH CAROLINA 023 030 63x – 17-18-1

Lehr, Osterman (4), Hadden (6), Trammell (8) and Baier. Price, Bascuas (6), Wesley (8), Bravo (9) and Pack, Whittaker (8). W: Price (3-0). L: Lehr (2-4). 2B:WC, Stavrou, Livingston, Todd; USC, Dees, Kelly. 3B: USC, Dees. HR: USC, Dees (5).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – SOUTH CAROLINA AT LOUISIANA STATE
3/24/2000

LSU 8, South Carolina 6

Records: South Carolina 23-12, 5-2 SEC; LSU 17-8, 4-2 SEC

BATON ROUGE, LA – A three run home run by Jeremy Whitten climaxed a four run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning Friday night to give Louisiana State an 8-6 Southeastern Conference baseball win over South Carolina.

The second game of the three game series is scheduled for 4 p.m., CST, Saturday at Alex Box Stadium. Fifteenth ranked LSU improved its record to 17-8, 4-2 in the SEC, while second ranked South Carolina dropped to 23-2, 5-2.

Ben Saxon, the fourth LSU pitcher, pitched just two third of an inning to pick up his third win against no losses. Scott Barber, 3-1, took the loss in relief of Gamecock starter Kip Bouknight.

South Carolina scored all of its runs on only two hits in the third inning to take a 6-0 lead. LSU starter Brian Tallet walked three, hit a batter and wild pitched in a run to leave trailing 2-0 with the bases loaded and one out in the third. Tripp Kelly greeted relief pitcher Hunter Gomez with a grand slam home run, his 10th homer of the season.

Gomez then shut South Carolina into the ninth inning, giving up six hits before turning the mound over to Shane Youman after South Carolina's Brennan Dees led off the ninth with a double that extended his hitting streak to 14 games. LSU had narrowed the deficit to 6-4, chiefly on home runs by Mike Fontenot, his eighth, and Brad Cresse, his 10th.

Youman struck out Brandon Pack and was relieved by Saxon who retired the next two Gamecocks.

Cresse led off the bottom of the ninth with a base hit and continued to second base when Gamecock left fielder Nate Janowicz bobbled the ball. Brad Haupe singled, driving in pinch runner Tlommy Morel to cut South Carolina's lead to 6-5. Blair Barbier singled and both runners moved up on a sacrifice bunt. Witten then hit his second home run of the season to end the game.

SOUTH CAROLINA 006 000 000 – 6- 7-2

LOUISIANA STATE 001 210 004 – 8-14-3

Bouknight, Barber (5) and Pack. Tallet, Gomez (3), Youman (9), Saxon (9) and Cresse. W: Saxon (3-0) > L: Barber (3-1). 2B:USC, Dees. HR: USC, Kelly (10); LSU, Fontenot (8), Cresse (10), Witten (2).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL -- SOUTH CAROLINA AT LOUISIANA STATE

3/25/2000

LSU 7, South Carolina 6

Records: South Carolina 23-3, 5-3 SEC; LSU 18-8, 5-2 SEC

BATON ROUGE, LA - A two run double by Brad Cresse in the bottom of the eighth inning Saturday gave 15th ranked Louisiana State a 7-6 win over second ranked South Carolina and a two game lead in a three game Southeastern Conference baseball series.

The final game is scheduled for 12:30 p.m., CST, Sunday at Alex Box Stadium. LSU improved its overall record to 18-8 and its SEC mark to 5-2. South Carolina, winner of a conference record 22 consecutive games to open to the season, suffered its third loss in four games and dropped to 23-3, 5-2.

Shane Youman, 1-0, the fourth of five LSU pitchers was the winner with Ben Saxon earning his first save. John Wesley, 0-1, took the loss in relief of South Carolina starter Peter Bauer.

Cresse, who reached base eight of nine at bats in the first two games of the series, hit his 11th home run of the season and walked three times before delivering his game winning double Sunday. LSU also got solo home runs from Ryan Jorgensen, his second, and Blair Barbier, his third.

Ryan Pack hit his eighth homer and Marcus McBeth his fourth, both with the bases empty, for South Carolina. Pack drove in two other Gamecock runs with an infield out and a base hit to account for half the South Carolina scoring.

Nate Janowicz and Drew Meyer led off the first inning with hits and both moved up a base when LSU center fielder Jeremy Witten bobbed Meyer's hit. Pack's ground out scored Janowicz to give the Gamecocks a short lived 1-0 lead. Cresse homered in the bottom of the first to tie and LSU took a 2-1 lead on Jorgensen's third inning homer.

Pack's homer, a Tripp Kelly double and a base hit by Trey Dyson scored two runs in the fourth to give South Carolina the lead at 3-2. LSU tied it in the bottom of the inning on the home run by Barbier.

McBeth's homer, a triple by Janowicz and a single by Meyer plated two South Carolina runs in the fifth inning and the Gamecocks took a 6-3 lead in the seventh on hits by Meyer and Pack.

Three LSU hits got one run back in the seventh and set the stage for the Tiger rally in the bottom of the eighth. A single by Jergensen, his third hit of the game, and a walk, followed by Cresse's double off the left field fence scored two runs and doomed the Gamecocks to defeat for the second straight day.

LSU had 14 hits, three by Jergensen and two each by Cresse, Barbier and Ryan Theriot. Meyer, who rejoined the Gamecocks after missing Friday's game to attend his grandfather's funeral in Charleston, S.C., had three of South Carolina's 11 hits. Janowicz, Pack and Dyson had two hits apiece.

SOUTH CAROLINA 100 220 100 - 6-11-3
LOUISIANA STATE 101 100 22x - 7-14-1

Bauer, Wesley (8) and Pack. Hodges, Brien (5), Guidry (5), Youman (8), Saxon (9) and Jergensen, Cresse (9). W: Youman (1-0). L: Wesley (0-1). SV: Saxon (1). 2B: USC, Kelly; LSU, Cresse. 3B: USC, Janowicz. HR: USC, Pack (8), McBeth (4); LSU, Cresse (11), Jergensen (2), Barbier (3).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL -- SOUTH CAROLINA AT LOUISIANA STATE

3/26/2000

South Carolina 9, LSU

Records: South Carolina 24-3, 6-3 SEC; LSU 18-9, 5-3 SEC

BATON ROUGE, LA – South Carolina erupted for seven runs in the seventh inning Sunday and John Wesley struck out five in three innings of one hit relief to save the game as the Gamecocks defeated Louisiana State 9-7 to salvage the final game of a Southeastern Conference series.

LSU had rallied in its final at bat to win the first two games over the second ranked Gamecocks. Sunday's win boosted South Carolina's record to 24-3, 6-3 in the SEC while 15th ranked LSU dropped to 18-9, 5-3.

Jamie Poston, 3-0, earned the win in relief with Wesley picking up his first career save. Bo Pettit, 2-2, took the loss.

South Carolina trailed 5-2 after six innings. Trey Dyson, who had homered earlier to drive in South Carolina's first two runs, doubled to lead off the seventh. Chris Plummer was hit by a pitch and John McHenry beat out an infield hit to load the bases. Marcus McBeth's second of three hits in the game drove in one run and Nate Janowicz singled to drive in two. With one out, Brennan Dees singled to score McBeth and the Gamecocks worked a double steal with Janowicz stealing home for the fifth run of the inning. Brandon Pack then hit his ninth home run of the season for the final two runs.

Poston had come on to snuff out an LSU threat with a double play ball in the sixth inning but gave up a two run homer to Jeremy Witten to narrow the South Carolina lead to two runs in the bottom of the seventh. Wesley, the loser in relief on Saturday, came in to shut out the Tigers for the final three innings.

SOUTH CAROLINA 000 200 700 – 9-14-2

LOUISIANA STATE 300 020 200 – 7-11-0

Price, Bascuas (5), Poston (6), Wesley (7) and Pack. Tallet, Pettit (7), Nugent (7), Gomez (7) and Jergensen. W: Poston (3-0). L: Pettit (2-2) SV: Wesley (1). 2B: USC, Dees, Kelly, Dyson; LSU, Theriot. HR: USC, Dyson (2), Pack (9); LSU, Witten (3).

BASEBALL - COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON AT SOUTH CAROLINA 3/28/2000
South Carolina 4, College of Charleston 1
Records: South Carolina 25-3; College of Charleston 1

COLUMBIA, SC - Marcus McBeth drove in two runs with his fifth home run and a single Tuesday night, Brennan Dees had four hits, and the South Carolina infield turned in four double plays as the fifth ranked Gamecocks defeated College of Charleston 4-1.

South Carolina improved its record to 25-3 while the Cougars dropped to 14-15-1. Three Gamecock pitchers combined to allow four hits, all singles, with sophomore right-hander Matt Wilson, 1-0, working the first five innings for his first collegiate win. Clint Collins pitched three hitless innings and Scott Barber closed, allowing one hit, to earn his sixth save.

Ryan Mau, 1-1, pitched the first seven innings for College of Charleston, allowing three runs, to take the loss.

Doubles by Nate Janowicz and Dees produced South Carolina's first run in the first inning and College of Charleston tied it at 1-1 in the second on a hit by Kris Conrad, a sacrifice, wild pitch and an RBI ground out by Hank Stepleton. Conrad had two of College of Charleston's four hits.

McBeth's home run broke the tie leading off the third. Drew Meyer doubled in the same inning and scored on Dees' second double of the game to give South Carolina a 3-1 lead. The final Gamecock run scored in the eighth inning when John McHenry walked, moved to second on a passed ball, and scored on McBeth's single.

In addition to his two doubles, Dees singled in the fifth and seventh innings for a four for four night. McHenry had a one out triple in the fourth inning but was picked off third base.

South Carolina meets Elon at 7 p.m., Wednesday in its second non-conference game of the week before entertaining Alabama in a Southeastern Conference series this weekend.

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON 010 000 000 - 1- 4-0
SOUTH CAROLINA 102 000 01x - 4-10-2

Mau, Davey (8) and Marmol. Wilson, Collins (6), Barber (9) and Pack. W: Wilson (1-0). L: Mau (1-1). SV: Barber (6). 2B: USC, Dees 2, Meyer, Janowicz. 3B: USC, McHenry. HR: USC, McBeth (5).

BASEBALL – ELON AT SOUTH CAROLINA 3/29/2000

Elon 7, South Carolina 5

Records: South Carolina 25-4; Elon 23-9

COLUMBIA, SC – Left handed pitcher Tim Schilling held fifth ranked South Carolina hitless into the fifth inning Wednesday night and Elon weathered two late inning Gamecock rallies for a 7-5 upset win.

Schilling improved his record to 4-0. He allowed four hits and the first three South Carolina runs in 6 2/3 innings. Steven Whetstone, 0-1, took the loss. He allowed only three hits over five plus innings but gave up three runs. Elon improved its record to 23-9 while South Carolina dropped to 25-4.

Elon took a 5-0 lead with one run in the fourth inning and four in the sixth. A double by Shaun Kopczynski, a sacrifice and a wild pitch plated the fourth inning run. Jason Tuttle's triple, a walk, hit batter, an error and singles by Jim Swenson and Brian Kane accounted for the four run sixth.

Two walks, a double by Marcus McBeth, and a triple by Brennan Dees got South Carolina on the board with three runs in the seventh inning but Elon answered with single runs in the eighth and ninth to expand its lead to 7-3. Two leadoff walks in the eighth inning produced a South Carolina threat but Elon relief pitcher Nathan Holcomb struck out the next three Gamecocks.

South Carolina scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning. Nate Janowicz walked and Drew Meyer doubled him to third. Successive sacrifice flies by Brennan Dees and Marcos Rios drove in Janowicz and Meyer but brought South Carolina to one out from defeat. Tripp Kelly flied out to right field to end the game.

Elon out hit South Carolina 8-5, with Jim Swenson collecting two hits. South Carolina managed only five hits, two of them by McBeth. His one out fifth inning single was the first hit by the Gamecocks.

ELON 000 104 011 – 7-8-1

SOUTH CAROLINA 000 000 302 – 5-5-3

Schilling, Holcomb (7), Bryant (9) and Miller, Clark (9). Whetstone, Bascuas (6), Wesley (6), Poston (8), Bondurant (9) and Rios, Whittaker (7), Rios (9). W: Schilling (4-0). L: Whetstone (0-1). 2B: EC, Kopczynski; USC, Meyer, Kelly, McBeth. 3B: EC, Tuttle; USC, Dees.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – ALABAMA AT SOUTH CAROLINA 3/31/2000
 South Carolina 4, Alabama 1
 Records: South Carolina 26-4, 7-3 SEC; Alabama 20-12, 4-6 SEC

COLUMBIA, SC – Junior right-hander Kip Bouknight struck out a career high 15 in a five hit complete game Friday night and fifth ranked South Carolina rallied late with solo home runs by Drew Meyer and Tripp Kelly to defeat 12th ranked Alabama 4-1 in the opener of a three game Southeastern Conference series.

The second game is scheduled for 4 p.m., EST, Saturday. Bouknight pitched his second complete game of the season to improve his record to 8-0 as South Carolina upped its record to 26-4. The Gamecocks lead the Eastern Division of the SEC with a 7-3 conference mark.

Alabama sophomore right-hander Scott Murphy, 4-1, held South Carolina to two hits through six innings, but the Gamecocks reached him for a game tying run on Meyer's sixth homer in the seventh. Kelley led off the eighth with his 11th homer to break the tie and South Carolina added four more hits and two runs before Murphy retired the side.

Alabama took a 1-0 lead on an unearned run in the third inning. Aaron Clark reached on an error and scored on back to back one out singles by Ben King and Brent Boyd. All five hits off Bouknight were singles and the only Alabama hit after the fourth inning was an eighth inning one out single by Sam Bozanich. Gamecock third baseman Chris Plummer started a double play to end that threat.

Nate Janowicz led off the South Carolina first inning with a double but was left stranded. South Carolina didn't get another hit until John McHenry doubled with one out in the sixth. He was wiped out by a line drive double play.

After Meyer tied the game in the seventh with his homer and Kelly homered to lead off the bottom of the eighth, Marcus McBeth singled with one out and was sacrifice to second. Janowicz singled to drive in McBeth, then stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. An infield single by Meyer scored Janowicz with the final run. Brennan Dees also beat out an infield hit but he and Meyer were left on base.

ALABAMA 001 000 000 – 1-5-0
 SOUTH CAROLINA 000 000 13X—4-9-1

Murphy and Gullledge. Bouknight and Pack. W: Bouknight (8-0). L: Murphy (4-1). 2B: USC, Janowicz, McHenry. HR: USC, Meyer (6), Kelly (11).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – ALABAMA AT SOUTH CAROLINA 4/1/2000

South Carolina 2, Alabama 0

Records: South Carolina 27-4, 8-3 SEC; Alabama 20-13, 4-7 SEC

COLUMBIA, SC – Junior right-hander Peter Bauer polished off Alabama, 2-0, in an hour and 46 minutes Saturday as fifth ranked South Carolina took a 2-0 lead in a three game Southeastern Conference baseball series and maintained a one game lead over Georgia in the SEC Eastern Division race.

Bauer improved his record to 5-0 and lowered his earned run average to 1.90 in 56 innings and improved the Gamecock record to 27-4. The Gamecocks are 8-3 in the SEC. Georgia, an 11-5 winner over Tennessee Saturday, is 7-4. South Carolina got its second complete game in a row as Kip Bouknight defeated Alabama 4-1 Friday night.

Bauer pitched the second complete game and second shutout of his career. The six foot seven inch, 247 pound "Large Item" shut Charleston Southern out, 4-0, two years ago as a freshman.

Bauer threw only 97 pitches Saturday, 72 of them strikes. He struck out six, walked none and went to a three ball count on only one batter in yielding five hits, all singles.

Jonathan Blankenship, 4-4, was also effective for Alabama. He gave up six hits, all singles, in 7 1/3 innings.

South Carolina scratched out a fourth inning run to take a 1-0 lead. Brandon Pack blooped a hit to right field and Tripp Kelly walked. Both moved up a base on a sacrifice and Pack scored on a wild pitch. Drew Meyer singled to open the South Carolina eighth inning and moved to second on a sacrifice. Pack singled with Meyer stopping at third base. Lance Cormier relieved Blankenship and Kelly grounded a base hit up the middle to drive in Meyer with the second South Carolina run.

Alabama had two base runners in only one inning. Kelly Gullede and Aaron Clark singled with two out in the fifth but were left stranded. Clark Had two of Alabama's five hits. Pack had two hits for South Carolina as the Gamecocks managed seven hits, six off Blankenship.

Alabama had scored in a Southeastern Conference record 273 games, dating back to a 5-0 loss at Vanderbilt in 1996. The Crimson Tide had won 68 consecutive games when holding opponents to two runs or fewer.

The series concludes at 1:30 p.m., EDT, Sunday.

ALABAMA 000 000 000 – 0-5-1

SOUTH CAROLINA 000 100 01x – 2-7-0

Blankenship, Coirmier (8) and Gullede. Bauer and Pack. W: Bauer (5-0). L: Blankenship (4-4).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – Alabama At South Carolina – 4/2/00

South Carolina 3, Alabama 1

Records: South Carolina 28-4; 9-3 SEC; Alabama 20-14, 4-8 SEC

COLUMBIA, SC – Scott Barber pitched shutout baseball into the ninth inning Sunday and John McHenry drove in all three South Carolina runs as the fifth ranked Gamecocks defeated 12th ranked Alabama 3-1 to sweep a three game Southeastern Conference baseball series.

Barber, normally the closer out of the bullpen, started for the third time in 14 appearances this season and had a 3-0 shutout working until Alabama loaded the bases with one out in the ninth inning. Barber issued his first walk of the game to Darren Wood, Brent Boyd singled, and after Sam Bozanich flied out, Kelley Gullede beat out an infield hit to load the bases.

John Wesley relieved Barber and got Ben King on a slow ground ball with Wood scoring. Wesley retired Jeremy Brown to earn his second save. The victory boosted Barber's record to 4-1 and lowered his earned run average to 1.96 in 41 1/3 innings.

Jeremy Vaughn, 2-2, was the losing pitcher. South Carolina improved its record to 28-4, 9-3 in the conference, while Alabama dropped to 20-14, 4-8. The Gamecocks lead Georgia by 1 1/2 games in the SEC Eastern Division race. Sunday's Georgia-Tennessee game at Athens was cancelled due to rain.

South Carolina scored an unearned run to take a 1-0 lead in the second inning. Tripp Kelly singled, moved to second on an infield out, to third on an error, and scored on a single by McHenry. A Chris Plummer single followed by McHenry's fourth home run of the season boosted the lead to 3-0 in the fourth inning.

South Carolina managed eight hits off Vaughn and Alabama relief pitcher Lance Cormier with McHenry's homer the only extra base hit. Alabama had six hits, two of them by Dan Chavers. The Crimson Tide collected only 16 hits in the three game series, all of them singles. Kip Bouknight allowed five hits and struck out 15 in Friday night's 4-1 South Carolina win. Peter Bauer pitched a five hit, 2-0, shutout with six strikeouts and no walks on Saturday. Barber struck out eight Sunday.

ALABAMA 000 000 001 – 1-6-2

SOUTH CAROLINA 010 200 00X – 3-8-1

Vaughn, Cormier (4) and Gullede. Barber, Wesley (9) and Pack. W: Barber (4-1). L: Vaughn (2-2) SV: Wesley (2). HR: USC, McHenry

COLLEGE BASEBALL – The Citadel At South Carolina – 4/5/00

South Carolina 6, The Citadel 5

Records: South Carolina 29-4; The Citadel 21-11

COLUMBIA, SC – Brennan Dees tied the score with his sixth home run with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning Wednesday night and two errors wrapped around a bloop single produced the winning run as second ranked South Carolina struggled to a 6-5 win over The Citadel.

John Wesley, 1-1, South Carolina's fourth pitcher, was the winner while Jay Morgan, 1-2, the fifth pitcher for the Bulldogs, took the loss. South Carolina improved its record to 29-4 while The Citadel dropped to 21-11.

The Citadel scored single runs in the first, second, third, fifth and seventh innings in the sloppy game that featured seven errors, 14 bases on balls, four wild pitches, two hit batters and 19 runners left on base. South Carolina scored its runs in pairs, getting two in the first, two in the seventh and the deciding two runs in the ninth.

South Carolina head coach Ray Tanner was ejected by base umpire Mike Guerry in the fourth inning and one play later, Gamecock assistant Jim Toman was ejected by plate umpire Richie Tallent, leaving pitching coach Jerry Meyers in charge. It was the first ejection in four years at South Carolina for both coaches.

Trailing 5-2 after six innings, South Carolina closed to within one run in the seventh. Pinch hitter Marcos Rios walked, John McHenry singled and Nate Janowicz doubled two runs home. Drew Meyer bunted for a hit, putting Gamecocks at first and third with no outs, but two strikeouts and a ground ball ended the rally.

With one out in the bottom of the ninth, Dees homered over the left centerfield fence to tie the game. Brandon Pack was safe on an error, Trey Dyson bloomed a single down the right field line, sending Pack to third. Pinch runner Steve Thomas replaced Pack and Thomas scored the winning run when Citadel shortstop David Griffin, in a hurry to start a possible double play, booted Tripp Kelly's ground ball.

Chris Morris had two of seven hits by The Citadel with back to back doubles by Tavy Smalls and Stuart Jordan in the fifth inning the only Bulldog extra base hits. Dees had three of eight hits by South Carolina. In addition to his homer, he tripled in the fifth inning to tie a school record of five three baggers in a season. Janowicz had two hits.

THE CITADEL 111 010 100 – 5-6-4

SOUTH CAROLINA 200 000 202 – 6-8-3

Bunn, Mincey (3), Talbert (4), Fulmer (7), Morgan (9) and Morgan, Eckert (9). Price, Wilson (3), Collins (7), Wesley (9) and Pack. W: Wesley (1-1). L: Morgan (1-2). 2B: TC, Smalls, Jordan; USC, Janowicz. 3B: USC, Dees. HR: USC, Dees (6).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – Mississippi State At South Carolina – 4/7/00

South Carolina 1, Mississippi State 0

Records: South Carolina 30-4, 10-3 SEC; Mississippi State 24-6, 7-3 SEC

COLUMBIA, SC –Kip Bouknight pitched his second consecutive complete game and a solo home run by Marcus McBeth provided all the scoring Friday night as second ranked South Carolina shut out 11th ranked Mississippi State 1-0 in the opener of a three game Southeastern Conference baseball series.

Bouknight struck out 12 and allowed five hits, all singles, in improving his personal record to 9-0, and his earned run average to 1.92 in 75 innings. Kevin Donovan, 3-2, was almost as effective for Mississippi State. He also allowed only five hits and struck out 12 Gamecocks.

South Carolina improved its record to 30-4 overall, 10-3 in the Southeastern Conference. Mississippi State dropped to 24-6, 7-3. South Carolina, Eastern Division leader, also took over the overall SEC lead with a .769 percentage to .700 for Western Division leader Mississippi State.

The second game is scheduled for 4:15 p.m., Saturday and will be televised by Fox Sports Net.

McBeth hit a one out homer, his sixth of the season, over the left field fence in the second inning. He also blooped a single in the seventh to account for two of South Carolina's five hits. Drew Meyer also had two hits, a first inning double and a bloop single in the third. South Carolina's other hit was a bunt single by Marcos Rios in the fourth inning.

Bouknight gave up a two out infield hit to Phillip Willingham in the second inning, a one out bloop single in the third to Matthew Maniscalco, a two out single to Travis Chapman in the fourth, a one out single in the sixth to Daron Wright, and a seventh inning single with two outs to Jamie Rock.

Bouknight issued his third walk to Chapman leading off the ninth inning to put the tying run on base. He struck out Willingham and pinch runner Enrico Jones was out trying to steal second base. Ryan McGrath then struck out to end the game.

South Carolina, which swept Alabama last weekend, has not allowed an extra base hit by an SEC opponent in 36 innings. The win as South Carolina's first 1-0 victory since April 14, 1993 when the Gamecocks edged Georgia Southern at Statesboro, Ga.

MISSISSIPPI STATE 000 000 000 – 0-5-2
SOUTH CAROLINA 010 000 00X –1-5-0

Donovan and McGrath. Bouknight and Pack. W: Bouknight (9-0), L: Donovan (3-2). 2B: USC, Meyer. HR: USC, McBeth (6).

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SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – Mississippi State At South Carolina – 4/8/00

South Carolina 4, Mississippi State 3

Records: South Carolina 31-4, 11-3 SEC; Mississippi State 24-7, 7-4 SEC

COLUMBIA, SC – Nate Janowicz's fourth hit of the game, a two out eighth inning double after Bo Mobley's pinch hit RBI single had tied the score, drove in the go ahead run Saturday as South Carolina came from behind for a 4-3 win over Mississippi State.

The win was the sixth in a row for the second ranked Gamecocks who improved their record to 31-4, 11-3 in the Southeastern Conference. Eleventh ranked Mississippi State dropped to 24-7, 7-4. South Carolina won the series opener 1-0 Friday with the third and final game scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Sunday.

Peter Bauer, 6-0, pitched into the ninth inning, allowing seven hits and all three Mississippi State runs to get the win. Scott Barber relieved Bauer when Ryan McGrath reached on an error in the top of the ninth inning. Barber retired three straight with one strikeout to earn his seventh save. Barber, 4-1, is scheduled to start Sunday's game for South Carolina.

Mississippi State scored single runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings around two South Carolina third inning runs to take a 3-2 lead to the bottom of the eighth. With two out, Chris Plummer doubled and after Mobley was announced as a pinch hitter for John McHenry, Larson relieved Steven Dowe on the Mississippi State mound.

Larson had recorded a 3-0 record with nine saves as the Bulldog closer but Mobley, a true freshman, lined a single to center field to drive in Plummer with the tying run. Janowicz, who had singled in the first, third and fourth innings, hit a long drive that Mississippi State right fielder Phillip Willingham barely got a glove on after a long run but couldn't hold. Bryon Jeffcoat, pinch running for Mobley, scored and Janowicz was caught in a rundown for the final out.

A double by Matthew Maniscalco and a RBI single by Daron Wright gave Mississippi State a 1-0 third inning lead. South Carolina scored twice in the bottom of the inning to go ahead 2-1. Janowicz singled, Brennan Dees doubled, and both scored on a base hit by Brandon Pack.

Willingham hit his fifth home run in the third inning to tie it at 2-2, and Mississippi State took the lead in the fifth when Maniscalco singled, Shane Kelly was hit by a pitch and Maniscalco scored on a base hit by Wright.

MISSISSIPPI STATE 001 110 000 – 3-7-1

SOUTH CAROLINA 002 000 02x – 4-9-2

Brock, Dowe (6), Larson (8) and McGrath. Bauer, Barber (9) and Pack. W: Bauer (6-0). L: Larson (3-1). SV: Barber (7). 2B: MSU, Chapman, Maniscalco; USC, Janowicz, Dees, Plummer. HR: MSU, Willingham (5).

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SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – Mississippi State At South Carolina – 4/8/00

South Carolina 7, Mississippi State 6 (11 innings)

Records: South Carolina 32-4, 12-3 SEC; Mississippi State 24-8, 7-5 SEC

COLUMBIA, SC – South Carolina scored two runs in the bottom of the 11th inning Sunday, the second coming on a bloop single to right field by Marcos Rios, to defeat Mississippi State 7-6 and sweep a three game Southeastern Conference baseball series.

The win was South Carolina's seventh straight and improved the second ranked Gamecocks record to 32-4, 12-3 in the SEC, while Mississippi State dropped to 24-8, 7-5 in the conference.

Clint Collins, 2-1, South Carolina's third pitcher, was the winner. Adam Larson, 3-2, the seventh Mississippi State pitcher, took the loss for the second day in a row. Mississippi State came into the series ranked 11th in one national poll, 15th in another and 17th in a third.

South Carolina led 5-4 after eight innings but Gamecock pitcher John Wesley walked Ty Martin with two outs and the bases loaded in the ninth to force in the tying run. Both teams left two base runners on in the 10th and Mississippi State took a 6-5 lead in the top of the 11th when Collins wild pitched in a run.

Larson retired the first two Gamecocks he faced in the 12th but then walked Brennan Dees. Brandon Pack's double struck the first base bag and caromed down the right field line with Dees scoring to tie the game. Tripp Kelly was intentionally walked and Steve Thomas ran for Pack. Rios hit a soft fly ball single over second base to drive in Thomas with the winning run.

South Carolina scored single runs in the second and third innings, including Pack's 10th home run in the third to take a 2-0 lead but Mississippi State struck for four in the top of the third. Martin drove in two runs with a double and Travis Chapman hit a two run homer, his third.

South Carolina scored once in the bottom of the third to trail 4-3 until pinch hitter Trey Dyson hit a two run homer, his third, in the fifth to give the Gamecocks a 5-4 lead. That's the way it stood until the ninth inning bases loaded walk sent the game into extra innings.

Pack, Tripp Kelly and Dyson had two hits for South Carolina. Marcus McBeth and Chris Plummer had doubles. Shane Kelly had four singles for Mississippi State.

MISSISSIPPI STATE 004 000 001 01 – 6-9-3

SOUTH CAROLINA 111 020 000 02 – 7-9-1

Freed, Medders (5), Collums (6), Young (7), Dowe (8), Estel (10), Larson (11) and McGrath. Barber, Wesley (8), Collins (9) and Pack. W: Collins (2-1). L: Larson (3-2). 2B: MSU, Martin; USC, McBeth, Plummer, Pack. HR: MSU, Chapman (3); USC, Pack (11), Dyson (3).

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S. Carolina	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0		6	10	1
CLEMSON	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0		3	7	0

W - BOUKNIGHT (10-0), SAVE - BARBER (8); L - BERNEY (7-3)
CLEMSON (29-8), SOUTH CAROLINA (33-4)

CLEMSON, S.C. - Second-ranked South Carolina wasted no time putting runs on the board Wednesday night in defeating sixth-ranked Clemson 6-3 in front of 6,134 spectators at Doug Kingsmore Stadium.

South Carolina lead-off hitter Nate Janowicz started the game with a single and then shortstop Drew Meyer followed with a home run, his seventh of the year, to go up 2-0 without an out. Clemson recorded three straight outs to move to the bottom half of the inning, but the Tigers were retired in order. In fact, South Carolina starting pitcher Kip Bouknight sat down the first six Clemson batters, including two by strikeout. The Tigers had six one-two-three innings Wednesday night.

With two outs in the third, USC catcher Brandon Pack launched another home run before the third out was recorded. Tiger second baseman Bradley LeCroy got the first Clemson hit after Bouknight retired the first eight batters of the game.

USC continued its offensive attack in the fourth. After Tripp Kelly hit a line drive to Khalil Greene, Marcus McBeth doubled and Chris Plummer singled. Janowicz hit a single to knock in McBeth and Plummer. The Tigers waited until the fifth inning to score. Stone singled in Michael Johnson, who reached on a single to start the inning.

The Gamecocks put up another run in the top of the sixth to pull ahead 6-1. The sixth inning proved to be Clemson's big inning. The Tigers started the frame with consecutive hits by Scott Baker, Patrick Boyd and Brian Ellis. Michael Johnson then launched a shot to deep right field that hit about a foot from the top of the wall. Baker scored on the play to pull the Tigers within 6-2. Jarrod Schmidt followed with a sacrifice fly that scored Boyd.

Bouknight got the win for South Carolina going eight innings with nine strikeouts. He was relieved in the ninth by Scott Barber, who picked up his eighth save of the season. Bouknight improved to 10-0 with the win. Scott Berney was tagged with the loss to fall to 7-3.

The win, the Gamecocks' first over Clemson since 1997, improved their record to 33-4 on the year. The Tigers fell to 29-8. The win snapped a string of three defeats to Clemson and marked just the third time in 15 games South Carolina was victorious over the Tigers. Wednesday's game was just the second time the two teams met when ranked in the top 10. Clemson won 6-4 in 1998 when ranked as high as fourth. South Carolina was eighth in that meeting.

The crowd of 6,134 was the second largest to see a game at Kingsmore Stadium. The largest crowd to see a game at Clemson was in 1995, when 6,223 watched the Tigers beat North Carolina 20-1. Clemson will next be in action this weekend with three Atlantic Coast Conference games vs. Wake Forest at Kingsmore Stadium. Friday's first pitch will be at 7:15 PM. Saturday's will begin at 4:30 PM and Sunday's game will start at 2:00 PM.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – South Carolina at Vanderbilt 4/14/00**South Carolina 14, Vanderbilt 5****Records: South Carolina 34-4, 13-3 SEC; Vanderbilt 18-19, 4-11 SEC**

NASHVILLE, TENN. – Marcos Rios had two doubles, one with the bases loaded to drive in three runs Friday night as South Carolina defeated Vanderbilt 14-5 in the opener of a three game Southeastern Conference baseball series that improved the second ranked Gamecocks record to 34-4.

Peter Bauer pitched eight innings, giving up eight hits and all five Commodore runs to raise his record on the season to 7-0. South Carolina stretched its winning streak to nine games. Andy Beal, 2-7, the Vanderbilt starter, took the loss as the Commodores fell to 18-19, 4-11 in the conference. South Carolina improved its SEC record to 13-3. The Gamecocks lead the overall conference as well as the Eastern Division.

Vanderbilt center fielder Karl Nonemaker gave Bauer the most trouble, hitting a pair of home runs that drove in three of the Commodore runs. Nonemaker also had a single to amass three hits for the fifth consecutive game. Kevin Geshke had a pair of singles for Vanderbilt. Ashley Freeman, Scott Vanderhoff and Kyle Flubacker contributed doubles.

South Carolina collected 14 hits off four Vanderbilt pitchers with Rios, Drew Meyer, Brandon Pack, Tripp Kelly, Marcus McBeth and Chris Plummer getting two hits apiece. Pack and Brennan Dees had doubles for the Gamecocks. Meyer and Plummer had two RBI each.

After Nonemaker's two run homer gave Vanderbilt a 2-0 lead in the first inning, South Carolina scored three times in the second. Vanderbilt tied it in the bottom of the second but the Gamecocks took the lead for good with two runs in the fifth and added three runs each in the sixth, seventh and eighth. Nonemaker hit his second homer in the sixth inning and the Commodores added a run in the eighth.

Jamie Poston pitched a scoreless ninth inning for South Carolina.

SOUTH CAROLINA 030 023 330 – 14-14-1

VANDERBILT 210 001 010 -- 5- 9-4

Bauer, Poston (9) and Pack, Whittaker (8). Beal, Cook (7), Bedwell (8), Blue (8) and Kropf, Wallace (9). W: Bauer (7-0). L: Beal (2-7). 2B: USC, Rios 2, Pack, Dees; VU, Freeman, Flubacker, Vanderhoff. HR: VU, Nonemaker 2(7).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – South Carolina at Vanderbilt – 4/16/00

South Carolina 2, Vanderbilt 1

Records: South Carolina 35-4, 14-3 SEC; Vanderbilt 18-20, 4-12 SEC

NASHVILLE, TENN. – South Carolina rallied with two runs in the top of the ninth inning Saturday with Trey Dyson's RBI double the key hit to edge Vanderbilt 2-1 as the second ranked Gamecocks won their 10th consecutive game and improved their record to 35-4.

Scott Barber, 5-1, pitched a complete game, allowing just six hits and an eighth inning run but was on the brink of defeat until the ninth inning rally. Chris Maultsby, 1-3, limited South Carolina to two hits, one of them an infield single, through the first eight innings, but was charged with the loss as Vanderbilt fell to 18-20, 4-13 in the Southeastern Conference. South Carolina improved its conference leading record to 14-3.

Catcher Brandon Pack walked to lead off the Gamecock ninth inning and was replaced by pinch runner Marcos Rios. After Tripp Kelly struck out, Rios moved to second base on a wild pitch. Dyson hit a drive that fell just inside the foul line in right field for a double, scoring Rios to tie the game.

Maultsby was relieved by Jeff Little. Pinch runner Steve Thomas replaced Tyson and he moved to third on a single to left field by Marcus McBeth. Chris Plummer hit a slow roller to shortstop and was out at first but Thomas scored on the play to put South Carolina ahead 2-1.

Vanderbilt got the potential tying run to third base with two out in the bottom of the ninth. Ulises Cabrera walked with one out and advanced to second on a passed ball. He moved to third when Adam Blue grounded out to shortstop. Vanderbilt pinch hitter Kyle Flubacker took a called third strike to end the game.

The game was scoreless through 7 ½ innings but Vanderbilt took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the eighth. Kevin Geshke led off with a double, his third hit of the game and scored on Ashley Freeman's single.

Vanderbilt's other hits were singles by Sean Luellwitz in the fourth inning and a seventh inning single by Cabrera, but he took a wide turn rounding first base and was doubled off by Gamecock center fielder McBeth. South Carolina's only hits over the first eight innings were a third inning infield hit by John McHenry and a fourth inning single by Kelly.

SOUTH CAROLINA 000 000 002 – 2-4-0
VANDERBILT 000 000 010 – 1-6-0

Barber and Pack, Whittaker (9). Maultsby, Little (9) and Kropf. W: Barber (5-1). L: Maultsby (1-3). 2B: USC, Dyson; VU, Geshke.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – South Carolina at Vanderbilt 4/15/00

South Carolina 7, Vanderbilt 3

Records: South Carolina 36-4, 15-3 SEC; Vanderbilt 18-21, 4-13 SEC

NASHVILLE, TENN – Kip Bouknight, pitching on three days rest for the first time this season, held Vanderbilt to six hits over eight innings Sunday to register his 11th win of the season as second ranked South Carolina won its 11th game in a row, 7-3 over Vanderbilt, to improve to 36-4 on the season.

South Carolina raised its Southeastern Conference leading record to 15-3 by sweeping the three game series. It was the third consecutive SEC sweep for the Gamecocks and their fourth of the season.

Damon Yee pitched a complete game for Vanderbilt, striking out 12 to become the Commodores all time career strikeout leader. However, his two fielding errors contributed to the loss which dropped Yee's record to 5-3.

South Carolina scored single runs in the first, third, fifth and seventh innings and plated three in the fourth. Vanderbilt scored its three runs in the fourth, a rally started when Gamecock left fielder Nate Janowicz lost Ashley Freeman's fly ball in the sun and it fell for a double.

Brennan Dees and Chris Plummer had three hits apiece for South Carolina as The Gamecocks managed 12 hits off Yee. Janowicz had two hits, including a double, and drove in two runs. Brandon Pack, Marcus McBeth and John McHenry also had doubles for South Carolina.

Sean Luellwitz was the only Vanderbilt player with two hits. Freeman, Kerl Nonemaker and Andy Kropf had doubles for Vanderbilt.

SOUTH CAROLINA 101 310 100 – 7-12-1
VNDERBILT 000 300 000 – 3- 6-3

Bouknight, Poston (9) and Pack. Yee and Kropf. W: Bouknight (11-0). L: Yee (5-3). 2B: USC, Janowicz, Pack, McBeth, McHenry; VU, Freeman, Nonemaker, Kropf.

COLLEGE BASEBALL -- Davidson at South Carolina -- 4/18/00**South Carolina 15, Davidson 0****Records: South Carolina 37-4; Davidson 22-19**

COLUMBIA, SC -- Trey Dyson drove in four runs with a home run, triple and a double to lead a 16 hit attack Tuesday night as number one ranked South Carolina stretched its win streak to 12 games with a 15-0 shutout over Davidson.

The Gamecocks improved to 37-4 on the season while Davidson dropped to 22-19. Three South Carolina pitchers combined for a four hit shutout. Chris Spigner, making his first appearance since injuring his right arm in a start at Auburn March 12, allowed two hits in five innings to pick up his first win of the season.

Mark Wells, 4-2, the first of five Davidson pitchers, took the loss. He gave up only three runs in six innings, on back to back fourth inning homers by Dyson and Tripp Kelly. Dyson's fourth homer of the season came with a teammate on base. Kelly followed with his 12th of the season. Dyson drove in a run with a triple in the sixth inning and doubled to drive in another run in the eighth. He was out trying to stretch the hit to a triple.

Nate Janowicz and Drew Meyer also had three hits for South Carolina. Janowicz had a double and two RBI. Marcus McBeth had two hits. Shane Nelson, making his first appearance since having his right knee scoped after an injury at LSU March 24, drove in two runs with a pinch hit single.

After taking a 3-0 lead in the fourth inning on the two home runs, South Carolina scored one run in the sixth, three in the seventh and added eight runs in the eighth inning.

Tim Frend blooped a two out double for Davidson in the first inning. The other Wildcat hits were an infield single by D. J. Dailey in the fifth, a single by Stewart Sloan in the sixth, and an infield hit by Jack Purcell in the eighth.

South Carolina meets sixth ranked Clemson in a rematch at 7 p.m., Wednesday with junior right-hander Peter Bauer, 7-0, the scheduled Gamecock starter. Clemson, 32-9, has not announced its starting pitcher. South Carolina won the first meeting with the Tigers, 6-3, last Wednesday at Clemson.

DAVIDSON 000 000 000 -- 0- 4-2

SOUTH CAROLINA 000 301 38x - 15-16-1

M. Wells, Wolpert (7), Hood (8), Frend (8), Ramirez (8) and Marino. Spigner, Wilson (6), Bascuas (9) and Pack, Whittaker (9). W: Spigner (1-0). L: M. Wells (4-2). 2B: DC, Frend; USC, Janowicz, Dees, Dyson, Plummer, Whittaker. 3B: USC, Dyson. HR: USC, Dyson (4), Kelly (12).

COLLEGE BASEBALL - Clemson at South Carolina - 4/19/00

South Carolina 9, Clemson 8 (12 innings)

Records: South Carolina 38-4; Clemson 32-10

COLUMBIA, SC - Marcos Rios drove in the winning run with a one out bases loaded single in the bottom of the 12th inning Wednesday night after number one ranked South Carolina twice remained alive in the late innings to defeat seventh ranked Clemson 9-8 and stretch the Gamecock win streak to 13 games.

South Carolina improved its record to 38-4 and Clemson fell to 32-10.

Scott Barber, 6-1, the fifth South Carolina pitcher, worked the final three innings to get the win. Nick Glaser, 0-1, took the loss. Glaser, Clemson's closer seeking his 12th save, came on in the ninth inning with the Tigers leading 7-5. He walked Brandon Pack with one out and Trey Dyson hit his fifth home run over the right centerfield fence to send the game into extra innings.

Jeff Baker hit his third homer of the season in the top of the 11th inning to give the Tigers an 8-7 lead, but South Carolina used a Clemson error to set up a tying run in the bottom of the inning. With one out, Justin Singleton dropped a fly ball by Brennan Dees. Dyson followed with an RBI double, his third extra base hit of the game, to send the game to the 12th inning.

John McHenry beat out an infield hit leading off the bottom of the 12th inning. Nate Janowicz bunted him to second base and Drew Meyer was intentionally walked. The runners moved to second and third on a passed ball and Dees was intentionally walked to load the bases. Rios, a reserve catcher who entered the game in the 11th inning as a pinch runner, lined the first pitch from Glaser into the left field gap for the game winner.

Ten days ago a pinch hit single by Rios in the bottom of the 11th inning produced a 7-6 Southeastern Conference win over Mississippi State.

South Carolina's only lead until the 12th inning came on an unearned run in the first inning. Clemson countered with an unearned run in the third. The Tigers took a 3-1 lead with two in the fourth inning but a two run home run by Drew Meyer, his eighth, tied it in the fifth.

Clemson scored three times in the sixth and once in the seventh to lead 7-3. South Carolina got one run back on an RBI double by Brandon Pack in the seventh inning and another on Chris Plummer's home run, his fourth, in the eighth.

After Dyson's homer tied it in the ninth, Jeff Baker hit his third homer for Clemson to give the Tigers the lead in the top of the 11th.

Each team collected 14 hits. In addition to three by Dyson, Meyer, John McHenry and Plummer had two hits. Henri Stanley and Singleton had three hits for Clemson with Brian Ellis and Ryan Riley contributing two each.

CLEMSON 001 203 100 010 - 8-14-1

SOUTH CAROLINA 100 020 112 011 - 9-14-1

Lynn, Mottl (5), Boozer (8), Glaser (9) and Ellis. Bauer, Price (6), Poston (6), Wesley (9), Barber (10) and Pack, Whittaker (10), Rios (11). W: Barber (6-1). L: Glaser (0-1). 2B: CU, Stone, Stanley; USC, Dyson 2, Pack, Plummer. HR: CU, Baker (3); USC, Meyer (8), Dyson (5), Plummer (4).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – South Carolina at Kentucky– 4/22//00

South Carolina 15-11, Kentucky 5-10 (10)

Records: South Carolina 40-4, 17-3 SEC; Kentucky 29-12-1, 7-11-1 SEC

LEXINGTON, KY – South Carolina hit 10 home runs in a Southeastern Conference baseball doubleheader Saturday but needed an unearned run in the 10th inning of the nightcap to sweep Kentucky 15-5 and 11-10 to stretch the number one ranked Gamecocks win streak to 15 games.

The two rivals played two games Saturday due to postponement of Friday's game by bad weather. The final game of the series is scheduled for 1 p.m., EDT, Sunday and will be televised by Fox Sports Net.

The sweep increased South Carolina's conference leading record to 17-3, and 40-4 overall. Kentucky dropped to 29-12-1, 7-10-1 in the SEC.

Kip Bouknight was reached for 12 hits in the first six innings of the first game but claimed his 12th consecutive win of the season. John Wesley, 2-1, was credited with the second game win after blowing a save opportunity when Kentucky sent the game into extra innings with a four run ninth inning rally.

Scott Barber saved both games, working three innings in the first contest and a one two three 10th inning in the second game. Barber has 10 saves this season. Brandon Webb, 5-3, was the loser in the first game and Josh Paxton took the loss in the nightcap.

Switch hitting catcher Brandon Pack hit three home runs in the doubleheader. He homered from both sides of the plate in the first game with two teammates on base each time, and hit a solo homer left-handed, his 14th of the season, in the second game.

Trey Dyson, who has now homered in five consecutive games for the Gamecocks, had a solo home run in each game Saturday. Tripp Kelly also homered in each game. He hit three run shots in each game for a six RBI day raising his season total to 14. Pack had seven RBI in the doubleheader and Dyson had four.

Other South Carolina home runs were by Marcus McBeth, his seventh, Nate Janowicz, his fifth, and Chris Plummer, also his fifth.

Andy Green hit his seventh home run for Kentucky in the first game and the Wildcats took a 5-0 lead in the second game on a first inning grand slam by Aaron McGlone. His sixth homer of the year, and a second inning bases empty blast by Andy Green, his eighth.

FIRST GAME

SOUTH CAROLINA 011 030 406 – 15-16-2

KENTUCKY 012 002 000 – 5-16-1

Bouknight, Barber (7) and Pack. Webb, Paxton (8), Breck Price (8), Madison (9) and J. Wilson. W: Bouknight (12-0). L: Webb (5-3). SV: Barber (9). 2B: USC, Dees, Plummer; UK, J. Wilson, McGlone, Tyler, Meade. HR: USC, Pack 2(13), Kelly (13), Dyson (6), Janowicz (5), Plummer (5); UK, Green (7).

SECOND GAME

SOUTH CAROLINA 001 310 500 1 – 11-15-0

KENTUCKY 410 100 004 0 – 10-13-0

M. Wilson, Brett Price (2), Wesley (9), Barber (10) and Pack. Corrado, Michale (5), Paxton (7), Hooker (10) and J. Wilson. W: Wesley (2-1). L: Paxton (2-2). SV: Barber (10). 2B: USC, Dees, Plummer, Jeffcoat. HR: USC, Pack (14), Kelly (14), McBeth (7); UK, McGlone (6), Green (8).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – South Carolina at Kentucky– 4/23/00**South Carolina 18, Kentucky 6****Records: South Carolina 41-4, 18-3 SEC; Kentucky 29-13-1, 7-12-1 SEC**

LEXINGTON, KY – Trey Dyson homered for the fifth game in a row, Tripp Kelly hit a grand slam, and Nate Janowicz had a school record six hits Sunday as number one ranked South Carolina crushed Kentucky 18-6 to stretch the Gamecock win streak to 16 games.

South Carolina, which opened the season with a 22 game win streak, improved its record to 41-4 and its Southeastern Conference leading mark to 18-3. Kentucky dropped to 29-13-1, 7-12-1.

Peter Bauer scattered eight hits over the first seven innings, allowing three runs, to raise his season record to 8-0. Scott Wade, 7-4, the first of five Kentucky pitchers, was the losing pitcher.

South Carolina used two big innings to break the game open, scoring six times in the third and nine in the seventh. The Gamecocks scored single runs in the fourth, eighth and ninth. They collected a season high 19 hits to amass 50 hits in the three game series. South Carolina scored 44 runs and hit 12 home runs in the three games, winning 15-5 and 11-10 in the first two games.

Dyson hit a two run homer in the six run third inning and Kelly homered with the bases loaded in the nine run seventh. It was his second grand slam of the year and his 15th home run. Dyson's homer was his eighth but his fifth in five games over the past week.

Janowicz had six singles, tying the school record for most hits in a game and establishing a new record for one base hits. The previous record was five.

Everyone in the South Carolina starting lineup had at least one hit. A fourth inning triple by Bryon Jeffcoat was the 19th by the Gamecocks, setting a new modern era record for three base hits.

Kentucky scored all of its runs in the final four innings. The Wildcats collected 11 hits, including Beau Moore's fourth homer which came in the seventh inning. Andy Green, Aaron McGlone and Robert Newton had two hits for Kentucky.

SOUTH CAROLINA 006 100 911 – 18-19-1**KENTUCKY 000 002 112 – 6-11-5**

Bauer, Poston (8), Bascuas (9), Whetstone (9) and Pack, Whittaker (8). Wade, Breck Price (4), Blanton (7), Hooker (7), King (8) and J. Wilson, Wolfe (8). W: Bzuer (8j-0). L: Wade (7-4). 2B: USC, Plummer. 3B: USC, Jeffcoat. HR: USC, Dyson (8), Kelly (15); KU, Moore (4).

COLLEGE BASEBALL – South Carolina at UNC Asheville– 4/26/00

South Carolina 7, UNC Asheville 3

Records: South Carolina 42-4; UNC Asheville 21-23

ASHEVILLE, NC – Brennan Dees hit a two run home run in the first inning Wednesday and added two more hits and another RBI as number one ranked South Carolina stretched its winning streak to 17 games with a 7-3 victory over UNC Asheville.

The Gamecocks improved their overall record to 42-4 while UNC Asheville dropped to 21-23. Chris Spigner, 2-0, pitched 7 2/3 innings, allowed seven hits and three earned runs to earn the win. He struck out five and didn't issue a walk. Judson Ballard, 4-5, the first of five UNCA pitchers, took the loss.

South Carolina opens a three game Southeastern Conference series in Columbia Friday against Georgia. The Gamecocks hold a 5 1/2 game lead over Georgia and Florida in the SEC Eastern Division race and are 4 1/2 games ahead of Western Division leader Louisiana State in the overall race for the SEC title.

After Drew Meyer singled with one out in the top of the first inning, Dees hit a 375 foot blast over the left centerfield fence to put the Gamecocks up 2-0. UNCA leadoff batter Curtis Moncos homered over the 403 foot sign in center field in the bottom of the inning.

South Carolina added three runs on four hits in the fifth inning to lead 5-1. A hit batter, singles by Marcus McBeth, Meyer, Dees, and a double by Nate Janowicz produced the runs. McBeth stretched his hitting streak to 11 games.

After the Bulldogs scored one run in the sixth inning, South Carolina scored in the seventh on two hits and a stolen base by Janowicz, with Dees getting the RBI. Chris Plummer, who also had two singles, hit his sixth home run of the season in the eighth inning for South Carolina's final run. UNCA scored in the bottom of the eighth to make the final score 7-3.

South Carolina collected 11 hits, three each by Dees and Plummer, and two by Meyer. Moncos and Stephen Boyd each had two of eight hits by UNCA>

SOUTH CAROLINA 200 030 110 – 7-11-2

UNC ASHEVILLE 100 001 010 – 3- 8-0

Spigner, Wesley (8) and Pack. Ballard, Interdonato (4), Rembert (5), Moncos (8), Stewart (9) and Muhlhan. W: Spigner (2-0). L: Ballard (4-5). 2B:USC: Janowicz; UNCA, Deyo. HR: USC, Dees (7), Plummer (6); UNCA, Moncos (7).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – Georgia at South Carolina – 4/28/00

South Carolina 9, Georgia 5

Records: South Carolina 43-4, 19-3 SEC; Georgia 28-18, 12-9 SEC

COLUMBIA, SC – Home runs by Tripp Kelly, Marcus McBeth and Trey Dyson accounted for seven South Carolina runs Friday night as the number one ranked Gamecocks stretched their win streak to 18 games with a 9-5 Southeastern Conference victory over Georgia.

The second game of the three game series is scheduled for 4 p.m., Saturday. South Carolina improved its record to 43-4, 19-3 in the Southeastern Conference while Georgia dropped to 28-18, 12-9. The Bulldogs fell 6 ½ games behind the Gamecocks in the SEC Eastern Division race. Florida, a 5-3 winner over Auburn, took over second, 5 ½ games behind South Carolina.

Kip Bouknight settled down after giving up four runs in the second and third innings to win his 13th game of the season without a loss. He left, leading 9-5, with two out in the eighth inning and two Georgia runners on base. Scott Barber got the third out and pitched a scoreless ninth inning to earn his 11th save.

Clark, 6-3, pitched his fifth complete game for Georgia. He gave up nine hits and nine earned runs with five walks and eight strikeouts. Bouknight, who leads the nation in wins with a 13-0 record, struck out seven and walked four, one intentionally. He gave up seven hits, including a third inning solo home run by Jeff Keppinger, his sixth of the season.

South Carolina jumped out to a 4-0 first inning lead on doubles by Nate Janowicz and Brandon Pack, a walk and a two run homer by Kelly, his 16th of the season. Georgia answered with three in the second on a hit by Andy Neufeld, a walk, and doubles by Brian Rainwater and Josh Dorminy.

Keppinger's homer tied it at 4-4 in the third but a two run home run by McBeth, his eighth, put South Carolina ahead, 6-4, in the fourth inning. Georgia narrowed the score to 6-5 with a run in the seventh but Dyson hit a three run home run in the seventh inning for a 9-5 lead. It was Dyson's ninth of the year and sixth in the past seven games.

The homer by McBeth stretched his hitting streak to 12 games. South Carolina's 18 game win streak is the second longest in school history. The Gamecocks opened this season with 22 consecutive wins.

GEORGIA 031 000 100 – 5-8-2

SOUTH CAROLINA 400 200 30x – 9-9-3

Clark and Brooks, Burchett (8). Bouknight, Barber (8) and Pack. W: Bouknight (13-0). L: Clark (6-3). 2B: UGA, Swann, Rainwater, Dorminy; USC, Janowicz, Pack. HR: UGA, Keppinger (6); USC, Kelly (16), McBeth (8), Dyson (9).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – Georgia at South Carolina – 4/29/00**South Carolina 9, Georgia 7****Records: South Carolina 44-4, 20-3 SEC; Georgia 28-19, 12-10 SEC**

COLUMBIA, SC – Tripp Kelly's 17th home run, a two run shot high off the batting eye in center field in the seventh inning Saturday, broke a tie and South Carolina held on to defeat Georgia 7-5 and extend the number one ranked Gamecock win streak to 19 games.

Brennan Dees walked to lead off the inning, stole second base with one out and moved to third on a ground out to second base. With the count one ball and one strike, Kelly hit a high drive that hit near the top of the 40 foot high batter's back drop behind the center field fence, 390 feet from home plate.

Peter Bauer pitched the first seven innings for South Carolina to improve his record to 9-0. Scott Barber pitched out of a bases loaded jam in the eighth inning and retired the Bulldogs in order in the ninth, thanks to two sparkling defensive plays, to earn his 12th save. That tied the school record for saves in a season.

The fourth Georgia pitcher of the day, Jeffery Carswell, took the loss to drop his record to 4-4. South Carolina improved to 44-4 and leads the Southeastern Conference with a 20-3 league record. Georgia dropped to 28-19, 12-10 in the SEC. South Carolina's 15 consecutive conference wins tied an SEC record.

The final game of the three game series is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Sunday.

Georgia took a 1-0 second inning lead Saturday with the first of two home runs by Josh Dorminy but South Carolina took a 2-1 lead with two runs in the third inning. Three walks loaded the bases and Brandon Pack delivered a two RBI single.

Dorminy walked, moved to third on an infield out and a hit by Mark Thornhill, and scored on a passed ball. South Carolina broke the 2-2 tie with two runs in the fifth. Dorminy's two run homer, his eighth, and an RBI single by Andy Neufield plated three Georgia runs in the top of the sixth to put the Bulldogs up 5-4, but South Carolina tied it in the bottom of the inning.

Marcus McBeth singled, took second when Bryon Jeffcoat walked, moved to third on a passed ball and scored when Nate Janowicz hit into a double play. McBeth had two hits to extend his hitting streak to 13 games.

Georgia loaded the bases with two outs in the eighth inning on two hits and a walk but Barber struck out Jeff Keppinger to end the threat. Doc Brooks and Adam Swann hit hard smashes on the first two pitches of the ninth inning but shortstop Drew Meyer and Chris Plummer made outstanding defensive plays. Barber then struck out Brian Rainwater, the fourth time that he fanned in the game.

GEORGIA 010 103 000 – 5-10-1

SOUTH CAROLINA 002 021 20x – 7- 7-0

Steele, Browning (3), Friedman (5), Carswell (6) and Brooks. Bauer, Barber (8) and Pack. W: Bauer (9-0). L: Carswell (4-4). SV: Barber (12). 2B: UGA, Swann. HR: UGA, Dorminy 2(8); USC, Kelly (17).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – Georgia at South Carolina – 4/30/00

South Carolina 9, Georgia 7

Records: South Carolina 45-4, 21-3 SEC; Georgia 28-20, 12-11 SEC

COLUMBIA, SC – A dramatic two out, three run home run by Brandon Pack in the bottom of the ninth inning Sunday propelled number one ranked South Carolina to its 20th consecutive win, 9-7 over Georgia.

The Gamecocks trailed 7-5 when Marcus McBeth walked to begin the bottom of the ninth. Pinch hitter Marcos Rios flied out but Nate Janowicz ripped his third hit of the game to left field. Georgia closer Jeffrey Carswell relieved Bill Sharpton and Drew Meyer singled to right on the first pitch to score McBeth and send Janowicz to third. Brennan Dees struck out as Meyer stole second base.

Pack took a ball and a strike before hitting an opposite field drive over the left centerfield fence for his 15th home run. It was South Carolina's 15th come from behind victory of the season and 13th of 21 Southeastern Conference wins. Pack was mobbed by teammates when he reached third base but managed to disentangle himself and cross home plate.

The Gamecocks improved to 45-4 overall, 21-3 in the conference and clinched their second consecutive SEC Eastern Division championship.

Georgia fell to 28-20, 12-11 in the SEC.

South Carolina entered the day with a five and a half game lead over Western Division leaders Mississippi State and Louisiana State for the overall SEC title. Six conference games remain for each SEC team. South Carolina has won an SEC record 16 consecutive conference games this season with three game sweeps over five of seven conference opponents, including the final four series.

Clint Collins, 3-1, pitched the final three innings for South Carolina to earn the win. Carswell, 4-5, was the loser.

South Carolina built a 4-0 lead with two runs each in the first and fourth innings but Georgia tied it with four runs in the fifth off Gamecock starter Chris Spigner. Three infield hits, a double by Josh Dorminy, a strikeout wild pitch that enabled a batter to reach, and a two run home run by Brian Rainwater did the damage.

South Carolina scored in the fifth and Georgia in the sixth to keep the game tied at 5-5 before Georgia scored two unearned runs without a hit to take a 7-5 lead in the seventh. Two walks, a catcher's interference call, a sacrifice fly and an infield out produced the two runs.

Janowicz had three hits and Trey Dyson two for South Carolina and Chris Plummer contributed a double. Neufeld, Josh Hudson, Adam Swan and Dorminy had two hits for Georgia as each team collected 10 hits.

GEORGIA 000 041 200 – 7-10-1

SOUTH CAROLINA 200 210 004 – 9-10-1

Moravek, Sharpton (5), Carswell (9) and Burchett, Brooks (8). Spigner, Poston (5), Price (6), Collins (7) and Pack. W: Collins (3-1). L: Carswell (4-5). 2B: UGA, Dorminy; USC, Plummer. HR: UGA, Rainwater (10); Pack (15).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – South Carolina at Arkansas –5/5/00**South Carolina 8, Arkansas 2****Records: South Carolina 46-4, 22-3 SEC; Arkansas 20-29, 4-19 SEC**

Fayetteville, AR – Kip Bouknight scattered eight Arkansas hits Friday night as number one ranked South Carolina won its 21st consecutive game 8-2 to move within one game of clinching the Southeastern Conference baseball championship.

The Gamecocks improved their record to 46-4, 22-3 in the conference. The win officially eliminated Louisiana State and reduced the magic number against Mississippi State to one. The Bulldogs remained mathematically alive by routing Florida 20-2 Friday night at Starkville.

South Carolina will go for the clincher in the second game of the series at 6:30 p.m., Central time Saturday. Friday's win was the 17th consecutive Southeastern Conference victory for South Carolina, tying a record set in 1994 by Tennessee. The 21 consecutive overall wins are one shy of the SEC record of 22 set by South Carolina earlier this season.

In pitching his fourth complete game of the year and 10th of his career, Bouknight, a junior, improved his NCAA Division I leading record to 14-0. His career record is 32-7. Bouknight struck out five and walked three.

A two out two RBI single by Tripp Kelly gave South Carolina a first inning lead and the Gamecocks added an unearned run in the second inning to lead 3-0. Arkansas scored in the bottom of the second on back to back doubles by Brian Kirby and Kyle Washburn.

The Gamecocks scored three times in the top of the sixth to lead 6-1. Brennan Dees led off the inning with his eighth home run of the year and a walk, an error, a hit batter, a sacrifice fly and an RBI single by Bryon Jeffcoat chased home two more runs.

Arkansas scored its second run in the bottom of the sixth on an RBI double by Jeff Fletcher but South Carolina countered with two in the eighth on Jeffcoat's third hit of the game, an RBI double by Nate Janowicz and an RBI fielder's choice by Dees to make the final score 8-2.

Drew Meyer and Kelly had two hits for South Carolina. Washburn had three hits and Scott Crossett two for Arkansas.

SOUTH CAROLINA 210 003 020 – 8-11-1

ARKANSAS 010 001 000 – 2- 8-2

Bouknight and Pack. McCrotty, Merryman (7) and Blum. W: Bouknight (14-0). L: McCrotty (0-6). 2B: USC, Janowicz, Plummer; UA, Kirby, Washburn, Fletcher. HR: USC, Dees (8).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – South Carolina at Arkansas –5/6//00

Arkansas 11, South Carolina 10

Records: South Carolina 46-5, 22-4 SEC; Arkansas 21-29, 5-19 SEC

Fayetteville, AR – A three run ninth inning rally fell one run short Saturday night as South Carolina dropped an 11-10 decision to Arkansas to break the number one ranked Gamecocks' win streak at 21 games, but the Gamecocks still clinched their first Southeastern Conference baseball championship.

Florida defeated Mississippi State 9-6 in 11 innings to eliminate the Bulldogs from championship contention. The loss to Arkansas dropped South Carolina's overall record to 46-5 and its SEC mark to 22-4. Mississippi State, 15-8 in conference games is 5 ½ games behind with four conference games remaining.

Coach Ray Tanner learned of the Mississippi State loss by cell telephone and informed the team they were SEC champions during a hotel lobby meeting. The third game of the Arkansas series is scheduled for 1 p.m., CDT, Sunday at Baum Stadium

Arkansas improved to 21-29, 5-19 in the SEC with Gary Hogan, 4-4, credited with the win. Cliff Lee earned his second save by getting the final out in the ninth inning, leaving two Gamecock base runners stranded after three had scored. Peter Bauer, 9-1, suffered his first loss of the season.

With South Carolina leading 1-0 after one inning, Arkansas scored six unearned runs in the second when the Gamecocks – the top defensive team in the SEC – committed three errors. Coupled with a hit batter and three hits, Arkansas took a 6-1 lead.

South Carolina scored two runs in the third inning and one in the fourth to cut the deficit to 6-4. The Gamecocks scored three times in the seventh to take a short lived 7-6 lead. Arkansas answered with three in the bottom of the inning, the key blow being a two run home run by Greg Blum. The Razorbacks stretched the lead to 11-7 on doubles by Jack Welsh and Blum and a triple by Jeff Hoefler.

Two walks and base hits by Brandon Pack, Chris Plummer and Trey Dyson chased home three runs in the top of the ninth but Lee struck out Nate Janowicz to end the game and the South Carolina win streak which was one short of the SEC record 22 straight wins by South Carolina earlier in the season. South Carolina's 17 consecutive conference wins tied the SEC mark set by Tennessee in 1994.

Welsh had three of 12 hits by Arkansas, including two doubles and a triple. Hoefler, Blum and Kyle Washburn had two hits apiece. Blum had his sixth home run and a double, Hoefler had a triple, and one of Washburn's hits was a double.

Marcos Rios had a double for the only extra base hit among 11 hits by South Carolina. Trey Dyson, who replaced Rios in the designated hitter slot, had two hits and drove in two runs. Chris Plummer also had two hits for the Gamecocks and Tripp Kelly drove in three runs with a single and a fielder's choice,

SOUTH CAROLINA 102 100 303 – 10-11-3

ARKANSAS 060 000 32x – 11-12-1

Bauer, Barber (7), Poston (8) and Pack. Manatt, Hogan (4), Moriarty (9), Lee (9) and Blum. W: Hogan (4-4). L: Bauer (9-1). SV: Lee (2). 2B: USC, Rios; UA, Welsh 2, Blum, Washburn. 3B: UA, Welsh, Hoefler. HR: UA, Blum (6).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – South Carolina at Arkansas –5/7//00

Arkansas 9, South Carolina 3

Records: South Carolina 46-, 22-5 SEC; Arkansas 22-29, 6-19 SEC

Fayetteville, AR – Arkansas capitalized on 11 bases on balls by South Carolina pitchers and a strong outing by right-hander Matt Riethmaier Sunday to defeat the Number one ranked Southeastern Conference baseball champions 9-3 and win the three game series two games to one.

South Carolina, which clinched the SEC title Saturday night despite an 11-10 loss to Arkansas, dropped two games in a row for only the second time this season to fall to 46-6 overall and 22-5 in the conference. Arkansas improved to 22-29, 6-19.

Reithmaier pitched 7 2/3 innings and allowed seven hits and three runs, only one of them earned, to improve his record to 2-4. Brett Price, 3-1 lasted only one third of an inning for South Carolina and was the losing pitcher. He faced six batters, walking three of them, and gave up two hits. Price was charged with three runs.

After scoring three times in the first inning, Arkansas added five runs in the third to lead 8-1. Batting around for the second time in the game, the Razorbacks used two walks, a sacrifice fly and four hits, including a bases loaded triple by pinch hitter Wes McCrotty to register five runs in the inning.

A pair of Gamecock errors and a RBI single by Kyle Washburn added the final Arkansas run in the eighth inning.

South Carolina scored once in the second inning on a leadoff double by Trey Dyson and two infield ground balls. The Gamecocks scored two unearned runs in the eighth on three hits and an Arkansas error.

Arkansas collected nine hits, including a three for three day by Washburn who had eight hits in 12 at bats in the three game series. Scott Crossett and Greg Blum had two hits for the Razorbacks. Jeff Hoefler had a double.

South Carolina collected seven hits, two of them by Tripp Kelly. Kelly, Dyson and Nate Janowicz had doubles for the Gamecocks.

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ARKANSAS 300 500 01x – 9=9-1

Price, Collins (1), Wilson (4) and Pack, Whittaker (6). Riethmaier, Lee (8) and Blum. W: Riethmaier (2-4). L: Price (3-1). 2B: USC, Dyson, Kelly, Janowicz; UA, Hoefler. 3B: UA, McCrotty.



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No. 1 South Carolina Rallies To Defeat Duke 10-9

5/10/2000 -

DURHAM, N.C. -- Trey Dyson hit for the cycle and drove in six RBI as No. 1 South Carolina battled back from a 9-7 deficit with three runs in the ninth to defeat Duke 10-9 Wednesday at Jack Coombs Field. South Carolina improves to 47-6 overall while Duke drops to 15-37.

Down 9-7 in the top of the ninth, South Carolina stormed back with three runs to go up 10-9. Drew Meyer led off the inning with a single, Brandon Pack followed with a double and Dyson drove both runs in and tied the game with a triple to right field. Brennan Dee's single drove home Dyson as the Gamecocks went up 10-9. South Carolina reliever Peter Bauer retired the Blue Devils in the bottom of the ninth for the win.

Dyson finished 4-5 with six RBI, a three-run home run in the seventh. His hits came in the third inning (RBI single), fifth inning (double), seventh inning (three-run home run) and ninth inning (two RBI triple).

Duke battled back from a 4-0 deficit with three runs in the fourth inning. The Blue Devils got runs on J.D. Alleva's solo leadoff home run, a wild pitch and Troy Caradonna's RBI groundout. The Blue Devils rallied for six runs in the fifth to go up 9-4. Larry Broadway's double to left center field drove in three runs followed by back-to-back home runs from Wes Goodner (two RBI) and Troy Caradonna. On the day, Duke hit three home runs, its team season game-high.

South Carolina cut the margin to 9-7 with three runs in the seventh on Dyson's three-run home run.

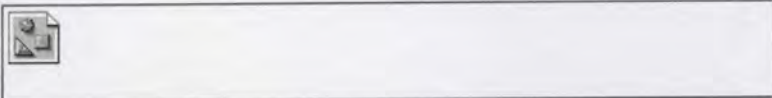
South Carolina's Peter Bauer (10-1) earned the victory after pitching the final 2.0 innings and allowing one hit. Duke reliever Steve Schroeder (3-7) picked up the loss after throwing one inning and allowing five hits and three runs.

Dyson's 4-5 game led the Blue Devils. Brandon Pack went 3-4 with three runs and two doubles, Tripp Kelly and Brennan Dees each collected two hits apiece. Duke was led by Broadway's 2-5, three-RBI performance. J.D. Alleva and Doug Bechtold each went 2-4 and Troy Caradonna and Wes Goodner each drove in two RBI.

Duke resumes its schedule on Thursday with a 7 p.m. game at Maryland. The Blue Devils will play at Maryland on Friday (7 p.m.) and Saturday before facing the Terrapins in the ACC Tournament on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Fort Mill, S.C.

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SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL - Tennessee at South Carolina -5/12/00

South Carolina 14, Tennessee 3

Records: South Carolina 48-6, 23-5 SEC; Tennessee 40-21, 10-16 SEC

COLUMBIA, SC - Trey Dyson drove in five runs Friday night with a single and a grand slam home run and Kip Bouknight notched his 15th consecutive win with eight strong innings as number one ranked South Carolina defeated Tennessee 14-3.

The second game of the three game series that winds up regular season play for both teams is scheduled for 4 p.m., Saturday at Sarge Frye Field. South Carolina improved its record to 48-6, tying the second most wins in Gamecock history. The 1974 team finished 48-8 and the 1975 Gamecocks were 51-6-1. Tennessee starter Wyatt Allen (4-3) was the losing pitcher.

South Carolina, with a 23-5 conference record, moved to within one of the record 24 SEC wins posted by the 1994 Tennessee team.

Bouknight, the NCAA leader in wins with a 15-0 record, scattered seven hits with five strikeouts and one walk. A home run by Jeff Baumtrog after the walk in the second inning gave Tennessee a 2-1 lead that lasted until the fifth inning when consecutive singles by Drew Meyer, Brennan Dees and Brandon Pack loaded the bases for Dyson who drove a 1-1 pitch over the right centerfield fence.

It was the sophomore's 11th home run of the season but his first career grand slam. He drove in South Carolina's first run with a second inning single. Dyson hit for the cycle with six RBI in a 10-9 non-conference win at Duke on Wednesday and has 11 runs batted in this week in two games.

The grand slam by Dyson put South Carolina up 5-2 and the Gamecocks added two runs in the sixth inning to lead 7-2. Tennessee cut it to 7-3 with one in the top of the seventh but South Carolina sent 11 batters to the plate and scored seven times in the bottom of the inning to break the game open at 14-3.

The Gamecocks used seven hits and two hit batters to score the seven runs in the seventh. Nate Janowicz had two doubles in the inning. Pack and Tripp Kelly each had a two RBI double in the inning.

Drew Meyer had a perfect night with four singles and two walks in a 17 hit Gamecock attack. Pack Had three hits and three RBI, and Marcus McBeth also had three hits, one of them a double.

Chris Burke and Jeff Christiansen had two hits for Tennessee. Both of Christensen's were doubles. The home run by Baumtrog was his third of the season.

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SOUTH CAROLINA 100 042 07X - 14-17-0

Allen, Bertolino (6), DeJong (8) and Massey. Bouknight, Poston (9) and Pack, Whittaker (9).
 W: Bouknight (15-0). L: Allen (4-3). 2B: UT, Christensen 2; USC, Janowicz 2, McBeth, Pack, Kelly.
 HR: UT, Baumtrog (3); USC, Dyson (11).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – Tennessee at South Carolina – 5/13/00

South Carolina 9, Tennessee 1

Records: South Carolina 49-6, 24-5 SEC; Tennessee 40-22, 10-17 SEC

COLUMBIA, SC – A two run first inning home run by Brennan Dees Sunday provided all the offense Peter Bauer would need as he scattered 10 hits over eight innings in a 9-1 win by number one ranked South Carolina over Tennessee that tied a Southeastern Conference record set by the Volunteers in 1994.

SEC champion South Carolina improved its overall record to 49-6 and its conference mark to 24-5, equaling the record 24 SEC games won by Tennessee in 1994. The Gamecocks will try to set a new mark Sunday when the two teams wind up the series and the regular season at 1:30 p.m.

The SEC tournament begins Wednesday in Birmingham, Ala., with South Carolina as the top seed. Saturday's loss eliminated Tennessee from competition for the eighth and final spot in the tournament.

All 10 hits off Bauer were singles as he improved his record to 11-1 with his second victory this week as he won Wednesday in relief at Duke. Tennessee added two more singles in the ninth inning off Jamie Poston but could not score. Tennessee starter Jamie Bennett, 10-4, was the losing pitcher.

South Carolina scored twice in the first inning on the homer by Dees, added two unearned runs in the second on two hits, a passed ball and an error, and moved ahead 5-0 with one in the third on a double by Brandon Pack, and a sacrifice fly by Tripp Kelly.

Tennessee loaded the bases with one out in the fourth inning on three consecutive singles but Bauer pitched out of that jam. Tennessee scored in the fifth on two hits, a wild pitch, and an RBI ground ball by Brandon Hopkins. South Carolina answered in the bottom of the inning with two runs on doubles by Pack and Kelly, and a single by Marcus McBeth who had three of South Carolina's 15 hits in the game.

A double by John McHenry, a triple by Nate Janowicz and a single by Drew Meyer completed the scoring with two Gamecock runs in the eighth inning.

Janowicz matched McBeth with three hits and Pack and Kelly each had two hits for the Gamecocks. Both of Pack's hits were doubles. Kelly, Trey Dyson and John McHenry also doubled for the Gamecocks.

Jeff Christensen and Kris Bennett had three of Tennessee's 12 hits, and John Massey had two.

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SOUTH CAROLINA 221 020 02x – 9-15-0

Bennett, Love (6) and Massey, Bibee (8). Bauer, Poston (9) and Pack, Whittaker (9). W: Bauer (11-1). L: Bennett (10-4). 2B: USC, Pack 2, Dyson, Kelly, McHenry. 3B: USC, Janowicz. HR: USC, Dees (9).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL – Tennessee at South Carolina – 5/14/00**South Carolina 11, Tennessee 7****Records: South Carolina 50-6, 25-5 SEC; Tennessee 40-23, 10-18 SEC**

COLUMBIA, SC – South Carolina took the lead with a pair of two run home runs in the fifth inning Sunday and snuffed out a ninth inning threat with a game ending double play as the number one ranked Gamecocks defeated Tennessee 11-7 to finish the regular season with a record 25 Southeastern Conference victories.

Two runs in the top of the fifth inning gave Tennessee a 5-4 lead but in the bottom of the inning Trey Dyson singled and Marcos Rios, getting a rare start on senior day, hit his first home run of the season. Marcus McBeth followed with a base hit and Chris Plummer hit his seventh home run to put South Carolina ahead 8-5. The Gamecocks added two in the sixth and one run in the eighth to take an 11-5 lead into the ninth inning.

Justin Parker led off the Tennessee ninth with his first homer, Jeff Baumtrog singled and Hal Bibee walked. Bibee was out on a fielder's choice with Baumtrog moving to third from where he scored on a slow ground ball by Kris Bennett that Plummer booted at third base. John Wesley relieved Jamie Poston and coaxed a ground ball that second baseman Bryon Jeffcoat handled, stepped on second and threw to first to end the game.

Scott Barber, 7-1, who relieved starter Chris Spigner after two innings, was the winning pitcher with John Wesley picking up his third save. Devon Nicholson, 2-1, took the loss.

South Carolina finished the regular season with a 50-6 overall record and the Gamecocks were 25-5 in the Southeastern Conference. The previous record for SEC wins in a season was 24 by Tennessee in 1994. Tennessee finished its season 40-23, 10-18 in the SEC.

South Carolina won 50 games for the second time ever. The 1975 Gamecocks, runners-up to Texas in the College World Series, finished 51-6-1.

The Vols did not qualify for the eight team SEC tournament that begins Wednesday in Birmingham, Ala. South Carolina, top seeded as the conference champion, will meet eighth seed Kentucky at 9 p.m., EDT, in Wednesday's final game. Kentucky edged into the tournament as the eighth seed by sweeping its season ending series at Vanderbilt while Mississippi lost two of three at home to Arkansas.

Tennessee took a 2-0 first inning lead when Spigner walked two batters, the Vols stole three bases and Justin Parker drove in two runs with a base hit. South Carolina tied it in the second but left the bases loaded. A double by Brandon Pack, a walk, the first of three hits by Rios, a sacrifice fly, a hit by Plummer and a squeeze bunt.

Tennessee scored once in the third inning and after South Carolina tallied two in the bottom of the inning, the Vols took the lead, 5-4, with two in the top of the fifth on back to back doubles by Jeff Baumtrog and John Massey and a single by Ryan Moffett.

Rios and Brandon Pack had three hits to lead a 14 hit South Carolina attack. Rios and Marcus McBeth had three RBI. McBeth and Plummer had two hits.

Tennessee had 13 hits, three by Chris Burke and Baumtrog, and two by Stevie Daniel and Parker, who drove in three runs.

TENNESSEE 201 020 002 -- 7-13-0

SOUTH CAROLINA 022 042 01x - 11-14-2

Nicholson, Tisdale (5) and Massey. Spigner, Barber (3), Poston (8), Wesley (9) and Pack, Whittaker (9). 2B: UT, Baumtrog 2, Massey; USC, Pack, Rios, McBeth, Dees. HR: UT, Parker (1); USC, Rios (1), Plummer (7).

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Gamecocks Drop Game One of SEC Tournament

By Greg Seitz - Special Correspondent
Posted May 17, 2000

BIRMINGHAM -- Aaron McGlone went 3-for-4 and scored two runs to lead Kentucky to a 6-4 upset win over top-ranked South Carolina in the opening round of the SEC Baseball Tournament here Wednesday Night.

It was the 13th straight loss for the Gamecocks in the SEC Tournament and the first time a No. 1 seed lost in the opening round since Auburn defeated Mississippi State in 1989.

"I thought Kentucky did a great job tonight," said USC head coach Ray Tanner. "We got a lot of hits early, but just didn't score any runs and you've got to give Kentucky credit."

South Carolina took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning after Drew Myer singled to the left side and later scored when Trey Dyson singled up the middle. The Gamecocks pounded out four hits in the first inning, but only scored one run.

Kentucky tied the score in the second inning after Aaron McGlone scored on a single by Seth Morris, but the Gamecocks battled back to retake the lead in the third inning.

Brennan Dees led off with a double to right center and scored two batters later when Dyson slapped his second single of the night to right field.

Kentucky battled back to take the lead after scoring three runs in the fourth inning. Aaron McGlone led off with a walk and moved the third after Vince Harrison doubled down the left field line. Robert Newton followed with a SAC fly to score McGlone and Harrison moved to third.

Harrison then scored on a wild pitch to give the Wildcats a 4-3 lead.

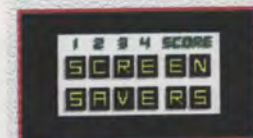
Breck Price then walked and Jeff Meade followed with a single to right field. Andy Green followed with a double to left center to push UK's lead to 5-2.

The Gamecocks' cut the lead to 5-3 in the bottom of the fourth after Chris Plummer led off with a double and later scored on

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a SAC fly by John McHenry.

Kentucky then pushed the to 5-3 in the top of the sixth inning after Breck Price scored on a SAC fly by Beau Moore. UK then built a 6-3 lead after Jeff Meade scored on Green's double in the eighth inning.

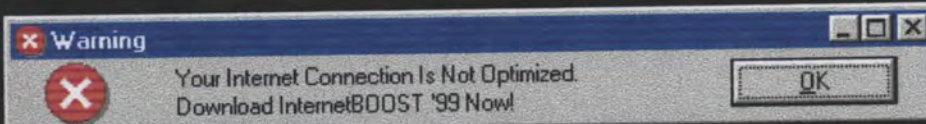
USC pulled to within 6-4 in the bottom of the inning when Brandon Pack scored on a SAC fly by Trey Dyson.

South Carolina will face Auburn, the No. 5 seed, at 2 p.m. EDT, Thursday.

"It's not the ideal game for us to be in," Tanner said referring to today's match-up with Auburn. "We'll get up early, eat breakfast and be ready to play in about 12 hours. Auburn has a very good baseball team and they are going to have their No. 1 guy ready to throw against us."

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SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT AT HOOVER, ALA. (5/18/00)

South Carolina 11, Auburn 4
Records: South Carolina 51-7; Auburn 40-18

HOOVER, AL – South Carolina used three runs batted in apiece by Brennan Dees and Trey Dyson and the wildness of Auburn pitchers Thursday to remain alive, 11-4, in the Southeastern Conference Baseball Tournament.

The number one ranked and top seeded Gamecocks, who fell into the loser's bracket late Wednesday night with a 6-4 upset loss to eighth seeded Kentucky will meet the loser of the Thursday night Florida-Kentucky game at 6 p.m., CDT Friday in third round action.

South Carolina tied its school record for most wins, set in 1975, by improving its overall record to 51-7. Auburn was eliminated from the tournament with a 40-18 record. South Carolina will host an NCAA regional tournament next weekend and Auburn is expected to receive an at large bid to the NCAA playoffs.

Peter Bauer pitched 7 2/3 innings to improve his record to 12-1. He gave up seven hits and four earned runs, struck out five and walked three. Scott Barber relieved with two outs and the bases loaded in the eighth inning with South Carolina leading 6-4 to earn his school record 13th save. The previous record was 12.

Chris Bootcheck, who gave up only four hits but walked five and hit two batters, suffered his first loss of the season to drop his record to 9-1. Colter Bean walked three and allowed four earned runs in an inning, and three other Auburn pitchers issued three walks and two wild pitches.

South Carolina took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning without a hit, on two walks, a hit batter and a sacrifice fly. A walk, a hit and another sacrifice fly made it 2-0 in the fifth inning. Auburn tied it in the sixth with two runs on three of the eight hits off Bauer.

The Gamecocks regained the lead with three runs in the seventh inning on two hits, a walk, a hit batter and yet another sacrifice fly. Auburn scored twice in the eighth and had the bases loaded with two outs when Barber relieved Bauer and retired Brett Burnham on a fly ball to right field. Barber gave up a ninth inning hit but coaxed a double play ball from Bobby Huddleston to earn his 13th save.

Chris Plummer hit his eighth home run of the season off Bean in the eighth inning for the only extra base hit of the game and South Carolina blew the game open with five runs in the top of the ninth inning on only two hits. Five walks, two wild pitches and a fourth sacrifice fly did the damage.

Dees had three hits and a sacrifice fly to account for his three RBI. Dyson had a sacrifice fly and a two run single. Dees was the only Gamecock with more than one hit as Auburn out hit South Carolina 8-7.

Jonathan Schuerhols was the only Auburn player with two hits.

SOUTH CAROLINA 100 010 315 – 11-7-1
AUBURN 000 002 020 -- 4-8-2

Bauer, Barber (8) and Pack. Bootcheck, Bean (8), Mayfield (9), Hudlow (9), Jones (9) and Huddleston. W: Bauer (12-1). L: Bootcheck (9-1). SV: Barber (13). HR: USC, Plummer (8).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT AT HOOVER, ALA. (5/19/00)**South Carolina 12, Kentucky 5****Records: South Carolina 52-7; Kentucky 39-21-1**

HOOVER, AL – Number one ranked South Carolina remained alive in the Southeastern Conference baseball tournament Friday night by striking for four runs in the first inning and seven in the fifth to eliminate Kentucky, 12-5, and set a school record for victories.

South Carolina improved its record to 52-7 with one more than the 51 wins posted by the 1975 Gamecocks. If they are to advance to Sunday's finals, South Carolina must defeat Florida twice on Saturday. The Gators had an off day Friday as did Louisiana State, the other undefeated team in the tournament. Alabama, which eliminated Georgia earlier Friday, will also have to win twice over LSU Saturday to advance to Sunday's championship game.

South Carolina lost to Kentucky, 6-4, Wednesday night and eliminated Auburn, 11-4, Thursday in a loser's bracket game.

Alabama and LSU will open Saturday's schedule at Hoover Metropolitan Stadium at 10 a.m., CDT, and will meet again, if necessary, at 5 p.m. South Carolina is scheduled to square off against Florida at 1:30 p.m., and if the Gamecocks win, they will meet the Gators again at 8:30 p.m. The tournament championship game is scheduled for 3 p.m., CDT, Sunday.

South Carolina's three top pitchers have been used extensively in the first three games of the tournament and Coach Ray Tanner will call on one of two sophomores Saturday. Left-hander Brett Price, 3-1 in 32 2/3 innings, or Steven Whetstone, 0-1 in just 14 innings, will get the call.

South Carolina opened the Thursday game with three hits by Nate Janowicz, Drew Meyer and Brennan Dees, Kentucky committed an error, and with two outs, Tripp Kelly hit his 19th home run of the season for a 4-0 lead. Meyer's hit was a double.

Kentucky scored once in the second inning and chased Gamecock starter Ernie Bascuas with two runs on three hits in the third to cut the deficit to 4-3. Scott Barber relieved Bascuas and pitched five innings to get the win and improve his record to 8-1. Barber was forced to leave the game with two out in the eighth inning when he was hit on the forearm by a drive off the bat of Kentucky shortstop Jeff Meade.

The injury was a contusion of the right forearm and Barber should be available when South Carolina begins play next Friday in the NCAA regional tournament at Sarge Frye Field in Columbia. Jamie Poston retired the final four Kentucky batters, three of them on ground balls, to end the game.

South Carolina broke the game open with seven runs in the fifth inning to lead 11-3. Kentucky tallied single runs in the sixth and seventh innings and South Carolina added one in the eighth.

The Gamecocks sent 12 batters to the plate in the fifth inning and used six hits, two walks and a hit batter to score seven times. Janowicz, Dees, Chris Plummer and Marcus McBeth had doubles in the inning with the hit by Plummer coming with the bases loaded to drive in three runs.

Janowicz had three hits, two of them doubles, and Meyer and Dees contributed two hits. Dees had two RBI.

Meade and Seth Morris had two hits for Kentucky with seven Wildcats contributing one hit apiece. Morris and John Wilson had doubles.

KENTUCKY 012 001 100 -- 5-11-1

SOUTH CAROLINA 400 070 01x - 12-11-0

Corrado, Blanton (5), Hooker (5) and Wilson. Bascuas, Barber (3), Poston (8) and Pack. W: Barber (8-1). L: Corrado (5-3). 2B: UK, Wilson, Morris; USC, Janowicz 2, Meyer, Dees, Plummer, McBeth. HR: USC, Kelly (19)

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT AT HOOVER, ALA. (5/20/00)**Florida 12, South Carolina 4****Records: South Carolina 52-8; Florida 41-20-1**

HOOVER, AL – Florida scored seven runs in the second inning Sunday on five hits, a walk and two South Carolina errors to eliminate the number one ranked Gamecocks, 12-4, and advance to the championship game of the Southeastern Conference Baseball Tournament.

The Gators will meet Louisiana State Sunday for the tournament championship. South Carolina, which won the official SEC championship, saw its record drop to 52-8. The Gamecocks will regroup to host an NCAA regional tournament beginning Friday in Columbia. LSU will also host a regional and Florida is virtually assured a bid if it doesn't defeat LSU to earn the SEC's automatic bid.

Eddie Rojas, 6-0, pitched the first five innings to get the win as Florida improved its record to 40-20-1. K. O. Wiegandt pitched three shutout innings to earn his first save. South Carolina starter Steven Whetstone, 0-2, took the loss. The game was halted in the bottom of the eighth inning due to the SEC tournament eight run rule.

South Carolina loaded the bases in the first inning but couldn't score but the Gamecocks took a 3-0 lead in the second on a three run home run by Drew Meyer, the ninth of the season for the freshman shortstop.

The lead was short lived as South Carolina, which had not committed more than three errors in any game this season, was charged with the first two of five Gamecock errors. The two errors, five singles and a walk produced seven runs and a four run lead for the Gators. South Carolina scored a run in the third inning but was scoreless after that as the Gamecocks left 12 base runners stranded.

Florida scored single runs in the fourth and sixth to lead 9-4 through seven innings. One hit, an error, three wild pitches, and two walks resulted in three eighth inning runs. Brian Haught walked with the bases loaded to force in the 12th Florida run and increase the lead to eight.

Meyer had three of South Carolina's 10 hits, with a double to go with his home run. Nate Janowicz had two hits, including a double. All of Florida's 11 hits were singles, two each by Mark Kiger and Tony Socarras. Matt Sigal, who officially was one for one, drove in five runs, three of them with sacrifice flies.

SOUTH CAROLINA 031 000 00 – 4-10-5**FLORIDA 070 101 03 – 12-11-2**

Whetstone, Price (5), Wesley (6), Wilson (8) and Pack, Whittaker (7). Rojas, Wiegandt (6) and Socarras. W: Rojas (6-0). L: Whetstone (0-2). SV: Wiegandt (1). 2B: USC, Janowicz, Meyer. HR: USC, Meyer (9).

2000 NCAA BASEBALL REGIONAL – May 26, 2000
South Carolina – 6, Liberty - 4
Records: South Carolina 53-8; Liberty 35-22

COLUMBIA, SC – Chris Plummer's two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning broke a 4-4 tie and lifted top-seeded South Carolina to a 6-4 win over fourth-seeded Liberty in first round NCAA Baseball Regional action before 5,509 at Sarge Frye Field.

South Carolina, which is the number one seed in the 64 team NCAA field and for the sixth consecutive week is ranked number one in the national poll conducted by *Baseball Weekly/USA Today*, improved its record to 53-8. Liberty, which returned to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years and the third time overall, fell to 35-22.

South Carolina advanced to the tournament's winners bracket and will face second-seed Wake Forest, an 8-3 winner over third-seed Seton Hall earlier in the day, at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Liberty will take on Seton Hall in an elimination game at 11:00 a.m.

The Gamecocks opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning. Nate Janowicz and Drew Meyer walked to lead off the inning. After Tripp Kelly struck out, Brandon Pack ripped a double to right field driving in Janowicz for a 1-0 South Carolina lead. Meyer scored on a two-out wild pitch for a 2-0 lead.

Liberty scored a pair of runs in the third inning to tie the game. Jay Sullenger was hit by a pitch leading off the inning, moved to second on an error and advanced to third when Joey Monahan's bunt was misplayed by Gamecock pitcher Kip Bouknight for an error putting runners at first and third with no outs. Sullenger scored when Larry York grounded out, and Monahan scored on a single to right by Keith Butler tying the game at 2-2.

Graham Sikes reached on an error to start the Liberty fifth inning, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on Monahan's single to right center for a 3-2 Liberty advantage. Liberty increased its lead to 4-2 in the sixth inning when Butler was hit by a pitch leading off the inning and eventually scored on Kelly Knouse's single to right.

Plummer led off the Gamecock sixth inning with a walk, moved to second when Marcus McBeth grounded out to second, and advanced to third on John McHenry's single to right. On the play, McHenry moved to second on the throw to the plate. The Gamecocks cut the margin to 4-3 when Janowicz struck out but reached on the wild pitch with Plummer scoring and McHenry moving to third. McHenry scored to tie the game at 4-4 when Meyer reached on an infield hit.

Trey Dyson led off the Gamecock seventh inning with a double to right center. After Shane Nelson struck out, Plummer belted his ninth home run of the season, a towering blast to center field, for a 6-4 lead and South Carolina's 19th come-from-behind victory of the season.

Bouknight (16-1), who earlier in the day was named the National Player of the Year by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine, was the starter and winner for South Carolina allowing four runs, two earned, on six hits over seven innings. He walked none, struck out six and tied the school record for most hit batters in a game with four. Scott Barber, who extended his school single-season record for saves, pitched the final two innings allowing a hit with three strikeouts to earn his 14th save of the season.

Bouknight moved to within one win of the school's single-season record set by Earl Bass who posted a 17-1 record in 1975. He equalled Mike Cook's (16-2) victory total of 1985.

Dan Valentin (9-2) was the starter and loser for Liberty surrendering six runs on six hits over 6 2/3 innings of work. He walked eight and struck out 14.

LIBERTY 002 011 000 - 4 - 7 - 2

SOUTH CAROLINA 200 002 20x - 6 - 7 - 4

Valentin, Suitt (7) and Sikes. Bouknight, Barber (8) and Pack. W: Bouknight (16-1). L: Valentin (9-2). Save: Barber (14). 2B: LU, Baker; SC, Pack, Dyson, McHenry. HR: SC, Plummer (9).

2000 NCAA BASEBALL – March 27, 2000
(#1) South Carolina - 6, (#2) Wake Forest - 1
Records: South Carolina 54-8, Wake Forest 40-19-1

COLUMBIA, SC – Tripp Kelly belted a three-run homer and Drew Meyer and Brennan Dees added solo shots as South Carolina defeated Wake Forest, 6-1, in second round NCAA Baseball Regional action before 5,119 at Sarge Frye Field.

The Gamecocks, ranked number one by *Baseball Weekly/USA Today* and the NCAA tournament's top seed, improved its record to 54-8. Wake Forest fell to 40-19-1.

South Carolina advances to Sunday's championship game at 1:00 p.m. Wake Forest takes on fourth-seeded Liberty at 7:00 p.m. tonight in an elimination game. The winner will have to beat South Carolina twice on Sunday to advance to next weekend's NCAA Super Regional.

Peter Bauer (13-1) earned the win allowing a run on seven hits en route to his second complete game of the spring. He walked none and struck out seven, including the final three hitters of the game. Eric Schmitt (6-1) suffered his first loss of the season allowing five runs, two earned, on six hits over six innings. He walked none and struck out four.

Meyer, the Gamecocks' freshman All-America shortstop, belted a solo homer to left center, his 10th of the season, in the bottom of the first inning to give South Carolina an early 1-0 lead.

Wake Forest tied the game in the sixth inning when with one out, Jason Aquilante singled to center, moved to second on a ground out by Chase Voshell and scored when Danny Borrell doubled to right center.

South Carolina scored four times with two outs in the bottom of the frame to take the lead for good. Brennan Dees, who missed South Carolina's opening round win over Liberty with a sprained ankle, hit his 10th home run of the season giving the Gamecocks a 2-1 lead.

Brandon Pack and Trey Dyson reached on errors to prolong the inning, and Kelly celebrated his 21st birthday by blasting a three-run home run to left, his 20th of the season, for a 5-1 South Carolina advantage. Kelly becomes just the third player in South Carolina history to tally 20 homers in a season. Joe Datin had 23 homers in 1988 while Derick Urquhart had 20 in 1998.

The Gamecocks added an insurance run in the seventh inning. John McHenry reached on a one out infield hit, stole second, and raced to third when Wake Forest catcher Dan Conway's throw to second base skipped into center field. McHenry scored on Nate Janowicz's sacrifice fly to center for a 6-1 lead.

WAKE FOREST 000 001 000 – 1 - 7 - 3

SOUTH CAROLINA 100 004 10x – 6 - 8 - 1

Schmitt, Braun (7) and Conway. Bauer and Pack. W: Bauer (13-1). L: Schmitt (6-1). HR: SC, Meyer (10), Dees (10), Kelly (20). 2B: WF, Borrell 2; SC, Pack.

2000 NCAA BASEBALL REGIONAL – May 28, 2000

(#1) South Carolina - 8, (#2) Wake Forest - 4

Records: South Carolina 55-8, Wake Forest 41-20-1

COLUMBIA, SC – Marcus McBeth, Brandon Pack and Marcos Rios blasted homers, and Scott Barber pitched his second complete game of the season as top-seeded South Carolina claimed its first NCAA Baseball Regional championship since 1985 with an 8-4 victory over second-seeded Wake Forest before 5,012 at Sarge Frye Field.

South Carolina, the nation's number one ranked team by *Baseball Weekly/USA Today* and the NCAA tournament's top seed, improved its record to 55-8. Wake Forest ends its season with a 41-20-1 mark.

South Carolina advances to the NCAA Super Regional. The Gamecocks will play either Louisiana-Lafayette or East Carolina in next weekend's best-of-three series at a site to be announced on Monday.

Barber (9-1) allowed three runs, including a pair of home runs, to the first five Wake Forest hitters of the game, but settled down to earn his sixth consecutive victory. Overall, he allowed four runs, three earned, on seven hits with two walks and 10 strikeouts. He surrendered only four hits and an unearned run over the final eight innings.

Danny Borrell (6-3) was the starter and loser for Wake Forest allowing six runs, three earned, on seven hits over six innings of work. He walked three and struck out one.

Cory Sullivan belted a leadoff homer in the bottom of the first, his ninth of the season, staking the Deamon Deacons to a 1-0 lead.

Wake Forest stretched its lead to 3-0 in the bottom of the second when Corey Slavik opened the frame with a single to right and Ryan Johnson followed with an opposite field two-run blast to left center, his third of the season.

South Carolina answered in the top of the third inning. Marcus McBeth belted the first pitch of the inning for a home run to left field, his ninth of the season. The Gamecocks added another run in the inning when Brennan Dees drove in John McHenry with a grounder cutting the margin to 3-2.

South Carolina took the lead for good in the top of the fifth inning. Pack's two-out single to left scored Nate Janowicz to tie the game, and Rios blooped a two-run single down the right field line scoring Drew Meyer and Pack for a 5-3 South Carolina advantage. Rios finished the game with three hits and three runs batted in, while Pack added two hits and three RBI.

Wake Forest plated an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth when Dan Conway singled home Chase Voshell to make it a 5-4 game. Conway and Johnson had two hits each for Wake Forest.

The Gamecocks put the game away in the top of the seventh inning. Drew Meyer opened the inning by reaching on a bunt single and, one out later, Pack belted his 16th home run of the season to left field giving USC a 7-4 lead. Rios followed with a solo shot to left center, his second of the season, increasing the USC lead to 8-4.

SOUTH CAROLINA 002 030 300 – 8 - 11 - 2

WAKE FOREST 120 001 000 – 4 - 7 - 3

Barber and Pack. Borrell, Braun (7), Bush (7) and Conway. W: Barber (9-1). L: Borrell (6-3). HR: SC, McBeth (9), Pack (16), Rios (2); WF, C. Sullivan (9), Johnson (3). 2B: WF: Conway.

All-Tournament Team

Catcher: Brandon Pack (South Carolina); **First Baseman:** Jamie Athas (Wake Forest); **Second Baseman:** John McHenry (South Carolina); **Third Baseman:** Chris Plummer (South Carolina); **Shortstop:** Drew Meyer (South Carolina); **Outfielders:** Cory Sullivan (Wake Forest), Trey Miller (Liberty), Keith Butler (Liberty); **Designated Hitter:** Danny Borrell (Wake Forest); **Pitchers:** Peter Bauer (South Carolina), Brian Adams (Liberty). **Most Valuable Player:** Peter Bauer (South Carolina)

NCAA SUPER REGIONAL BASEBALL – Louisiana-Lafayette at South Carolina – 6/2/2000
South Carolina 6, Louisiana-Lafayette 3

COLUMBIA, SC – Drew Meyer broke up a scoreless pitching duel with a seventh inning grand slam home run Friday night, Tripp Kelly followed with a two run shot for a six run inning and top seeded South Carolina held on for a 6-3 win over Louisiana-Lafayette in the NCAA Super Regional before an overflow crowd of 6,090.

All-America junior right-hander Kip Bouknight retired the first 20 batters he faced and had a three hitter through eight innings before giving way to reliever Scott Barber for the final two outs. Bouknight, named to the Sporting News All America team earlier in the day, improved his NCAA leading record to 17-1 while Barber extended a school record with his 15th save of the season.

Justin Gabriel, 9-3, matched Bouknight in shutout innings through six before being knocked out in the seventh inning. The second game of the best of three series is scheduled for 7 p.m., Saturday at Sarge Frye Field with a third game, if necessary, at 1:30 p.m., Sunday. The Super Regional winner advances to the College World Series next week in Omaha, Neb.

Marcus McBeth drew a walk to lead off the bottom of the seventh and John McHenry, attempting to sacrifice, deadened a bunt in front of the plate and beat catcher Danny Masiatte's throw to first for an infield hit. Nate Janowicz singled to center field, McBeth stopping at third to load the bases with no outs.

Meyer, South Carolina's freshman All-America shortstop, hit the first pitch from Gabriel over the right centerfield fence to drive in four runs. It was his 11th homer of the season and his first grand slam. Gabriel retired two of the next three Gamecocks but walked Brandon Pack and Kelly hit a towering drive over the left field fence for his 21st home run of the season.

ULL got a run back in the top of the eighth inning when Will Hawkins doubled with one out for the second hit off Bouknight. Tommy Clark followed with an RBI single to make the score 6-1.

Bouknight, who struck out eight, issued his only walk of the game to pinch hitter Chase Bundy leading off the ninth inning. Rick Haydel singled and with one out, Ryan Gill singled, scoring Bundy. Haydel scored when the ball went through left fielder Janowicz for an error.

Barber replaced Bouknight and retired Nathan Nelson on a foul pop to first base and then struck out Masiatte to end the game.

South Carolina improved its record to 56-8, extending its school record for wins and moving to within one of the Southeastern Conference record of 57 wins set by 1997 College World Series Champion Louisiana State. Louisiana-Lafayette saw its record drop to 45-18.

South Carolina collected eight hits off Gabriel, four of them coupled with two walks in the seventh inning. The only Gamecock with two hits was Janowicz who had a fifth inning double to go with his single in the big inning.

Louisiana-Lafayette had five hits off Bouknight, by five different players. The double by Hawkins was the only extra base hit by the Rajin' Cajuns.

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE 000 000 012 – 3-5-1

SOUTH CAROLINA 000 000 60x – 6-8-1

Gabriel, O'Brien (7) and Masiatte. Bouknight, Barber (9) and Pack. W: Bouknight (17-1). L: Gabriel (9-3). SV: Barber (15). 2B: ULL, Hawkins, USC, Janowicz. HR: USC, Meyer (11), Kelly (21).

NCAA SUPER REGIONAL BASEBALL – Louisiana-Lafayette at South Carolina – 6/3/00
 Louisiana-Lafayette 7, South Carolina 1

COLUMBIA, SC – Freshman left-hander Andy Gros gave up hits to the first three batters he faced Saturday night, then retired 16 in a row and allowed only one more hit as Louisiana-Lafayette upset number one seed South Carolina to force a third game in the NCAA Super Regional before an overflow crowd of 6,298.

The deciding game is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Sunday at Sarge Frye field with the winner advancing to the College World Series which begins Friday in Omaha, Neb. Lafayette improved its record to 46-18 while South Carolina dropped to 56-9.

Gros struck out a career high 10 batters and walked none in pitching his first complete game to raise his record to 5-2. Peter Bauer, 13-2, lasted only four innings to take the loss. He gave up eight hits and all seven Lafayette runs, the final three of which were unearned.

Nate Janowicz hit the first pitch by Gros into right field for a single and Drew Meyer bunted safely. Brennan Dees doubled to left field, scoring Janowicz. South Carolina had runners at second and third with no outs. Gros struck out Brandon Pack, got Marcos Rios on a pop up and Tripp Kelly on a ground ball to escape with only a 1-0 deficit.

Lafayette quickly took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the first inning. With one out, Ryan Gill walked on four pitches and scored on a triple down the right field line by Nathan Nelson. Nelson scored on a base hit by Danny Massiatte.

The Rajin' Cajuns scored twice in the third inning to lead 4-1. Gill again walked on four pitches, stole second and moved to third when Pack's throw sailed into center field for an error. Gill scored on an infield out and Will Hawkins followed with a solo home run, his ninth of the season.

Lafayette added three unearned runs in the fourth to complete the scoring. Jarvis Larry singled but was out attempting to advance on a pitch in the dirt. Jess Poche walked, Rick Haydel was safe when Bauer booted his grounder to the mound and Steven Feehan bunted safely to load the bases. After Gill struck out, Nelson drove in a run with a two out single and Massiatte plated two more with a base hit.

After Gros retired 16 consecutive Gamecocks, Meyer reached on an error with one out in the sixth inning. Dees singled and both runners advanced a base, to second and third, when Lafayette center fielder Feehan bobbled the ball. Gros then struck out Pack for the third time, hit Rios with a pitch to load the bases, but struck out Tripp Kelly to end the threat.

Gros retired nine consecutive batters over the final three innings.

Nelson and Massiatte had two hits apiece for Lafayette and Massiatte drove in four runs. Dees shad two of South Carolina's four hits.

SOUTH CAROLINA 100 000 000 – 1- 4-2

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE 202 300 00x – 7-10-2

Bauer, Poston (5), Wilson (9) and Pack, Whittaker (9). Gros and Massiatte. W: Gros (5-2). L: Bauer (13-2). 2B: USC, Dees; ULL, Haydel. 3B: ULL, Nelson. HR: ULL, Hawkins (9).h

NCAA SUPER REGIONAL BASEBALL – Louisiana-Lafayette at South Carolina – 6/4/00

Louisiana-Lafayette 3, South Carolina 2 (ULL advances to College World Series)

COLUMBIA, SC – Rick Haydel doubled down the left field line with two outs in the seventh inning Sunday to drive in two runs and Louisiana-Lafayette upset number one seed South Carolina 3-2 in the NCAA Super Regional to advance to the College World Series.

South Carolina saw its dream season end with two consecutive losses to the Rajin' Cajuns after the Gamecocks won the first game of the series Friday night, 6-3. Lafayette evened the series with a 7-1 Saturday win and ULL will take a 47-18 record to Omaha. South Carolina ended its season with the most Division I wins in the nation at 56-10.

Scott Dohman, 12-5, allowed four hits and both South Carolina runs over seven innings to claim the win. Gordon O'Brien picked up his third save. Scott Barber, 9-2, pitched a complete game for South Carolina, allowing eight hits, to take the loss.

Dohman and Barber matched shutout pitching until Lafayette scored in the sixth inning to take a 1-0 lead. Jess Poche led off the inning with a single and pinch runner Chase Bundy moved to second on a sacrifice. Bundy scored on a base hit by Steven Feehan.

In the top of the of the seventh, South Carolina designated hitter Trey Dyson fouled off eight two strike pitched before drawing a walk on Dohman's 14th pitch of the at bat. Pinch runner Steve Thomas scored ahead of Tripp Kelly's 22nd home run of the season to give South Carolina its first lead at 2-1.

The Gamecock lead was short lived, however, as Will Hawkins singled to lead off the bottom of the seventh. Pinch runner Bret Bailey moved to second and Tommy Clark was safe at first when he beat out an attempted sacrifice bunt. The runners moved to second and third on a sacrifice and Scott Atwood popped up for the second out. Haydel, the ninth batter for Lafayette, lined Barber's first pitch into left field to drive in the tying and go ahead runs.

South Carolina threatened in both the eighth and ninth innings. Nate Janowicz singled to lead off the eighth and moved to second on a sacrifice. "Brennan Dees was safe on an error but Brandon Pack and pinch hitter Marcos Rios flied out to end the threat.

In the Gamecock ninth, Kelly doubled down the left field line to lead off the inning. O'Brien then retired three consecutive pinch hitters to end the game. Bryon Jeffcoat popped up to the mound, Shane Nelson struck out, and Bo Mobley grounded out to first base.

Nathan Nelson and Will Hawkins each had two of Lafayette's eight hits but neither figured in the scoring. Kelly and Nate Janowicz each had two of six hits by South Carolina.

SOUTH CAROLINA 000 000 200 – 2-6-0

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE 000 001 20x – 3-8-2

Barber and Pack. Dohmann, Babin (8), O'Brien (8) and Massiatte. W: Dohmann (12-5). L: Barber (9-2). SV: O'Brien (3). 2B: USC, Kelly; ULLO, Haydel. HR: USC, Kelly (22).