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#### South Carolina 87 Western Carolina 62

Nov. 18, 2005 Cullowhee, NC

Ramsey Center (2,984)

Dwayne Day scored 18 points and the Gamecocks went on an 18-4 second-half run to give South Carolina an 87-62 win over Western Carolina.

Tre Kelley' scored nine of his 15 points during the run for South Carolina (1-0). Tarence Kinsey added 14 points, Antoine Tisby had 12 and Renaldo Balkman scored 11.

Antonio Russell led all scorers with 19 for the Catamounts (1-3), while David Berghoefer was the only other Western Carolina player in double figures with 12.

The Catamounts scored first, on a jumper by Corey Muirhead. But South Carolina answered with a three-pointer by Kinsey and never relinquished the lead.

Western Carolina drew as close as one point with 2:15 left before halftime, as Antoinio Russell and Kyle Greathouse hit back-to-back 3-pointers for the Cats. But Renaldo Balkman and Kinsey hit three free throws to put South Carolina ahead 34-29 at the half.

The Gamecocks opened up in the second half, shooting 66.7 percent on field goals and leading by as much as 29 points with 5:20 remaining.

South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Wallace f	2-7	0-1	0-2	3	4	4	2	2	1	2	22
Balkman f	5-7	0-0	1-3	6	1	11	4	0	1	0	24
Kelley g	4-6	3-3	4-5	3	2	15	2	0	0	2	21
Trice g	0-1	0-0	5-8	5	1	5	1	0	0	- 1	28
Kinsey g	5-8	1-2	3-3	2	1	14	2	2	0	1	23
McDowell	1-2	0-1	0-1	2	2	2	0	3	0	0	19
Sheldon	1-3	1-3	0-0	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	10
Tisby	5-7	0-0	2-3	3	4	12	1	0	1	1	25
Palacios	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	2	3	1	1	0	1	9
Day	7-9	4-6	0-0	2	3	18	1	0	0	1	19
Team				2							
Totals	31-51	9-16	16-27	30	22	87	16	8	3	9	200

 TOTAL FG%
 1st Half: 11-21 52.4%
 2nd Half: 20-30 66.7%
 Game: 60.8%

 3-Pt. FG%
 1st Half: 15-20.0%
 2nd Half: 8-11 72.7%
 Game: 56.3%

 FThrow %
 1st Half: 11-18 61.1%
 2nd Half: 5-9 55.6%
 Game: 59.3%

 DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 5
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 Game: 59.3%

Western Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
MUIRHEAD f	2-6	1-2	0-2	2	2	5	2	6	0	0	31
OUTING f	0-2	0-2	1-2	2	3	1	0	2	0	0	14
BERGHOEFER c	4-8	0-0	4-6	5	3	12	3	1	0	0	30
RUSSELL g	6-9	3-4	4-4	5	4	19	1	4	0	0	37
GREATHOUSE g	2-4	2-4	0-0	0	4	6	2	0	0	0	35
BOUIE	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
McKENNA	2-2	0-0	2-2	3	2	6	1	2	0	1	13
WILSON	1-4	1-3	0-0	3	1	3	1	1	0	0	25
JOHNSON	2-7	1-3	3-6	1	3	8	1	0	0	0	14
TEAM				2							
Totale	20.42	0 10	14 22	24	22	62	11	16	Λ	- 1	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-22 50.0% 2nd Half: 9-21 42.9% Game: 46.5% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-7 71.4% 2nd Half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 44.4% FThrow % 1st Half: 2-6 33.3% 2nd Half: 12-16 75.0% Game: 63.6% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 3

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
South Carolina	34	53	87
Western Carolina	29	33	62

Officials: Mike Stuart, Antonio Petty, Chuck Jones Technical fouls: South Carolina-None. Western Carolina-None. Attendance: 2984 GAME

#### South Carolina 85 Toledo 73

Nov. 20, 2005 Columbia, SC

Colonial Center (4,317)

South Carolina improved to 2-0 on the season with a home opener 85-73 victory over Toledo, 0-1. The Gamecocks were led by senior forward Tarence Kinsey who had a career high 24 points.

In the first half, South Carolina shot 65.4% from the floor to take a 50-29 lead into the locker room. Carolina recorded 24 of their 50 first half points from behind the arc.

Antoine Tisby put the Gamecocks up 59-40 in the second half but Carolina went cold as it went nearly nine minutes without scoring a bucket. During that period, the Rockets went on a 14-0 run to cut the Carolina lead to five with 7:12 remaining in the game.

The Gamecocks and Rockets would then go on exchanging buckets over the next two and half minutes before Toledo's Sammy Villegas hit a three to cut the Carolina lead to four with 4:19 remaining. The four point margin would be the closest the Rockets would get as Carolina went on an eight to three run to extend its lead to nine with a minute remaining. Kinsey sealed the deal for USC as he hit six free throws in the final minute to preserve the Carolina victory.

Renaldo Balkman scored 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds while Tre' Kelley finished with 15 points and five assists.

Toledo		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	STI	MIN
Young	f	0-2	0-0	7-8	5	5	7	0	0	1	0	23
Valencia	f	8-11	0-0	1-1	7	2	17	0	4	0	2	27
Payne	g	2-7	0-2	4-4	1	3	8	6	2	0	2	33
Ingram	g	3-8	1-6	4-5	5	4	11	2	2	0	2	30
Howell	g	5-12	4-8	0-0	3	3	14	1	2	0	0	23
Charalaml	oous	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	10
Amos		0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	9
Pinson		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Villegas		5-11	5-9	0-0	2	4	15	1	2	0	0	26
Kent		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Johnson		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5
TEAM					6							
Totals		23-59	10-29	17-20	29	24	73	12	15	2	8	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 12-29 41.4%	2nd Half: 11-30 36.7%	Game: 39.0%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-11 27.3%	2nd Half: 7-18 38.9%	Game: 34.5%
FThrow % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0%	2nd Half: 15-16 93.8%	Game: 85.0%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1		

South Carolina	FG-A	JG-A	r I-A	KB	PF	PIS	AS	10	BS	31	VIIIN	
Kinsey f	6-7	3-4	9-9	2	3	24	3	4	0	2	26	
Wallace f	2-6	0-2	2-2	6	2	6	3	3	0	1	26	
Balkman f	4-6	0-0	3-4	8	4	11	4	1	1	1	27	
Kelley g	4-9	2-5	5-5	4	3	15	5	3	0	2	32	
Trice g	4-9	1-1	0-0	3	1	9	2	1	1	1	29	
McDowell	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	8	
Sheldon	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	
Tisby	4-6	0-0	1-3	5	3	9	1	3	0	0	22	
Palacios	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	
Day	3-7	2-4	0-0	3	0	8	0	1	0	1	19	
TEAM				4				1				
Totals	28-53	9-17	20-23	36	16	85	19	19	2	8	200	

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 17-26 65.4%	2nd Half: 11-27 40.7%	Game: 52.8%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 8-12 66.7%	2nd Half: 1-5 20.0%	Game: 52.9%
FThrow % 1st Half: 8-8 100%	2nd Half: 12-15 80.0%	Game: 87.0%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1		

Score by Periods1st2ndTotalToledo294473South Carolina503585

Officials: Tom Lopes, Mike Nance, Ron Groover Technical fouls: Toledo-None. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 4317 3

Great Alaska Shootout South Carolina 65 Alaska Anchorage 60

Nov. 24, 2005 Anchorage, AK Sullivan Arena (6,848)

Renaldo Balkman scored 14 points and had 12 rebounds as South Carolina defeated Alaska-Anchorage 65-60 in the Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout.

The Gamecocks (3-0) managed to hold off the pesky Division II Seawolves (4-2) with Balkman's aggressive inside play on both sides of the court.

Besides leading the Gamecocks in scoring along with guard Tarence Kinsey, the 6-foot-8 Balkman dominated on defense with four blocks and three steals.

The Seawolves hung on through most of the game through the play of Kemmy Burgess. The Alaska-Anchorage guard scored 28 points, nine of them in the final minute.

But Rocky Trice dashed any hopes of a last-minute comeback with a breakaway dunk moments after Burgess turned around six points with a three-point play followed by a 3-point shot.

The Gamecocks led 31-21 at halftime, making up for often cold shooting with strong defense. They finished with 15 blocks, eight steals and forced 15 turnovers.

South Carolina never trailed, leading by as much as 14 points in the second half.

South Car	rolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Wallace	f	3-10	0-0	1-2	4	1	7	1	0	7	0	29
Balkman	f	6-9	0-2	2-5	12	4	14	1	1	4	3	34
Kelley	g	2-4	0-2	4-5	1	1	8	6	6	0	4	35
Trice	g	2-9	0-1	0-0	3	2	4	3	1	0	1	29
Kinsey	g	5-13	1-3	3-6	4	3	14	2	1	3	0	33
McDowell	1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	3
Sheldon		3-5	0-1	0-0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	12
Tisby		2-5	0-0	1-2	1	1	5	1	1	1	0	14
Palacios		0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Day		1-4	0-1	0-0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
Konate		1-1	0-0	0-0	4	1	2	0	2	0	0	3
TEAM					5							
Totals		26-61	2-11	11-20	40	14	65	16	12	15	8	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 13-32 40.6%	2nd Half: 13-29 44.8%	Game: 42.6%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-6 33.3%	2nd Half: 0-5 0.0%	Game: 18.2%
F Throw % 1st Half: 3-7 42.9%	2nd Half: 8-13 61.5%	Game: 55.0%
DEADDALL DEDOLINDS, 2-2		

Alaska-Anchorage	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Hills f	2-8	0-0	0-0	8	1	4	0	1	1	0	33
Arts f	0-3	0-0	0-0	5	4	0	1	3	1	0	20
Burgess g	10-26	6-13	2-2	7	1	28	1	2	0	0	38
Lawrence g	1-2	1-1	0-0	3	1	3	2	2	0	1	12
Fitt-Chappell g	1-4	0-1	0-0	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	13
Cooper	2-4	1-1	0-0	1	0	5	6	0	0	2	28
McNutt	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Drape	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hartman	3-10	3-7	0-0	5	0	9	3	5	1	1	27
Davis	4-6	0-0	1-4	2	4	9	1	0	1	0	23
TEAM				7				1			
Totals	23-64	11-24	3-6	40	13	60	16	15	4	4	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 8-34 23.5%	2nd Half: 15-30 50.0%	Game: 35.9%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-14 28.6%	2nd Half: 7-10 70.0%	Game: 45.8%
F Throw % 1st Half: 1-3 33.3% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2	2nd Half: 2-3 66.7%	Game: 50.0%

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
South Carolina	31	34	65
Alaska Anchorage	21	39	60

Officials: Bruce Corson, Terry Christman, Ronnie Hernandez Technical fouls: South Carolina-None. Alaska Anchorage-TEAM. Attendance: 6848 Carrs/Safeway Player of the Game: Renaldo Balkman (USC)

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Great Alaska Shootout South Carolina 62 Monmouth 56 Nov. 25, 2005 Anchorage, AK

Anchorage, AK Sullivan Arena (7,259)

Tarence Kinsey scored 22 points to lead South Carolina back from a 17-point deficit and beat Monmouth 62-56 Friday in the semifinals of the Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout.

Monmouth was without top scorer Tyler Azzarelli, who sat out with an injury. That didn't seem to slow the Hawks, who led 42-25 with 16:00 remaining on their strong outside shooting.

Then the Gamecocks came back, going on an 18-2 run that featured three 3-pointers by Kinsey that cut the Hawks' lead to 44-43 with 10:24 to play.

Carolina took its first lead of the second half six minutes later on a Kinsey dunk that was fed by Tre' Kelley, making the score 52-50.

Monmouth briefly regained the lead with an off-balance 3-point shot by Dejan Delic, but Brandon Wallace put the Gamecocks up for good with a tip-in to make it 54-53 with 3:33 to play.

Wallace's defense helped cement the win when he blocked a Corey Hallett 3-point attempt and then pulled in a key rebound with 39 seconds left.

Wallace finished with 10 points and a gamehigh 14 rebounds. Renaldo Balkman added 14 for the Gamecocks.

The Hawks took a 33-20 lead into the half, driven by five 3-point shots made by five different players, and Delic's perfect 6-for-6 shooting from the free throw line.

The Gamecocks started slow, their first half plagued by 10 turnovers and 0-for-7 shooting on 3-pointers. Kinsey, the game's high scorer, had just four in the first half.

South Car	olina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Kinsey	f	7-14	3-6	5-5	6	2	22	0	1	0	0	35
Wallace	f	5-10	0-0	0-0	14	3	10	5	0	1	2	25
Balkman	f	6-9	0-1	2-2	6	3	14	1	6	2	1	26
Kelley	g	2-7	1-5	2-2	5	2	7	3	6	0	0	35
Trice	g	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	21
McDowell		0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Sheldon		1-5	0-2	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	23
Tisby		1-3	0-0	3-4	1	2	5	1	1	0	1	22
Day		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Konate		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
TEAM									1			
Totals		23-51	4-16	12-13	35	12	62	13	17	4	5	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 9-24 37.5%

3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 0-7 0.0%

2nd Half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 25.%

F Throw % 1st Half: 2-2 100%

2nd Half: 10-11 90.9% Game: 92.3%

DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1

Monmoutl	'n	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN	
Hallett	f	3-10	0-1	0-0	8	3	6	2	2	0	1	29	
Delic	g	4-12	3-8	6-6	4	1	17	1	1	0	0	34	
Coleman	g	4-9	2-3	0-0	0	1	10	2	2	0	1	32	
Alston	g	1-6	1-4	2-4	2	5	5	3	2	0	0	26	
Kenny	g	4-8	1-4	0-0	2	2	9	2	4	0	3	32	
Nunner		2-3	1-2	0-0	1	0	5	2	1	0	0	11	
Shipman		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	12	
Wilson		2-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	4	1	1	0	0	24	
TEAM					4				1				
Totale		20.51	0 22	0 10	24	12	56	15	15	Λ	-	200	

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-24 45.8% 2nd Half: 9-27 33.3% Game: 39.2% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-10 50.0% 2nd Half: 3-12 25.0% Game: 36.4% FThrow % 1st Half: 6-6 100% 2nd Half: 2-4 50.0% Game: 80.0% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1.

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
South Carolina	20	42	62
Monmouth	33	23	56

Officials: Eric Curry, Robert Holloway, Gabby Lujan Technical fouls: South Carolina-None. Monmouth-None. Attendance: 7259
Carrs/Safeway Player of the Game: Brandon Wallace (USC)

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Great Alaska Shootout Marquette 92 South Carolina 89 OT Nov. 26, 2005 Anchorage, AK

Sullivan Arena (7,496)

Ryan Amoroso completed a 3-point play and hit a pair of free throws with time winding down as Marquette defeated Carolina 92-89 in OT in the Great Alaska Shootout title game.

The Gamecocks had one last chance with 4.1 seconds left but Tre' Kelley missed a long 3-point shot as time expired.

A 3-pointer by Marquette's Dominic James with 58 seconds to play in regulation gave Marquette (4-1) an 80-76 lead.

But Tarence Kinsey completed a four-point play with 46.8 seconds left to tie the score and James missed on a drive with three seconds left in regulation.

Marquette overcame a 54-percent shooting performance by South Carolina, which had not lost stretching back to March 10 against Mississippi in last season's Southeast Conference tournament. The Gamecocks' nine-game winning streak included the championship in last season's NIT tournament.

Kelley, a point guard, hit his first five 3-pointers and finished 5-for-8 from that range. Renaldo Balkman hit his first seven shots and finished 7-for-10 from the field.

Kelley finished with 23 points for the Gamecocks and Tarence Kinsey added 20. Balkman had 16 points and eight rebounds.

Balkman scored USC's first six points, assisted on the next two baskets and blocked a shot but committed his second foul and was benched with 15:32 remaining.

The Gamecocks continued their hot shooting. An 11-2 South Carolina run behind five points Bryce Sheldon and four by Ousmane Konate gave the Gamecocks their biggest lead, 27-19, with 7:09 remaining.

Marquette		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	STI	MIN
Novak	f	8-14	6-10	6-6	4	1	28	1	0	0	1	40
Barro	f	2-4	0-0	0-0	3	4	4	2	1	0	0	19
James	g	3-12	2-7	4-6	2	0	12	9	3	0	0	32
McNeal	g	2-4	1-1	2-2	4	0	7	0	2	0	2	25
Matthews	g	3-9	1-2	2-2	6	0	9	5	1	0	1	30
Fitzgerald		1-2	0-1	0-0	3	1	2	2	4	0	0	29
Chapman		0-3	0-3	0-0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	16
Amoroso		11-17	3-4	5-6	12	2	30	0	0	0	1	30
Lott		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
TEAM					2							
Totals		30-66	13-28	19-22	37	11	92	20	12	0	5	225

 2nd Half: 13-31 41.9% 2nd Half: 6-13 46.2%	Game: 45.5% Game: 46.4%
2nd Half: 6-8 75.0%	Game: 86.4%

South Care	olina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	ТО	BS	ST	MIN
Wallace	f	4-8	2-3	0-2	4	2	10	2	2	1	2	36
Balkman	f	7-10	0-0	2-3	8	4	16	6	1	3	0	30
Kelley	g	9-16	5-8	0-0	1	2	23	1	3	0	0	40
Trice	g	1-2	1-1	0-0	4	3	3	5	2	0	1	33
Kinsey	g	8-15	2-4	2-3	6	4	20	5	3	1	1	44
McDowell		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
Sheldon		2-3	1-2	0-0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	9
Tisby		4-8	0-0	0-0	5	3	8	0	1	1	0	19
Day		0-2	0-2	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Konate		2-4	0-1	0-0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	5
TEAM					1							
Totale		27.69	11 21	4.0	22	20	90	21	12	6	4	225

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 18-31 58.1%	2nd Half: 15-30 50.0%	Game: 54.4%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 6-10 60.0%	2nd Half: 4-9 44.4%	Game: 52.4%
F Throw % 1st Half: 1-1 100%	2nd Half: 3-7 42.9%	Game: 50.0%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2-1		

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Marquette	42	38	12	92
South Carolina	43	37	9	89

Officials: Kelly Self, Gabby Lujan, Tim Gabutero Technical fouls: Marquette-None. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 7496
Carrs/Safeway Player of the Game: R.Amaroso (MARQ)

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South Carolina 77 North Carolina Creensboro 55 Nov. 30, 2005 Columbia, SC

Colonial Center (6,203)

Tarence Kinsey scored 20 points and Renaldo Balkman added 16 points and seven rebounds as South Carolina defeated UNC Greensboro 77-55.

The Gamecocks, who ran their record to 28-1 against nonconference foes in four years at the Colonial Center, scored 37 points off 22 turnovers by the Spartans - one shy of their season high. It was also the most turnovers forced this year by Carolina, which had a season-high 15 steals.

Up by a dozen at halftime, South Carolina outscored the Spartans 16-5 in the first six minutes of the second half to stretch its lead to 55-32 with 13:32 left on back-to-back buckets by Kinsey.

USC scored 25 points off 13 turnovers to take a 39-27 halftime lead over the Spartans, who were outscored 8-0 in the first 2:24 and trailed by as many as 16 points in the first half.

UNC Greensboro outrebounded South Carolina 21-10 but managed just five second-chance points - the same number as the Gamecocks.

South Carolina led 23-7 with 14:13 left, but the Spartans went on an 11-2 run to pull within seven with 8:16 left on a fastbreak layup by Toms, who had six points in the surge.

But the Gamecocks responded with nine straight points to go up 36-20 after a layup and two foul shots by Tre Kelley after UNCG's Dement was called for a technical with 4:06 left.

UNCG		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
Oleksiak	f	4-11	2-6	4-4	4	1	14	3	6	0	3	34
Hines	f	4-11	0-1	0-0	4	1	8	3	6	2	0	34
Tooms	c	6-7	2-2	1-2	4	3	15	0	2	0	1	19
Johnson	g	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	3	2	0	0	36
Simmons	g	1-4	0-2	0-1	0	4	2	1	2	0	1	18
Vlazny		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Akinosho		1-4	0-0	1-2	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	16
McClenny		2-3	0-1	1-2	0	0	5	0	2	1	0	10
Beckford		4-8	0-0	0-1	3	3	8	1	0	2	1	27
Everette		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Moore		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	4
TEAM					10				1			
Totals		22-50	4-13	7-12	32	16	55	12	22	5	7	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 12-24 50.0%	2nd Half: 10-26 38.5%	Game: 44.0%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-4 25.0%	2nd Half: 3-9 33.3%	Game: 30.8%
F Throw % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0%	2nd Half: 5-8 62.5%	Game: 58.3%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2		

ı	South Caro	lina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
ı	Kinsey	f	8-13	3-6	1-1	3	2	20	1	2	1	0	28
ı	Wallace	f	2-3	1-2	2-2	4	0	7	6	2	2	2	27
ı	Balkman	f	6-8	0-0	4-5	7	1	16	2	0	1	5	26
ı	Kelley	g	2-6	1-4	2-2	0	1	7	4	1	0	4	26
ı	Trice	g	3-8	0-3	0-0	3	2	6	1	0	1	3	24
ı	McDowell		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	7
ı	Sheldon		2-7	2-6	0-0	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	21
ı	Tisby		0-0	0-0	3-4	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	9
ı	Palacios		2-4	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	1	1	0	0	7
ı	Day		1-5	0-3	1-2	3	1	3	0	1	0	1	15
ı	Konate		1-6	0-0	0-0	6	3	2	0	2	0	0	10
ı	TEAM					3							
ı	Totals		28-61	8_25	13-16	32	14	77	15	- 11	6	15	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 14-34 41.2%	2nd Half: 14-27 51.9%	Game: 45.9%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-15 33.3%	2nd Half: 3-10 30.0%	Game: 32.0%
F Throw % 1st Half: 6-7 85.7%	2nd Half: 7-9 77.8%	Game: 81.3%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2-1		

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Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total	
UNC Greensboro	27	28	55	
South Carolina	20	20	77	

Officials: Gerald Boudreaux, Gary Maxwell, James Breeding Technical fouls: UNC Greensboro-TEAM. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 6203

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Clemson 82 South Carolina 63 Dec. 3, 2005 Clemson, SC

Littlejohn Coliseum (8,400)

Renaldo Balkman picked up his second career double-double (15 PT, 12 REB), but it wasn't enough as Clemson won 82-63 over rival South Carolina.

The Tigers (6-0) dominated most of the game, outrebounding South Carolina 47-34. Many of those came on the offensive end, and Clemson was able to convert second-chance points throughout the game.

The game was physical throughout, but the tide turned for good in Clemson's favor after a brief scuffle between Renaldo Balkman and Julius Powell.

Midway through the second half with the Tigers ahead 62-53, Balkman grabbed a rebound. He was swarmed by three Tiger players, losing the ball and falling to the ground, dragging Powell with him. The two were tied up and appeared to be fighting, but referee Les Jones jumped in the middle.

While several other players turned to see what was going on, South Carolina's Ousmane Konate came off the bench. He was ejected.

From there, the Tigers grabbed the momentum and outscored the Gamecocks 9-1. Mays was key during the stretch. After Vernon Hamilton's steal and behind-the-back pass, Mays brought the crowd to is feet with a thunderous dunk to put Clemson ahead 67-54 with 9:08 to go. Later in the run, Mays was fouled on a break, but after making the layup, he couldn't convert the three-point play.

South Carolina tied the game at 47-all with 16:58 to go. From there, the Tigers went on a 24-7 run over the next eight minutes to put the game away.

Carolina, which trailed for most of the first half, came out with energy in the second period. Kinsey, who was held to just two points in the opening period, scored a couple of baskets to tie it at 47.

South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Kinsey f	4-11	0-2	0-0	5	2	8	2	4	0	2	33
Wallace f	2-3	0-1	0-0	2	4	4	1	2	1	0	15
Balkman f	6-9	1-1	2-5	12	4	15	4	4	2	3	34
Kelley g	4-8	0-2	4-5	5	2	12	1	5	0	0	34
Trice g	5-7	2-3	0-0	1	3	12	1	2	0	0	28
McDowel	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Sheldon	2-4	2-3	0-0	2	0	6	0	1	0	0	11
Tisby	2-7	0-0	1-3	4	3	5	0	1	1	0	29
Day	0-1	0-1	1-2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	12
Konate	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM				2							
Totals	25-51	5-13	8-15	34	20	63	9	20	4	6	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 15-27 55.6% 2nd Half: 10-24 41.7% Game: 49.0% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-10 50.0% 2nd Half: 0-3 0.0% Game: 38.5% FThrow % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd Half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 53.3% DEADBALL REDOUNDS: 4

Clemson	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
Perry f	2-7	0-0	2-2	8	3	6	1	0	0	0	16
Mays f	7-9	0-0	5-7	7	4	19	2	2	0	0	29
Akingbala c	3-6	0-0	3-4	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	17
Hamilton g	6-12	2-2	2-5	4	2	16	3	1	0	3	29
Hammonds g	2-9	1-5	1-2	5	1	6	2	1	0	3	31
Rivers	3-10	1-4	0-0	4	2	7	3	1	0	2	27
Allen	1-4	0-0	0-0	4	1	2	0	4	0	0	11
Robinson	3-10	1-5	5-6	4	1	12	4	2	0	0	27
Powell	2-6	1-3	0-1	2	0	5	0	0	0	1	13
TEAM				4							
Totals	29-73	6-19	18_27	47	18	82	15	-11	0	9	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 17-39 43.6% 2nd Half: 12-34 35.3% Game: 39.7% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-14 35.7% 2nd Half: 15- 20.0% Game: 31.6% FThrow % 1st Half: 7-8 87.5% 2nd Half: 11-19 57.9% Game: 66.7% DEADBALL REDOUNDS: 1

Score by Periods1st2ndTotalSouth Carolina392463Clemson463682

Officials: Les Jones, Joe Lindsay, Gary Maxwell Technical fouls: South Carolina-None. Clemson-None. Attendance: 8400 8 GAME

South Carolina 68 Winthrop 54 Dec. 14, 2005 Columbia, SC Colonial Center (7,053)

Guard Rocky Trice scored 13 of his career-high 18 points in a near-perfect first half as South Carolina defeated Winthrop 68-54 Wednesday night.

Trice missed just one shot in the first half, hitting his first four field goals - including two of his career-best three 3-pointers on the night - along with three straight free throws after being fouled behind the 3-point arc.

Trice's second 3-pointer gave South Carolina (6-2) a 25-13 lead with 6:16 left, the Gamecocks' biggest lead of the first half. The 3-pointer also allowed the senior to eclipse his career high of 12 set 11 days earlier against Clemson in South Carolina's last game before a break for final exams.

After South Carolina went up by 12, Winthrop (4-2) closed within 27-22 with 3:55 left on back-to-back 3-pointers by Michael Jenkins and a three-point play by James Shuler. But the Gamecocks outscored the Eagles 8-2 - Tarence Kinsey hit two straight buckets - to take a 35-24 lead at halftime.

South Carolina hit 56 percent of its shots while Winthrop made just 28 percent. For the game, the Gamecocks shot 55.3 percent while the Eagles shot a season-worst 33.3 percent while being held to a season-low in points.

The Gamecocks outscored the Eagles 9-5 to start the second half and push their lead to 44-29 on a fastbreak layup by Renaldo Balkman as Winthrop hit just one of its first five shots to continue its shooting woes.

The Eagles never got closer than 11 after that while South Carolina stretched its lead to 64-45 with 4:56 left on back-to-back 3-pointers by Tre Kelley and Trice.

Winthrop		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
Bradshaw	f	6-11	2-5	5-5	8	0	19	3	0	1	1	29
Draughn	f	0-3	0-0	1-2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	9
Williams	f	0-3	0-2	1-2	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	22
Gaynor	g	0-5	0-3	0-0	2	1	0	3	2	0	2	32
Martin	g	3-7	1-4	0-0	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	23
Shuler		1-6	0-2	2-5	1	1	4	3	1	0	3	25
Jenkins		3-8	3-7	0-0	1	0	9	1	0	0	1	20
Daniels		2-5	0-1	1-2	2	2	5	0	1	0	1	15
Adams		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	9
Houston		1-2	0-0	2-3	2	2	4	0	2	0	1	11
McCullough		2-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	4	1	2	0	1	5
TEAM					4							
Totals		18-54	6-24	12-19	30	13	54	12	11	1	11	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 7-25 28.0% 2nd Half: 11-29 37.9% Game: 33.3% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-13 23.1% 2nd Half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 25.0% FDEADBALL REDOUNDS: 5 Came: 42.2% Game: 63.2% Game: 63.2%

South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Kinsey f	5-11	2-4	4-4	3	3	16	2	3	0	1	36
Wallace f	2-6	0-2	1-3	8	3	5	2	0	2	0	30
Balkman f	6-9	0-0	0-0	5	1	12	3	3	5	2	33
Kelley g	5-6	1-2	0-1	3	1	11	8	2	0	0	34
Trice g	6-10	3-5	3-3	1	3	18	1	1	0	4	33
McDowell	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Sheldon	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Tisby	2-2	0-0	0-0	4	1	4	0	1	0	0	14
Palacios	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Day	0-1	0-1	2-2	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	8
Konate	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
TEAM				1				3			
Totals	26-47	6-16	10-13	29	16	68	16	16	7	7	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 14-25 56.0% 2nd Half: 12-22 54.5% Game: 55.3% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd Half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 37.5% FThrow % 1st Half: 4-6 66.7% 2nd Half: 6-7 85.7% Game: 76.9% DEADBALL REDOUNDS: 1, 2

Score by Periods1st2ndTotalWinthrop243054South Carolina353368

Officials: Doug Shows, Tracy Woodson, Brian Forte Technical fouls: Winthrop-None. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 7053 GAME GAME

South Carolina 74 Wofford 44 Dec. 17, 2005 Columbia, SC

Colonial Center (6,412)

Brandon Wallace hit a career-high three 3-pointers en route to his third career double-double to help lead South Carolina to a 73-43 victory over Wofford on Saturday night.

Wallace, who came into the game shooting 3-of-11 on 3-pointers this year, tied his career high with 13 points while pulling down 10 rebounds along with five assists as the Gamecocks (7-2) beat Wofford for the 22nd straight time.

Shane Nichols and Adam Sheehan each had 14 points to lead the Terriers (3-7).

Carolina reserve Stephen McDowell finished with a career-high 12 points, including four of six 3-pointers. Tarence Kinsey added 11 points and a season-high nine rebounds.

Carolina finished with a season-high 14 3-pointers (out of 26) — one off the school record (15, Cincinnati, 2/15/97) and the most Feb. 4, 2004 (14 vs. Alabama). Six South Carolina players hit 3s in the first half as the Gamecocks made half of their 14 shots from beyond the arc to grab a 39-15 halftime lead — including one by Renaldo Balkman, who was 1-of-4 coming into the game.

South Carolina raced to a 15-3 lead on Wallace's follow with 13:37 left, but the Terriers cut the deficit to 15-9 on 3-pointers by Nichols and Sheehan two minutes later. But that was as close as Wofford got.

The Gamecocks shot 48.3 percent for the game. The Terriers struggled from the field, shooting just 33.3 percent -- including 21.7 in the first half -- while also being out rebounded 40-25.

Carolina was without Antoine Tisby, who was suspended after oversleeping and missing practice Friday. Also, Balkman didn't start after being late for practice Friday.

Wofford		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Wilkerson	f	4-6	0-0	0-0	5	4	8	1	2	1	0	34
Berg	c	0-8	0-0	1-2	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	29
Nichols	g	4-10	3-7	3-4	1	0	14	0	3	0	1	37
Fields	g	2-8	0-2	0-0	6	1	4	4	4	2	1	34
Gibson	g	0-3	0-2	0-0	3	3	0	2	2	0	1	29
O'Connor		0-3	0-2	0-0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	8
Sheehan		5-7	4-6	0-0	0	0	14	0	0	0	1	17
Estep		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Whatley		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Hegamin		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
TEAM					3							
Totals		16-48	7-19	4-6	25	11	43	7	13	3	4	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 5-23 21.7% 2nd Half: 11-25 44.0% Game: 33.3% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd Half: 5-9 55.6% Game: 36.8% FThrow % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 1-2 50.0% Game: 66.7% DEADBALL REDOUNDS: 1

South Car	olina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Palacios	f	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	17
Kinsey	f	5-11	1-4	0-0	9	1	- 11	1	1	0	0	25
Wallace	f	5-7	3-3	0-0	10	0	13	5	1	3	2	32
Kelley	g	4-8	2-4	0-0	1	2	10	1	1	0	1	28
Trice	g	2-5	0-1	0-0	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	23
McDowell	-	4-8	4-6	0-0	3	0	12	0	0	0	0	14
Sheldon		3-6	3-5	0-0	1	1	9	2	0	0	1	19
Day		3-6	0-2	0-0	2	1	6	0	3	0	1	12
Konate		0-4	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	9
Balkman		3-3	1-1	1-2	5	2	8	4	2	1	2	21
TEAM					6							
Totals		29-60	14-26	1-2	40	10	73	18	9	5	8	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 16-31 51.6% 2nd Half: 13-29 44.8% Game: 48.3% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 7-14 50.0% 2nd Half: 7-12 58.3% Game: 53.8% FThrow% 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd Half: 1-2 50.0% Game: 50.0% DEADBALL REDOUNDS: 0

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Wofford	15	28	43
South Carolina	39	34	73

Officials: Bruce Benedict, Tracy Woodson, Eric Dalen Technical fouls: Wofford-None. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 6412

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Temple 63 South Carolina 50 Dec. 22, 2005 Philadelphia, PA

Liacouras Center (4,397)

Even Tarence Kinsey's first double-double of the season couldn't help USC over Temple as the Owls came away with a 63-60 win over Carolina.

Kinsey led South Carolina, which had been averaging 74.3 points per game, with 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Rocky Trice and Brandon Wallace each finished with 10.

For Temple Antywane Robinson scored 18 points and Mardy Collins added 15.

Temple, which held only a 48-46 edge after a Kinsey dunk with just over six minutes to play, put the game away with a 12-2 run that culminated with a tip-in by Dion Dacons with 2:10 left

The teams went into halftime tied 22-22, but Robinson scored 16 of his 18 points after the break, including four 3-pointers, as the Owls (6-3) hit on 17 of 27 shots after intermission. Robinson also led Temple with seven rebounds. Dustin Salisbery scored 11 of his 13 points in the first half.

South Car	olina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Kinsey	f	6-14	4-8	0-0	10	3	16	1	2	0	1	36
Wallace	f	4-7	1-3	1-2	6	3	10	2	2	0	1	35
Balkman	f	0-3	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	1	3	0	1	23
Kelley	g	3-7	0-3	2-3	2	3	8	3	3	0	0	40
Trice	g	3-7	3-6	1-2	3	1	10	2	4	1	0	30
Sheldon		0-3	0-3	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	14
Tisby		2-4	0-0	2-5	6	3	6	0	1	1	0	22
TEAM					1							
Totals		18-45	8-23	6-12	31	16	50	10	15	2	3	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 8-22 36.4% 2nd Half: 10-23 43.5% Game: 40.0% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-13 38.5% 2nd Half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 34.8% FThrow % 1st Half: 14-25.0% 2nd Half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 50.0% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 3

Temple		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
ROBINSON	f	7-12	4-6	0-0	7	0	18	0	0	2	3	38
OLMOS	c	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
SALISBERY	g	5-10	1-2	2-2	4	3	13	3	0	0	1	39
TYNDALE	g	3-9	0-1	2-4	6	2	8	3	3	0	2	38
COLLINS	g	7-13	0-3	1-4	2	3	15	2	1	0	2	35
DACONS		1-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	13
CHRISTMAS		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	7
KIRKENDOLI	_	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
INGRAM		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
MARSHALL		1-2	0-0	3-5	1	4	5	0	0	2	0	17
TEAM					2							
Totals		25-48	5-12	8-15	25	15	63	9	5	4	8	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 8-21 38.1% 2nd Half: 17-27 63.0% Game: 52.1% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-6 16.7% 2nd Half: 4-6 66.7% Game: 41.7% FThrow % 1st Half: 5-6 83.3% 2nd Half: 3-9 33.3% Game: 53.3% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 4

Score by Periods1st2ndTotalSouth Carolina222850Temple224163

Officials: Bob Donato, Jim Haney, Eugene Crawford Jr Technical fouls: South Carolina-None. Temple-None. Attendance: 4397

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No. 23 Pittsburgh 58 South Carolina 51 Dec. 28, 2005 Columbia, SC Colonial Center (9,579)

South Carolina retired the jersey of all-time scoring leader BJ McKie before the Pittsburgh tip-off. Carolina could've used the savvy and steadiness McKie showed during his four seasons from 1996-99. USC squandered several chances to tighten the game near the end as freshman Sam Young scored a career-high 16 points to keep Pittsburgh undefeated with a 58-51 victory over South Carolina.

Tre Kelley led the Gamecocks with 18 points while Antoine Tisby had 12 points. When Kelley scores more than 16 during his career, USC is 0-7. One of the most glaring weaknesses for South Carolina was on the boards where Pittsburgh held a 38-22 advantage.

Young's play saved the Panthers (10-0) from an overall sluggish performance as they shot less than 40 percent for the game and finished 19 points below their season's scoring average. Still, Pitt matched its start from last season and kept on the trail of the school's 18-0 start from 2003-04.

Keith Benjamin's jumper put Pitt ahead 24-22 early in the second half - the team's first lead since 2-0 - and then Young extended the margin with his three-point play

The Gamecocks cut things to 49-45 with less than three minutes left and forced Pitt guard Ronald Ramon into a long, off-balance three-point try with the shot clock near zero. But Young cut across the lane from the right corner to collect the long rebound. Krauser would eventually end the possession with a driving layup to maintain control for the Panthers.

When Krauser hit both ends of a one-and-one to put Pitt ahead 53-47 with 51 seconds to go, Rocky Trice missed an inside shot as he got fouled on the Gamecocks next possession. Pittsburgh closed things out at the foul line, making 11 of its final 12 attempts.

Pittsburgh		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
DeGroat	f	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2
Kendall	f	1-2	1-1	1-2	5	3	4	- 1	5	1	1	21
Gray	c	3-10	0-0	0-1	13	5	6	1	3	0	2	33
Ramon	g	0-2	0-2	4-4	1	2	4	1	1	0	1	23
Krauser	g	3-11	2-9	7-8	3	2	15	4	4	0	0	37
Benjamin		3-4	0-0	0-0	2	1	6	0	1	0	0	14
Fields		1-2	1-1	0-0	1	1	3	1	1	0	1	21
Biggs		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
Graves		1-4	0-3	0-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	23
Young		5-8	1-1	5-6	7	4	16	2	1	0	1	22
TEAM					5							
Totals		18-47	5-18	17-21	38	19	58	10	17	2	6	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 8-26 30.8%	2nd Half: 10-21 47.6%	Game: 38.3%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-12 25.0%	2nd Half: 2-6 33.3%	Game: 27.8%
F Throw % 1st Half: 1-3 33.3%	2nd Half: 16-18 88.9%	Game: 81.0%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1		

South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Kinsey f	2-9	1-5	1-2	2	4	6	3	2	1	1	37
Wallace f	3-5	0-0	1-3	4	3	7	3	1	0	1	33
Balkman f	1-3	0-0	1-2	2	0	3	0	3	1	1	17
Kelley g	6-10	2-5	4-4	4	4	18	1	4	1	2	34
Trice g	2-6	0-1	1-2	4	3	5	0	0	0	1	37
Sheldon	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Tisby	4-9	0-0	4-7	4	3	12	0	1	0	1	27
Palacios	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Day	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
TEAM				2							
Totals	18-42	3-11	12-21	22	18	51	7	11	3	8	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 9-22 40.9% 2nd Half: 9-20 45.0% Game: 42.9% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-4 53.3% 2nd Half: 1-5 20.0% Game: 27.3% FThrow % 1st Half: 2-4 50.0% 2nd Half: 10-17 58.8% Game: 57.1% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 5

Score by Periods1st2ndTotalPittsburgh203858South Carolina222951

Officials: Tony Greene, Doug Sirmons, John Cahill. Technical fouls: Pittsburgh-TEAM. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 9579

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South Carolina 65 Detroit Mercy 35 Dec. 31, 2005 Columbia, SC

Colonial Center (3,543)

Renaldo Balkman scored 14 points and Brandon Wallace added 10 points and seven rebounds as South Carolina used its best defensive performance in 34 years to beat Detroit 65-35 Saturday. The Gamecocks forced 17 turnovers, blocked 10 shots and held the Titans to 27.1 % shooting (13-of-48). No Detroit player scored in double-figures and the Titans trailed the whole way.

It was the best defensive night for South Carolina since losing to Maryland 31-30 in overtime in January 1971 in a game that was 4-3 at halftime. It was also the lowest point total ever put up by an opponent in Dave Odom's 20th year as a head coach.

Tre' Kelley had nine points and Rocky Trice and Tarence Kinsey each added eight for South Carolina.

Detroit was flat starting both halves, falling behind 12-1 at the start and letting the Gamecocks score the first nine points of the second half to take a 31-15 lead. Just when it looked like the Titans might crawl back into it like they did in the first half, Tre Kelley closed the door with two 3-pointers to give South Carolina a 37-22 lead.

The only drama left for the rest of the game was whether Detroit would top the 40-point mark. A missed layup on a two-on-one break for the Titans with just under a minute to go made sure of that. Back-to-back dunks by Balkman followed by two straight slams by Brandon Wallace put the Gamecocks ahead 56-33 with just under three minutes to go.

Torvoris Baker led Detroit with nine points and nine rebounds, while Ben Green also scored nine for the Titans.

Detroit Mercy		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
Bailey	f	2-5	0-0	2-2	6	3	6	0	1	1	0	25
Baker	f	4-9	0-0	1-2	9	0	9	2	5	0	0	31
Abdur-Rahim	g	0-1	0-1	2-2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	15
Cotton	g	1-12	0-4	0-0	2	1	2	3	2	0	0	32
Goode	g	1-7	0-4	0-0	2	1	2	2	3	0	1	29
Hartfield,		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Everingham		1-3	1-3	0-0	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	11
Kelly		1-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	6
Shaw		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	6
Hayes		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	11
Green		3-5	3-4	0-0	1	3	9	1	1	1	0	24
Dedvukaj		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
TEAM					6				2			
Totals		13-48	4-16	5-6	30	16	35	10	17	3	4	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 6-20 30.0% 2nd Half: 7-28 25.0% Game: 27.1% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-7 28.6% 2nd Half: 2-9 22.2% Game: 25.0% FThrow% 1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd Half: 4-4 100% Game: 83.3% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1

South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
Tisby f	2-7	0-0	2-3	5	2	6	0	2	0	0	24
Wallace f	5-9	0-1	0-0	7	2	10	1	1	4	0	30
Balkman f	6-7	0-0	2-4	1	3	14	2	1	3	1	27
Kelley g	2-6	2-3	3-4	4	1	9	3	1	0	1	31
Trice g	3-6	0-1	2-3	5	2	8	5	1	2	2	30
McDowell	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	5
Sheldon	2-3	2-2	0-0	1	0	6	3	0	0	0	11
Palacios	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Kinsey	3-8	0-1	2-2	3	0	8	0	0	1	2	24
Day	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	7
Konate	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	10
TEAM				5							
Totals	25-53	4-10	11-16	34	11	65	15	11	10	7	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 10-25 40.0% 2nd Half: 15-28 53.6% Game: 47.2% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 0-2 0.0 2nd Half: 48 50.0% Game: 40.0% FThrow % 1st Half: 2-5 40.0% 2nd Half: 9-11 81.8% Game: 68.8% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 3, 1

 Score by Periods
 1st
 2nd
 Total

 Detroit-Mercy
 15
 20
 35

 South Carolina
 22
 43
 65

Officials: Mike Stuart, Mike Nance, John Goble Technical fouls: Detroit-Mercy-Abdur-Rahim, Muhamma. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 3543

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South Carolina 81 South Carolina State 46 Jan. 3, 2006 Columbia, SC

Colonial Center (5,014)

Tarence Kinsey scored 17 of his 24 points in the first half as South Carolina took a large lead at halftime en route to an 81-46 victory over S.C. State. The five turnovers for Carolina were the fewest since they turned the ball over five times vs. Yale on Dec. 30, 2003 and the 24 assists for the Gamecocks were the most since USC had 25 against Tennessee on Jan. 17, 2004.

Kinsey, who had hit just five of 17 shots and one of six from 3-point range in the last two games, connected on nine of 15 shots, including four of six from beyond the arc in leading the Gamecocks to their 14th win in as many games against the Bulldogs.

Kinsey, who had scored just 14 points in his last two games, tied his career high of 24 points, which he scored against Toledo on Nov. 20.

Bryce Sheldon scored a career-high 13 points, including three 3-pointers to tie his career best. Junior Brandon Wallace tied his career high with 13 points and pulled down 12 rebounds for his third double-double of the year and fourth of his career. SCSU was led by Thurman Zimmerman's 14.

Carolina forced four straight turnovers to spark a 13-0 run capped by Kinsey's three-point play that propelled USC to a 16-4 lead with 13:26 left in the first half. The Bulldogs pulled within seven but Carolina outscored S.C. State 9-4 in the final three minutes to grab a 38-24 halftime lead.

S.C. State never closer in the second half as the Gamecocks stretched their lead to 56-30 with 9:54 left on back-to-back 3-pointers by Sheldon and Kinsey, who tied his career high with the trey before a crowd of 5,014 at the Colonial Center.

SC State		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Mason	f	3-8	0-4	2-2	2	3	8	4	4	0	0	34
Zimmerman	f	5-9	2-2	2-5	5	1	14	2	2	0	1	36
Carter	c	1-2	0-0	0-0	4	2	2	0	1	0	1	7
Davis	g	1-4	0-3	0-0	3	4	2	4	3	0	0	26
Sago	g	1-5	0-0	4-4	1	1	6	0	1	0	0	26
Jones		0-3	0-1	0-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Baker		0-3	0-2	0-2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	8
Washington		3-6	1-1	0-0	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	16
Hutchinson		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Miller-Willian	ms	2-5	0-0	1-2	4	5	5	1	3	0	0	18
Lee		0-1	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	8
Jackson		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Fincher		0-1	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
TEAM					4							
Totals		16-47	3-13	11-18	31	22	46	11	15	2	2	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 8-22 36.4% 2nd Half: 8-25 32.0% Game: 34.0% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-7 28.6% 2nd Half: 1-6 16.7% Game: 23.1% FThrow % 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd Half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 61.1% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1

South Caro	lina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
Tisby	f	1-2	0-0	1-2	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	8
Wallace	f	6-8	0-2	1-2	12	2	13	3	1	1	0	35
Balkman	f	3-6	0-0	3-4	9	2	9	5	0	0	4	24
Kelley	g	2-8	0-3	0-0	2	0	4	4	1	0	0	27
Kinsey	g	9-15	4-6	2-3	4	0	24	1	0	1	2	28
McDowell	-	0-1	0-1	3-4	0	0	3	5	0	0	1	10
Sheldon		5-9	3-6	0-0	1	3	13	1	0	0	0	20
Trice		0-1	0-0	2-3	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	18
Nerbun		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Palacios		2-4	0-0	1-3	4	4	5	0	0	0	1	17
Day		2-4	1-1	0-0	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	8
Konate		0-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	3
TEAM					3							
Totals		30-60	8-20	13-21	39	19	81	24	5	3	10	200

Game: 50.0%

Game: 40.0%

Game: 61.9%

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 14-30 46.7% 2nd Half: 16-30 53.3% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd Half: 4-8 50.0% FThrow % 1st Half: 6-10 60.0% 2nd Half: 7-11 63.6% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 4, 1

Score by Periods1st2ndTotalSouth Carolina State242246South Carolina384381

Officials: Doug Shows, Tim Clougherty, Lorenzo Bronson Technical fouls: South Carolina State-Davis, Derrick. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 5014

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Tennessee 76 South Carolina 69 Jan. 8, 2006 Columbia, SC

Colonial Center (8,237)

Chris Lofton had 18 points and Tennessee overcame a 15-point, second-half deficit to win 76-69 against USC.

The loss ruined a perfect performance by Carolina's Tarence Kinsey, who was 6-of-6 overall, 4-of-4 on 3-pointers and 2-of-2 from the foul line for 18 points. He played just 29 minutes, though, because of foul trouble.

South Carolina seemed to have the Vols in check early on. Tennessee made only one of its first nine shots and trailed 10-2 in the first six minutes. The Vols had another field-goal drought of nearly five minutes midway through the period as South Carolina increased the lead to 27-13.

The league's top free-throw shooting team went just 3 of 12 from the foul line in the first 20 minutes. Kinsey and the Gamecocks took advantage of Tennessee's problems.

Kinsey opened with USC's first 8 points, including two 3-pointers, and finished a perfect half at 4-of-4 overall and 3-of-3 from behind the arc.

Everything went right for the Gamecocks, right down to the half's final possession. Bryce Sheldon fumbled a pass to the outside that would've have given him a wide-open three as the shot clock ticked down. Still, with a defender in his face, Sheldon hit a desperation, fade-away 3-pointer to send South Carolina to the locker room ahead 35-23.

USC held UT to 9 of 29 shooting in the opening half and were up 40-25 on Brandon Wallace's basket with 18:14 to go. But UT struck back, making 10 3-pointers the rest of the way to win the SEC opener for both teams.

Lofton had a 3-pointer to cut Carolina's lead to 40-30. Then Dane Bradshaw, JaJuan Smith and Jordan Howell added threes for the Vols. By the time Lofton added his fifth 3-pointer with 13:39 left, the lead was down to 47-42.

C.J. Watson tied things at 57-all on his basket and Smith followed with an old-fashioned three-point play that put Tennessee up 60-57. And the Vols kept up their outside shooting to close things out as Smith, Lofton, Watson and Bradshaw all made threes down the stretch.

Tennessee		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Asumnu	f	1-4	0-0	0-2	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	18
Bradshaw	f	6-11	2-3	0-3	7	4	14	4	0	0	1	26
Wingate	c	3-8	0-0	1-5	3	1	7	0	3	0	1	35
Lofton	g	6-10	6-7	0-0	5	3	18	0	1	0	1	33
Watson	g	5-11	1-3	6-8	2	1	17	3	1	0	3	37
Smith		4-6	2-3	3-4	3	3	13	2	0	0	1	25
DeBro		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Howell		1-2	1-2	0-0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	6
Patterso		1-5	0-0	0-0	1	4	2	- 1	0	1	0	14
Childress		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
TEAM					6							
Totals		27-57	12-18	10-22	30	20	76	11	6	1	7	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 9-29 31.0% 2nd Half: 18-28 64.3% Game: 47.4% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-5 40.0% 2nd Half: 10-13 76.9% Game: 66.7% F Throw % 1st Half: 3-12 25.0% 2nd Half: 7-10 70.0% Game: 45.5% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 6

South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Kinsey f	6-6	4-4	2-2	4	4	18	3	1	1	1	29
Wallace f	2-6	0-2	2-4	5	1	6	2	1	1	0	40
Balkman f	4-7	0-0	0-1	9	2	8	3	2	1	1	33
Kelley g	2-10	1-5	2-2	3	5	7	4	2	0	0	36
Trice g	5-9	0-3	5-5	7	3	15	0	4	1	1	39
Sheldon	3-6	3-6	0-0	0	0	9	0	1	0	2	17
Tisby	2-3	0-0	2-3	1	2	6	0	1	0	0	5
Day	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM				2							
Totals	24-47	8-20	13-17	31	17	69	12	12	4	5	200

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 11-22 50.0% 2nd Half: 13-25 52.0% Game: 51.1% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-10 40.0% 2nd Half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 40.0% FThrow % 1st Half: 9-10 90.0% 2nd Half: 4-7 57.1% Game: 76.5% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2

Score by Periods1st2ndTotalTennessee235376South Carolina353469

Officials: Tom Lopes, Pat Adams, Rick Crawford Technical fouls: Tennessee-None. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 8237 15 dawe

Mississippi 68 South Carolina 63 Jan. 11, 2006 Oxford, MS

Tad Smith Coliseum (5,144)

Rallying for a 9-0 late in the game, South Carolina twice closed to within two points, but Dwayne Day missed a potential game-tying 3-pointer with 12 seconds left. Bam Doyne rebounded the miss and added two free throws to clinch it for the Rebels. Ole Miss won 68-63 for the eighth straight time in Oxford. The home team is now 14-1 in the series

Tarence Kinsey led the Gamecocks with 18 points, and Renaldo Balkman and Day each had 12. Coach Odom rattled the line-up a bit to give Bryce Sheldon his first career start and Antoine Tisby his third start of the season - sitting Balkman and Brandon Wallace.

South Carolina shot only 34.5 percent from the field, but converted 23-of-29 from the free-throw line and forced 16 turnovers to stay in the game.

The Rebels shot 50 percent from the field and were 20-of-26 from the line.

UM's Doyne had 23 points and hit two key free throws with 9 seconds remaining to lift Mississippi to a 68-63 victory over South Carolina on Wednesday night. Auburn transfer Dwayne Curtis added 15 points for the Rebels, who won their sixth straight game despite nearly blowing an 11-point lead in the final 3 minutes.

Doyne finished with a team-high nine rebounds and added five assists for Ole Miss, which is enjoying its best start since the Rebels won the SEC West in 2000-01.

It was tied at 31 at halftime after South Carolina closed the half with a 7-0 run in the final 2 minutes. There were seven lead changes and five ties in the first half.

Ole Miss opened the second half with an 8-2 run and never trailed again. The biggest lead came at 57-45 with 6:44 left on a Nolen free throw.

South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
Tisby c	2-8	0-0	3-5	4	3	7	0	2	3	1	24
Kelley g	3-9	0-4	2-2	4	1	8	4	3	0	0	37
Sheldon g	1-6	0-4	0-0	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	24
Trice g	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	5	2	0	1	0	0	21
Kinsey g	3-10	1-3	11-12	10	3	18	2	0	0	2	37
McDowell	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
Day	3-10	1-6	5-6	5	2	12	0	1	0	1	25
Konate	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wallace	1-3	0-2	0-0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	5
Balkman	5-6	0-0	2-4	7	1	12	0	3	1	1	21
TEAM				2							
Totals	19-55	2-19	23-29	35	20	63	6	13	4	5	200
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TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-26 42.3% 2nd Half: 8-29 27.6% Game: 34.5% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-8 12.5% 2nd Half: 1-11 9.1% Game: 10.5% F Throw % 1st Half: 8-10 80.0% 2nd Half: 15-19 78.9% Game: 79.3% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2

	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
f	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	6
c	7-12	0-0	1-2	6	5	15	0	1	2	1	29
g	1-3	1-2	0-1	2	1	3	1	1	1	0	30
g	1-6	0-3	7-10	6	2	9	2	5	1	1	32
g	8-13	1-4	6-7	9	3	23	5	3	0	0	35
	2-2	1-1	2-2	2	1	7	0	2	0	1	18
	2-6	0-3	0-0	0	1	4	3	1	1	1	27
	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	1	3	1	1	0	0	11
	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	5
	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	5
				4							
	22-44	4-15	20-26	32	22	68	12	16	5	4	200
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TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-21 52.4% 2nd Half: 11-23 47.8% Game: 50.0% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 1-5 20.0% Game: 26.7% F Throw % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd Half: 14-18 77.8% Game: 76.9% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1

 Score by Periods
 1st
 2nd
 Total

 South Carolina
 31
 32
 63

 Ole Miss
 31
 37
 68

Officials: Tony Greene, Joe Lindsay, Lorenzo Bronson Technical fouls: South Carolina-TEAM. Ole Miss-Doyne, Bam. Attendance: 5144

Georgia 64 South Carolina 61 OT Jan. 14, 2006 Columbia, SC

Colonial Center (9,854) Levi Stukes's 3-pointer as time expired in overtime lifted Georgia to a 64-61 victory over Carolina.

Carolina was led by Balkman, who came off the bench to score 14 points. Stukes led the Bulldogs with 20 points, including six of 14 3-pointers.

The Gamecocks led by two before Mike Mercer's baseline jumper as the shot clock expired with 47.3 seconds to go tied it up.

Mercer then knocked the ball away from Tre Kelley at halfcourt, setting up the final possession for Georgia.

Sundiata Gaines then penetrated and kicked it back out to Stukes, who hit nothing but net over an onrushing Renaldo Balkman as the Bulldogs snapped a four-game losing streak to the Gamecocks.

The Bulldogs scored 11 straight points early in the second half behind a trio of 3-pointers - two by Stukes - to erase a four-point halftime deficit and go up 39-34.

But Balkman scored seven points to spark a 9-0 run that gave the Gamecocks a 43-41 lead with 12:37 remaining on Balkman's layup off an inbounds play. After that, there were seven lead changes and three ties as the teams headed into

Brandon Wallace's three-point play with 1:17 remaining in regulation gave South Carolina a 55-54 advantage, but Gaines hit one of two foul shots 12 seconds later to tie it.

Both teams had a chance to win at the end of the second half. But Gaines missed a jumper just inside the top of the key with about five seconds left and Tre Kelley missed desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Georgia ran out to a 15-7 lead as USC committed eight turnovers in the first 9 minutes. But South Carolina committed just two turnovers the rest of the first half and put together an 18-5 run to grab a 32-28 halftime lead.

Georgia		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
Woodbury	f	0-5	0-1	2-2	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	22
Bliss	c	1-2	0-0	0-0	4	2	2	0	3	0	0	27
Gaines	g	4-10	0-2	2-4	5	1	10	5	2	0	1	31
Stukes	g	6-15	6-14	2-2	3	2	20	1	2	0	0	34
Toney	g	4-6	2-3	2-2	2	1	12	1	5	1	0	34
Idrissi		1-3	0-0	2-2	7	5	4	1	1	2	1	21
Johnson		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Humphrey		1-4	0-2	0-0	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	18
Mercer		4-6	0-1	1-2	1	1	9	2	0	0	3	24
Singleton		1-3	0-0	1-2	4	1	3	0	0	2	0	9
TEAM					3							
Totals		22-54	8-23	12-16	33	19	64	11	14	5	6	225

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 9-26 34.6% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% F Throw % 1st Half: 7-10 70 0% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2, 1

2nd Half: 9-21 42.9% Game: 40.7% 2nd Half: 4-11 36.4% Game: 34.8% 2nd Half: 5-6 83.3% Game: 75.0%

South Car	olina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	STM	ΔIN	
Tisby	f	1-5	0-0	0-0	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	21	
Kinsey	f	2-10	2-5	2-2	6	0	8	2	4	0	1	42	
Day	f	4-12	3-8	1-4	6	3	12	1	2	0	2	36	
Kelley	g	3-11	1-6	2-3	3	2	9	4	2	0	2	35	
Trice	g	4-7	1-2	0-0	0	2	9	1	1	1	1	29	
McDowell		0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	
Sheldon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+	
Wallace		3-5	0-1	1-2	15	2	7	2	1	3	0	35	
Balkman		4-6	0-0	6-7	2	3	14	1	4	0	1	22	
TEAM					5								
Totals		21-57	7-22	12-18	40	14	61	11	16	4	7	225	

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 12-24 50.0% 2nd Half: 7-27 25.9% Game: 36.8% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-10 50 0% 2nd Half: 1-8 12 5% Game: 31 8% F Throw % 1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 8-13 61.5% Game: 66.7% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2

Score by Periods 1st 2nd OT Total Georgia South Carolina 27 23 9 6 64 32 61

Officials: Mike Stuart, Rogers Ayers, Tracy Woodson Technical fouls: Georgia-None. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 9854

South Carolina 66 Vanderbilt 64 OT lan. 19, 2006 Nashville, TN Memorial Gym (12,433)

Tre Kelley hit a driving layup with 3.6 seconds left to lift Carolina to a 66-64 overtime victory over Vanderbilt.

Kelley hit six 3-pointers and scored a career-high 29 points as South Carolina (10-7, 1-3) rallied from a late deficit to stun Vanderbilt (11-4, 2-2) and pick up its first Southeastern Conference victory of the season.

Kelley's final basket came after Vanderbilt's Mario Moore tied the game with a 3-pointer with 16 seconds left in regulation. Moore missed a long 3-point attempt at the

Dwayne Day scored 17 points for the Gamecocks, who won at Vanderbilt for the eighth time in their last 10 visits.

South Carolina outscored Vanderbilt 7-0 in the final three minutes of regulation to force overtime as Vanderbilt missed four free throws in the final minute.

Shan Foster made five 3-pointers and scored 17 points to lead the Commodores. Moore scored 12 points, while DeMarre Carroll and Julian Terrell scored 10 points each.

Brandon Wallace sent the game into overtime with a three-pointer with eight seconds remaining that capped a 7-0 South Carolina run in the final three minutes of regulation.

Derrick Byars missed a 17-footer on Vanderbilt's last possession of regulation. Vanderbilt went scoreless for the final 4:21 of regulation and the first 4:28 of overtime.

South Carolina committed just five turnovers and made a season-high 12 3-pointers. Vanderbilt shot 42 percent from 3-point range for the game.

South Car	olina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
Kinsey	f	3-13	0-8	0-0	2	2	6	6	0	0	3	45
Wallace	f	3-6	1-4	0-0	7	0	7	6	0	2	0	41
Tisby	c	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	21
Kelley	g	10-15	6-8	3-4	2	1	29	3	1	1	1	37
Day	g	6-10	4-5	1-1	3	3	17	1	0	0	1	37
Trice		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	7
McDowell		2-3	1-2	0-0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	15
Balkman		0-4	0-0	0-2	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	19
Sheldon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
TEAM					4				2			
Totals		25-54	12-27	4-7	27	12	66	16	5	5	6	225

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 7-22 31 8% 2nd Half: 16-27 59 3% Game: 46 3% 2nd Half: 9-14 64.3% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% Game: 44.4% F Throw % 1st Half: 1-4 25.0% 2nd Half: 1-1 100% Game: 57.1% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1

Vanderbilt	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Foster f	6-16	5-12	0-1	4	2	17	4	2	0	0	39
Terrell f	4-9	0-0	2-3	8	0	10	0	2	0	0	36
Skuchas c	0-1	0-0	2-2	1	1	2	4	1	0	0	22
Moore g	5-7	2-3	0-0	4	1	12	2	0	0	0	27
Byars g	2-9	1-4	0-0	4	4	5	3	3	1	1	31
Cage	2-5	2-3	2-2	4	1	8	0	0	0	0	22
Carroll	4-6	0-0	2-4	8	1	10	1	2	1	0	31
Gordon	0-2	0-2	0-1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	14
Nwankwo	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
TEAM				4							
Totale	22 55	10-24	8.13	30	12	64	15	11	2	2	225

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 12-25 48.0% 2nd Half: 9-26 34.6% Game: 41.8% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd Half: 6-15 40.0% Game: 41.7% F Throw % 1st Half: 1-1 100% 2nd Half: 7-12 58 3% Game: 61 5% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2

Score by Periods 1st 2nd OT Total South Carolina Vanderbilt 28 31 64

Officials: Ted Valentine, Tom Eades, Jim Burr Technical fouls: South Carolina-Kelley, Tre'. Vanderbilt-None. Attendance: 12433

Kęntucky 80 South Carolina 78 lan. 21, 2006 Lexington, KY Rupp Arena (23,420)

Rajon Rondo hit a 3-pointer with one-second left - his second buzzer-beating game-winner in three weeks, as Kentucky defeated Carolina 80-78.

With the victory, Kentucky avoided losing its first three conference home games for the first time ever. That brush with unwanted history came in the presence of one of the most heralded Kentucky teams of all time.

Antoine Tisby's two free-throws gave South Carolina a 78-77 lead with less than 10 seconds left (who was fouled by Randolph Morris - his fifth. Kentucky had pulled ahead on a 3-pointer by Patrick Sparks, one of his four on the day. Sparks, a senior guard, had 14 points, his highest total since scoring 25 on Nov. 22 against West Virginia.

Joe Crawford led the Wildcats with 15 points, Bobby Perry had 13 and Morris added 12. Tarence Kinsey's 21 points led the Gamecocks.

Carolina went on a 15-0 run early in the second half to lead 58-46, but the Wildcats rediscovered their touch and scored 20 of the next 24 points. The Kentucky run came largely without Morris, who picked up his fourth foul with 11:30 left and was held out of most of the rest of the game.

For the first time in several games, Kentucky shot well out of the gate, but so did South Carolina. The teams combined for eight 3-pointers in the first eight minutes and 12 in the half, including three each by Kentucky's Sparks and Carolina's Dwayne Day, who had 18 points and tied a career-high with four total 3-pointers.

Kentucky made 56 percent of its shots from the field in the game, and South Carolina hit 52 percent. The Gamecocks won the rebounding battle, 31-25.

It was a seesaw battle most of the half, and the longest run was South Carolina's six consecutive points in the final two minutes. Sparks immediately answered that with a 3pointer to give Kentucky a 40-38 lead at halftime.

South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
Day f	7-12	4-8	0-0	6	2	18	1	3	1	0	33
Tisby f	4-6	0-0	2-3	4	2	10	0	1	0	0	20
Wallace f	2-5	0-2	0-0	4	1	4	2	0	0	1	34
Kelley g	5-13	3-7	1-1	1	3	14	5	2	0	2	38
Kinsey g	7-11	3-5	4-4	6	2	21	2	1	0	3	37
McDowell	2-5	1-3	0-0	1	0	5	1	1	0	0	15
Sheldon	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Konate	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1
Balkman	2-3	0-0	2-3	5	2	6	1	0	1	0	18
TEAM				1							
Totals	29-56	11-26	9-13	31	13	78	12	11	2	6	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 15-28 53.6% 2nd Half: 14-28 50.0%Game: 51.8% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 6-14 42.9% 2nd Half: 5-12 41.7% Game: 42.3% F Throw % 1st Half: 2-4 50 0% 2nd Half: 7-9 77 8% Game: 69 2% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2

Kentucky		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Thomas	f	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	3	2	0	1	18
Morris	c	5-8	0-0	2-2	3	5	12	0	0	1	1	17
Rondo	g	4-9	1-3	0-0	4	1	9	3	2	1	0	29
Sparks	g	5-8	4-6	0-0	0	1	14	5	2	0	0	34
Crawford	g	7-10	1-2	0-1	6	2	15	1	2	0	0	26
Moss		2-4	1-2	0-1	1	0	5	0	1	0	1	17
Bradley		3-4	2-2	0-0	0	2	8	2	1	0	0	21
Obrzut		0-1	0-0	0-0	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	8
Perry		5-9	3-6	0-0	2	0	13	1	0	0	0	23
Sims		1-3	0-2	0-0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
TEAM												
Totals		33-59	12-24	2-4	25	14	80	15	11	2	3	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 16-29 55 2% 2nd Half: 17-30 56 7%Game: 55 9% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 6-12 50.0% F Throw % 1st Half: 2-2 100% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 0, 1

2nd Half: 6-12 50.0% Game: 50.0% 2nd Half: 0-2 0.0% Game: 50.0%

Score by Periods 2nd Total South Carolina 40 78 Kentucky 40

Officials: Mike Stuart. Rick Crawford. Carlos Reves Technical fouls: South Carolina-None. Kentucky-None. Attendance: 23420

#### 2005-06 South Carolina

outh Carolina 68 No. 4 Florida 62 **որ. 25, 2006** Columbia, SC

The Colonial Center (10,844)

Tarence Kinsey had 19 points and South Carolina ended a nine-game losing streak to No. 4 Florida with a 68-62 victory, the Gators' second straight loss after opening the season with 17 wins.

The Gators failed to extend the best start in school history with their 80-76 loss to Tennessee last Saturday and Dave Odom picked up his first SEC win against the Gators.

At first, the Gators looked eager to take their first loss out on the Gamecocks as Joakim Noah had three quick inside baskets to put Florida ahead 15-6. But South Carolina followed with a 20-6 run to take control.

Kinsey and Renaldo Balkman were two big reasons why. Kinsey had 11 of his 19 points in the second half and steadied his younger teammates as Florida made a late run.

Balkman cut off the middle for Florida's big men and created an inside presence for the Gamecocks. He finished with 14 points. Taurean Green led the Gators with 17 points, while Noah had 12, only four in the second half.

Balkman had three baskets during South Carolina's decisive first-half run, then had a basket and a free throw to help the team start the second half with a 9-2 run that gave the Gamecocks a 38-25 lead.

Green had two 3-pointers, Walter Hodge added one and Al Horford scored inside bucket as Florida cut a 15-point lead to 67-62 with 38 seconds to go.

South Carolina held on despite going 4-of-8 from the free throw line down the stretch.

South Carolina had squandered leads of 15 points in a loss to Tennessee three weeks ago, and 12 points to Kentucky last Saturday.

The Gamecocks last beat the Gators on Travis Kraft's desperation 3-pointer at the old Carolina Coliseum in 2001.

Florida		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
Brewer	f	2-7	1-5	2-2	1	3	7	2	2	0	1	31
Noah	f	4-6	0-0	4-4	13	5	12	1	2	1	0	33
Horford	c	3-8	0-0	0-0	9	4	6	0	2	1	1	32
Green	g	5-12	3-8	4-4	2	1	17	7	5	0	0	36
Humphrey	g	2-6	2-6	0-0	2	1	6	0	1	0	1	30
Moss		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Hodge		4-4	2-2	0-0	0	1	10	1	1	0	2	17
Richard		2-2	0-0	0-0	3	1	4	0	2	0	0	16
Huertas		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
TEAM					1							
Totals		22-45	8-21	10-10	31	16	62	11	17	2	5	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 8-18 44.4%	2nd Half: 14-27 51.9%	Game: 48.9%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-5 20.0%	2nd Half: 7-16 43.8%	Game: 38.1%
F Throw % 1st Half: 6-6 100%	2nd Half: 4-4 100%	Game: 100%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 0, 1		

South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Day f	1-8	1-7	1-2	4	1	4	0	2	0	1	24
Wallace f	2-3	0-1	0-0	2	1	4	1	0	0	1	14
Tisby c	3-9	0-0	3-6	5	1	9	0	0	3	2	31
Kelley g	3-9	0-3	2-6	5	4	8	8	1	0	1	33
Kinsey g	5-13	3-4	6-8	4	0	19	2	1	1	1	39
McDowell	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	12
Trice	3-5	1-2	0-0	3	0	7	1	2	0	1	19
Balkman	6-7	0-0	2-4	6	1	14	2	1	0	3	28
TEAM				3							
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TOTAL FG%1st Half: 12-31 38.7%	2nd Half: 12-26 46.2%	Game: 42.1%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-11 27.3%	2nd Half: 3-9 33.3%	Game: 30.0%
F Throw % 1st Half: 2-3 66.7%	2nd Half: 12-23 52.2%	Game: 53.8%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 4		

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Florida	23	39	62
South Carolina	29	39	68

Officials: Ted Valentine, Bruce Benedict, John Globe Technical fouls: Florida-None.

No. 19 Tennessee 81 South Carolina 65 lan. 28, 2006 Knoxyille, TN Thompson-Boiling Ctr (20,068)

Chris Lofton scored 23 points and Andre Patterson had 13 points and 12 rebounds to lead No. 19 Tennessee to an 81-65 win over Carolina. UT won its third straight game and won at home for the first time this season as a ranked team.

USC lost at home to the Vols earlier this month and couldn't maintain the momentum from beating Florida Jan. 25. Tre' Kelley and Dwayne Day each scored 11 points and Tarence Kinsey had 10 points for the Gamecocks, who were outrebounded 43-30.

The Vols led the entire second half, but South Carolina kept chipping away at the lead. Kelley cut it to 69-63 on a 3-pointer with 3:10 left, and Dane Bradshaw answered for Tennessee with a three-point play.

Kelley scored again on a drive, but those were the final points in the game for USC. Tennessee outscored the Gamecocks 9-0 over the final 2:20.

C.J. Watson added 11 points and Stanley Asumnu had 10 for Tennessee. Lofton, one of the best 3-point shooters in the SEC, didn't make a 3 until the second half. He finished 4-of-11 from beyond the arc.

The Vols got many of their points at the free throw line. They were 15-of-21 while the Gamecocks were only 2-of-4.

South Carolina cut the lead to 55-52 on Stephen McDowell's 3 with 8:34 remaining to finish an 8-2 run.

But Lofton made two straight 3-pointers and Watson hit two free throws to push the lead to 11 with 6:49 to go.

South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Day f	4-9	3-5	0-0	2	2	11	1	0	1	0	21
Wallace f	2-4	1-2	0-0	1	4	5	1	2	1	1	24
Tisby c	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	1	4	0	1	2	0	19
Kelley g	5-12	1-7	0-2	2	3	11	5	2	0	0	35
Kinsey g	4-12	2-8	2-2	6	3	12	5	3	1	0	39
McDowell	1-5	1-5	0-0	2	0	3	3	2	0	1	17
Sheldon	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	5
Trice	4-6	1-2	0-0	3	2	9	0	0	0	1	18
Balkman	4-9	0-1	0-0	6	3	8	4	1	3	1	22
TEAM				6							
Totals	27-63	9-30	2-4	30	18	65	20	11	8	4	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-28 39.3%	2nd Half: 16-35 45.7%	Game: 42.9%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-16 25.0%	2nd Half: 5-14 35.7%	Game: 30.0%
F Throw % 1st Half: 2-2 100%	2nd Half: 0-2 0.0%	Game: 50.0%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1		

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Howell	f	5-10	0-0	3-4	12	2	13	0	5	1	0	28	
Bradshaw	f	3-5	0-1	1-4	6	1	7	3	1	1	0	34	
Wingate	c	3-4	0-0	0-0	5	2	6	1	2	2	0	18	
Russell	g	7-15	4-11	5-5	5	1	23	3	0	1	5	34	
Currie	g	4-6	1-2	2-2	5	0	11	3	0	0	2	33	
Smith		2-12	1-7	4-6	4	0	9	3	2	0	0	24	
Charalambo	ous	5-8	0-1	0-0	4	1	10	4	0	0	1	17	
Pinson		1-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	7	
Johnson		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	
TEAM					2								
Totals		30-62	6-23	15-21	43	9	81	18	11	5	8	200	

OTAL FG%1st Half: 12-30 40.0%	2nd Half: 18-32 56.3%	Game: 48.49
-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-11 18.2%	2nd Half: 4-12 33.3%	Game: 26.19
Throw % 1st Half: 7-10 70.0%	2nd Half: 8-11 72.7%	Game: 71.49
EADBALL REBOUNDS: 2		

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
South Carolina	28	37	65
Tennessee	33	48	81

Officials: Ted Valentine Joe Lindsay Tracy Woodson Technical fouls: South Carolina-Wallace, Brandon, Tennessee-None, Attendance: 20068

Arkansas 73 South Carolina 59 Feb. 4, 2006 Fayetteville, AR Bud Walton Arena (18,286)

Jonathon Modica scored a career-high 37 points to lead Arkansas to a 73-59 win over Carolina. Its the most points a player has scored against USC since the Gamecocks joined the SEC 15 years ago.

Tarence Kinsey scored 14 points for the Gamecocks. Dwayne Day added 10 as did Rocky Trice. Day and Brandon Wallace both pulled down seven rebounds each.

South Carolina pulled to 65-55 with 2:55 remaining, but Modica had a driving 3-point play, a layup off a fast break and a 3-pointer to push the lead back to 18.

Neither team had played since last weekend, and both struggled offensively early. Carolina led 6-2 before Modica made the first of four first-half 3-pointers with 15:04 remaining. That shot started a 7-0 run that put Arkansas ahead for good.

Modica was open repeatedly against the Gamecocks zone, and his second 3-pointer made it 21-10.

Modica made back-to-back 3-pointers to put the Razorbacks ahead 35-15 with 3:56 to play. His six 3-pointers in the game also set a career high.

Charles Thomas scored 13 points for Arkansas. Ronnie Brewer added 10 after averaging 19.9 ppg in his first seven SEC games.

South Care	olina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Kelley	g	1-7	0-2	2-2	1	3	4	5	5	0	0	34
Kinsey	g	3-9	1-3	7-9	4	4	14	1	5	0	1	33
Tisby	c	4-9	0-0	0-0	3	1	8	0	0	2	1	26
Day	f	2-6	2-5	4-6	7	2	10	1	0	0	0	30
Wallace	f	2-5	2-3	0-0	7	2	6	3	1	0	0	28
McDowell		1-3	1-1	0-0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2
Sheldon		0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Trice		5-8	0-2	0-1	3	3	10	0	2	0	3	18
Palacios		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	10
Konate		0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	6
Balkman		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	6
TEAM					1							
Totals		20-52	6-17	13-18	28	17	59	10	15	2	- 5	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 8-27 29.6%	2nd Half: 12-25 48.0%	Game: 38.5%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-12 33.3%	2nd Half: 2-5 40.0%	Game: 35.3%
F Throw % 1st Half: 1-2 50.0%	2nd Half: 12-16 75.0%	Game: 72.2%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2,1		

FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
1-5	0-2	2-4	3	3	4	4	5	0	2	32
11-17	6-9	9-10	3	2	37	2	0	0	3	36
4-13	0-4	2-3	4	1	10	7	3	0	0	33
0-2	0-0	1-2	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	14
0-1	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	21
1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	4
1-2	0-0	0-0	2	4	2	4	0	0	0	22
2-2	0-0	0-0	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	-11
0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5-6	1-1	2-4	3	4	13	2	2	1	1	26
			3							
25-49	7-16	16-23	32	15	73	19	11	5	7	200
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TOTAL FG%1st Half: 14-27 51.9%	2nd Half: 11-22 50.0%	Game: 51.0%]
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-10 50.0%	2nd Half: 2-6 33.3%	Game: 43.8%
RF Throw %1st Half: 6-6 100%	2nd Half: 10-17 58.8%	Game: 69.6%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 4,1		

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total	
South Carolina	21	38	59	
Arkansas	39	34	73	

Officials: Mike Stuart. Pat Adams, John Goble Technical fouls: South Carolina-None. Arkansas-None. Attendance: 18286

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South Carolina 71 No. 6/7 Florida 67 Feb. 8, 2006 Gainesville, FL O'Connell Center (12,381)

Tre' Kelley scored 17 points, made three free throws in the final 26 seconds and had a key steal down the stretch that helped South Carolina upset No. 7 Florida 71-67.

The Gamecocks ended the second-longest home winning streak in the nation at 20 games and swept the Gators for the first time since the 1997-98 season.

Florida's Lee Humphrey hit his fourth 3-pointer to make it 69-67 with about 20 seconds to play, then Kelley missed one of two free throws to give the Gators a final chance.

But Brandon Wallace blocked Taurean Green's 3-point shot, and the Gamecocks became the first road team to celebrate a victory in the O'Connell Center since Tennessee beat Florida 83-76 in overtime on Jan. 19, 2005.

South Carolina won this one from 3-point range. The Gamecocks made seven 3-pointers in the first half and added two huge ones on consecutive possessions after Florida built a four-point lead with 4:06 remaining. They finished 10-of-21 from behind the arc.

Kelley had two treys, including a bank shot. He also had a big steal with about a minute to play that forced the Gators to start fouling.

Joakim Noah was about to go up for an easy dunk when Kelley stole the ball out of his hands (Noah later said he didn't know Kelley was even there). Florida fouled Kelley and he hit two free throws to push the lead to four, 66-62. Following Kelley's two, the Gamecocks went 5-of-8 from the free-throw line in the final minute.

Bryce Sheldon, who entered the game averaging 3.6 points, made four 3-pointers and finished with a season-high 14 points for the Gamecocks. Teammate Tarence Kinsey added 16 before fouling out with 2:14 to play.

South Car	olina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
Day	f	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	18
Wallace	f	4-6	0-2	0-2	6	4	8	0	2	2	0	23
Balkman	f	3-4	0-0	2-4	8	3	8	2	5	0	2	35
Kelley	g	4-8	2-3	7-9	4	3	17	7	3	0	3	38
Kinsey	g	6-13	4-6	0-0	1	5	16	0	2	0	2	26
McDowell		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Sheldon		5-7	4-6	0-0	2	0	14	1	1	0	1	24
Trice		2-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	4	2	2	0	1	23
Tisby		0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
Konate		2-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	4
TEAM					3							
Totals		26-49	10-21	9-15	29	19	71	12	18	2	9	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 16-28 57.1% 2nd Half: 10-21 47.6% Game: 53.1% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 7-15 46.7% 2nd Half: 3-6 50.0% Game: 47.6% FThrow %1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd Half: 9-15 60.0% Game: 60.0% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 4

Florida	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Brewer f	2-9	0-1	6-7	3	1	10	1	0	0	1	36
Noah f	5-7	0-0	5-7	3	2	15	4	5	0	3	29
Horford c	3-6	0-0	0-2	7	2	6	4	3	1	2	28
Green g	3-9	2-6	6-6	1	4	14	3	3	0	0	31
Hodge g	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Moss	1-2	0-0	2-2	2	0	4	0	1	0	0	8
Humphrey	4-6	4-6	0-0	1	1	12	2	0	0	1	26
Richard	2-3	0-0	0-0	5	2	4	2	1	0	2	15
Huertas	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	7
TEAM				1							
Totals	21-46	6-16	19-24	24	14	67	16	14	1	10	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-25 44.0% 2nd Half: 10-21 47.6% Game: 45.7% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-8 50.0% 2nd Half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 37.5% FT hrow %1st Half: 11-14 78.6% 2nd Half: 8-10 80.0% Game: 79.2% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total	
South Carolina	39	32	71	
Florida	37	30	67	

Officials: Dough Shows, Karl Hess, Doug Sirmons Technical fouls: South Carolina-Wallace, Brandon. Florida-None. Attendance: 12381

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South Carolina 83 Mississippi State 61 Feb. 11, 2006 Columbia, SC

Colonial Center (14,045)

Tre' Kelly scored 16 of his 22 points in the first half and led a key run before the break to lift South Carolina to an 83-61 victory over Mississippi State.

The Gamecocks outscored the Bulldogs 18-2 in the final 5:42 and took a 43-27 lead at halftime. Kelley had eight points during the run, including back-to-back 3s in an 18-second span while the Bulldogs were just 1-of-11 and had four turnovers.

Mississippi State, which has lost eight of its last nine, was led by Charles Rhodes. He scored 13 of his 18 points in the second half and had eight rebounds. Jamont Gordon added 13 points, nine assists and eight rebounds.

It was coach Dave Odom's first victory over Mississippi State in his five years with the Gamecocks, who have beaten every conference team at least once in Odom's tenure.

It was also the most lopsided SEC win this season for South Carolina and its largest margin of victory over an SEC team in almost four years.

Kelley hit 8-of-15 field goals, including 6-of-9 from 3-point range. He also had seven assists. Tarence Kinsey added 15 points and seven rebounds for the Gamecocks, who made 11-of-23 from long range. Brandon Wallace added 11 points and seven rebounds.

South Carolina outrebounded the Bulldogs 34-30. Mississippi State came into the game as the second-leading rebounding team in the SEC.

The Gamecocks, back home after three straight road games, outscored the Bulldogs 12-6 in the first 4:31 of the second half to take a 55-33 lead on Wallace's bucket. Mississippi State never got closer than 17 after that.

Mississippi State	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Rhodes f	8-18	0-0	2-4	8	2	18	0	5	1	0	34
Gordon f	4-10	0-4	5-7	8	2	13	9	4	0	1	38
Edmondson g	3-10	2-7	0-0	0	0	8	1	0	0	2	38
Slater g	5-6	0-0	2-4	4	2	12	4	1	0	1	26
Delk g	4-9	2-6	0-0	3	2	10	0	2	0	1	31
Delk	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	9
Rimmer	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Goodridge	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Stelmach	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	14
TEAM				6							
Totals	24-55	4-18	9-17	30	9	61	16	13	1	6	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 10-26 38.5% 2nd Half: 14-29 48.3% Game: 43.6% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-10 40.9% 2nd Half: 0-8 0.0% Game: 22.2% F Throw %1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 6-13 46.2% Game: 52.9% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 3

South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Day f	2-4	2-3	2-2	1	0	8	2	1	0	0	17
Balkman f	3-4	0-0	0-0	3	3	6	2	1	2	3	24
Wallace c	5-8	1-2	0-0	7	3	11	3	0	0	0	29
Kelley g	8-15	6-9	0-0	2	3	22	7	2	0	0	33
Kinsey g	6-13	1-5	2-2	7	2	15	3	5	0	2	36
McDowell	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Sheldon	2-5	1-4	0-0	1	1	5	0	1	0	0	17
Trice	4-5	0-0	0-0	6	3	8	4	0	1	2	22
Nerbun	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tisby	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	5
Palacios	2-4	0-0	0-0	1	1	4	1	0	2	0	10
TEAM				4							
Totals	34-62	11-23	4-4	34	16	83	22	10	5	7	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 18-34 52.9% 2nd Half: 16-28 57.1% Game: 54.8% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 7-14 50.0% 2nd Half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 47.8% FThrow %1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd Half: 4-4 100% Game: 100% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 0

 Score by Periods
 1st
 2nd Total

 Mississippi State
 27
 34
 61

 South Carolina
 43
 40
 83

Officials: Karl Hess, Doug Sirmons, Lee Cassell Technical fouls: Mississippi State-None. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 14045

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South Carolina 67 Alabama 56 Feb. 14, 2006 Columbia, SC Colonial Center (13,103)

Renaldo Balkman scored a career-high 28 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to lift Carolina past Alabama 67-56.

Balkman was virtually unstoppable in leading the Gamecocks to their third consecutive victory. He grabbed rebounds on both ends of the court, and his defense and hustle lead to some easy baskets for South Carolina.

Tre' Kelley, who had been averaging nearly 20 points in his past two games, was shutout in the opening period, going 0-for-5 from the floor. But his first points with 14:44 left in the second half ignited a 12-1 run and the Gamecocks kept Alabama at bay the rest of the way. Kelley and Balkman combined for 31 of USC's 39 points in the second half.

Kelley hit two 3s during the run and his steal and assist to Rocky Trice for an easy layup brought the crowd to its feet, putting the Gamecocks ahead 45-32 with 12:01 remaining. Kelley finished with 12 points.

Ronald Steele led the Crimson Tide with 13 points, but most of them came from the line in the final few minutes. Jermareo Davidson and Jean Felix added 12 apiece.

Alabama, which had won three straight and seven of their last nine, got as close as nine late in the game, but South Carolina held off any potential rally.

Every time it seemed like the Tide were going to make a run, Balkman and the rest of the Gamecocks stepped up.

The junior had a sensational first half, including 11 rebounds, nine points and three steals. And he picked up right where he left off in the second half with five quick points, including his second 3 of the night.

His aggressiveness on the offensive glass during one South Carolina possession in the opening half garnered him two rebounds before hitting an easy bucket.

Later in the second half, he grabbed an offensive board while falling out of bounds and called a time-out, allowing South Carolina to kill more time off the clock.

Alabama		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Brock	f	2-4	0-0	0-0	5	4	4	- 1	3	0	1	21
Hendrix	f	3-5	0-0	1-2	7	3	7	1	1	3	1	33
Davidson	c	5-8	0-0	2-2	4	3	12	1	1	0	0	31
Hollinger	g	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	17
Steele	g	2-9	1-4	8-9	4	1	13	6	3	0	1	40
Gee		3-7	1-4	1-4	3	1	8	1	4	1	0	25
Felix		4-10	4-10	0-0	5	3	12	- 1	3	0	0	33
TEAM					2							
Totals		19-46	6-21	12-17	30	16	56	13	15	4	3	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-24 45.8% 2nd Half: 8-22 36.4% Game: 41.3% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 28.6% Throw %1st Half: 14-25.0% 2nd Half: 11-13 84.6% Game: 70.6% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1, 1

ı	South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
ı	Day f	1-4	0-3	1-2	2	0	3	1	0	0	1	25
ı	Balkman f	11-15	2-2	4-7	16	2	28	1	1	2	4	35
ı	Wallace c	2-5	0-1	3-5	4	3	7	1	1	2	0	30
ı	Kelley g	4-10	3-5	1-2	1	3	12	8	2	0	1	36
ı	Kinsey g	3-10	1-6	2-2	4	2	9	0	2	0	1	38
ı	Sheldon	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	- 1	0	0	0	16
ı	Trice	4-6	0-1	0-0	1	5	8	1	0	0	2	18
ı	Tisby	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
ı	TEAM				2				2			
ı	Totals	25-54	6-20	11-18	30	17	67	13	8	4	9	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-29 37.9% 2nd Half: 14-25 56.0% Game: 46.3% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-10 20.0% 2nd Half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 30.0% F Throw %1st Half: 4-5 80.0% 2nd Half: 7-13 53.8% Game: 61.1% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 5, 1

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total	
Alabama	26	30	56	
South Carolina	28	39	67	

Officials: Mike Stuart, Pat Adams, Gary Maxwell Technical fouls: Alabama-None. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 13103

# Kentucky 79 South Carolina 66 Feb. 18, 2006 Columbia, SC

Colonial Center (17,188)

Patrick Sparks had six second-half 3-pointers and a season-high 26 points to rally UK to a 79-66 victory over South Carolina. Sparks had gone just 1 of 6 in a win against Georgia Feb. 15 and missed both shots he took from behind the arc in the first half of this one. But Sparks found his range and the 'Cats went on to sweep the regular-season series from USC for the 12th time in the school's 15 league years.

Tarence Kinsey Kinsey led South Carolina with 21 points. Just eight of those, however, came in the second half. Tre' Kelley added 11, tying a season high five rebounds.

USC's Renaldo Balkman followed a career performance of 28 points and 16 rebounds in an Alabama win this week with only six points and two rebounds against the Wildcats.

Sparks first three put Kentucky ahead to stay, 33-30, with 17:53 left. He and his teammates were far from finished, however. Sparks followed with a bucket - his lone 2-pointer of the half - and another three to put Kentucky up 40-32. A minute later Sparks was at it again, swishing a three to extend the lead to 12 points.

When Sheray Thomas scored to make it 53-39, it finished a 25-9 run where the Wildcats hit 10 of 12 field goals. The closest USC came after that was 53-45 on two baskets by Tarence Kinsey. Sparks, though, ended any hopes of a comeback with his final two 3-pointers.

USC had entered on a bit of a hot streak with victories in four of its past six games, including a sweep of nationally ranked UF. The game also was a reunion of about 80 former standouts honored at halftime and hopeful this would end differently than so many others against Kentucky

Instead, Sparks' outside shooting helped the 'Cats improve to 37-6 all-time against USC. He finished 8 of 11 (field), 6 of 8 from three-point range and made his four foul shots. Sparks also added four assists and two steals.

UK moved in front quickly, leading 14-6 when Randolph Morris - who again did not start for the Wildcats - took control on the inside with several easy baskets. Then UK went cold and sloppy, going 0-of-4 from the field with three turnovers as USC used a 16-2 run to move in front.

Kentucky

FG-A 3G-A FT-A RB PF PTS AS TO BS STMIN

0-1 3-3 3 0 11 3 0 1 0 22

Obrzut	c	1-2	0-0	2-2	3	1	4	0	1	1	0	9
Stockton	g	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	20
Moss	g	1-7	1-3	0-0	4	3	3	1	1	0	1	20
Sparks	g	8-11	6-8	4-4	1	2	26	4	3	0	2	33
Bradley		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	8
Rondo		1-3	0-0	0-2	1	2	2	2	1	0	1	18
LeMaster		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Alleyne		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Thomas		2-3	0-1	2-2	4	1	6	1	1	0	0	16
Williams		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Crawford		5-9	1-3	1-2	2	0	12	3	1	2	1	20
Morris		6-9	0-0	1-2	11	1	13	0	2	1	2	29
Sims		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Carter		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM					5				1			
Totals		29-52	8-17	13-17	35	12	79	18	12	6	8	200
TOTAL FO	5%1st I	Ialf: 9-2	2 40.9%	6 2nd	Hal	<b>f</b> : 20	-30 6	6.7%	G	ame	: 55	.8%
3-Pt. FG%	1st Hal	f: 0-8 0.0	0%	2nd	Hal	f: 8-9	88.9	%	G	ame	: 47	.1%
F Throw %	1st Hal	f: 7-10 7	0.0%	2nd	Hal	f: 6-	7 85 7	10%	G	ame	: 76	5%

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 9-22 40.9%	2nd Half: 20-30 66.7%	Game: 55.8%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 0-8 0.0%	2nd Half: 8-9 88.9%	Game: 47.1%
F Throw %1st Half: 7-10 70.0%	2nd Half: 6-7 85.7%	Game: 76.5%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2		

South Care	olina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Day	f	2-7	1-4	0-0	1	1	5	0	0	0	2	17
Balkman	f	2-4	0-0	2-4	2	1	6	2	1	0	0	24
Wallace	c	3-8	0-2	1-1	5	2	7	3	1	2	1	36
Kelley	g	4-14	3-9	0-0	5	4	11	3	6	1	0	34
Kinsey	g	9-20	0-5	3-3	6	2	21	3	0	1	2	38
Sheldon		2-3	2-3	2-3	2	2	8	1	0	0	0	14
Trice		0-3	0-0	2-2	3	3	2	0	2	1	0	24
Tisby		3-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	6	0	0	1	1	13
TEAM					5							
Totals		25-64	6-23	10-13	29	16	66	12	10	6	6	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 12-30 40 0% 2nd Half: 13-34 38 2% Game: 39.1% **3-Pt. FG% 1st Half:** 1-11 9.1% **F Throw %1st Half:** 3-3 100% 2nd Half: 5-12 41 7% Game: 26 1% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2, 1

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total	
Kentucky	25	54	79	
South Carolina	28	38	66	

Officials: Tony Greene, Joe Lindsay, Antinio Petty Technical fouls: Kentucky None. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 17188

Georgia 48 South Carolina 47 Feb. 23, 2006 Athens, GA

Stegeman Coliseum (5,785)

Billy Humphrey's putback with 26.1 seconds remaining ended the scoring as UGA held off USC 48-47. The teams combined for 38 TO, including one by UGA's Kevin Brophy and one by USC's Tre' Kelley in the final 2.1 seconds.

Renaldo Balkman missed a 17-foot jumper at the buzzer that would have won it for the Gamecocks.

Tarence Kinsey led South Carolina with 15 points. Brandon Wallace had a career-high 14 points and 12 rebounds, grabbing his fourth double-double of the year and the fifth of his career.

Mike Mercer scored 11 points, and Sundiata Gaines 10 for the Bulldogs, who swept a season series from South Carolina for the first time in three years. Humphrey, who grabbed the ball after Levi Stukes missed a 3-pointer from the right corner, scooped in a shot past two defenders. He finished with eight points.

Mercer and Humphrey were coming off a one-game suspension Georgia coach Dennis Felton gave the freshmen for violating an unspecified team rule.

The Gamecocks have lost two straight. They couldn't hold a 47-46 lead after Wallace hit a 3-pointer from the right corner with 2.21 remaining. UGA ended a three-game losing streak in the series with a 64-61 overtime victory Jan. 14.

The teams combined for a 6-for-33 performance on 3-point attempts. Guards Levi Stukes of the Bulldogs and Tarence Kinsey of the Gamecocks combined to go 0-for-11.

Despite taking possession with 21.7 seconds remaining, the Gamecocks couldn't get off a shot until Balkman's illfated jumper. Younes Idrissi blocked Kelley's baseline runner out of bounds with 11.3 seconds left.

Kelley committed his fourth turnover from the same spot on the floor, approximately 14 feet right of the basket, when he inadvertently passed the ball to Gaines.

Steve Newman gave UGA its biggest lead at 29-19 when he hit a 3 from the right corner with 17:38 remaining.

Rocky Trice put South Carolina up 32-31 less than five minutes later when he rebounded Kinsey's missed 3 and hit an eight-footer.

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South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Kelley g	1-9	1-5	1-2	2	1	4	4	4	0	2	37
Trice g	3-3	0-0	1-2	7	0	7	0	6	0	2	26
Kinsey f	5-15	0-5	5-5	5	1	15	3	4	0	4	39
Balkman f	1-5	0-0	0-1	3	3	2	0	0	0	1	19
Wallace c	6-9	1-2	1-3	12	1	14	1	2	1	0	38
McDowell	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sheldon	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	11
Tisby	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	8
Day	2-4	1-2	0-0	2	0	5	1	3	1	0	21
TEAM				5							
Totals	18-50	3-16	8-13	38	8	47	9	21	2	9	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 5-22 22.7% 2nd Half: 13-28 46.4% Game: 36.0% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 0-5 0.0% 2nd Half: 3-11 27.3% Game: 18.8% F Throw %1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd Half: 2-5 40.0% Game: 61.5% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1

Georgia	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Idrissi	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	4	2	0	2	2	1	22
Gaines	5-7	0-0	0-0	3	2	10	1	3	0	3	21
Stukes	1-10	0-6	0-0	3	0	2	0	3	0	2	29
Toney	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	0	2	0	2	0	- 1	12
Bliss	2-4	0-0	0-0	4	3	4	0	2	0	1	20
Brophy	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	15
Newman	4-7	1-2	0-0	2	1	9	1	2	0	2	19
Humphrey	3-7	2-6	0-0	3	3	8	2	2	0	1	21
Mercer	5-12	0-3	1-1	3	1	11	2	0	0	2	33
Singleton	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	8
TEAM				4							
Totals	22-53	3_19	1.1	28	15	48	6	17	3	13	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 9-25 36.0%	2nd Half: 13-28 46.4%	Game: 41.5%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-9 11.1%	2nd Half: 2-10 20.0%	Game: 15.8%
F Throw %1st Half: 1-1 100%	2nd Half: 0-0 0.0%	Game: 100%
DEADRALL REPOUNDS: 0.1		

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total	
South Carolina	16	31	47	
Georgia	20	28	48	

Officials: Ted Valentine, J.B. Caldwell, Mike Nance Technical fouls: South Carolina-None. Georgia Bulldogs-None. Attendance: 5785

Vanderbilt 57 South Carolina 56 Feb. 25, 2006 Columbia, SC

Colonial Center (13,079)

Dan Cage scored 13 points and Vanderbilt rallied from a nine-point deficit to beat South Carolina 57-56. The Gamecocks' Tarence Kinsey missed an 18-foot jumper just before the buzzer, and South Carolina lost by one for the second consecutive game.

The Gamecocks were up 50-41 with 6:40 left, but Vanderbilt hit four 3-pointers and went on a 16-4 run. The Commodores were just 2-for-10 from beyond the arc in the

Cage hit back-to-back 3s in less than one minute and Derrick Byars scored on a layup to give Vandy a 57-54 lead with 1:36 left. Shan Foster, who was averaging 16.5 points a game, had 11 points.

After Kinsey hit two foul shots with 1:02 left, Vandy turned it over with 25.8 seconds remaining, setting up the Gamecocks final shot. Actually, Carolina got two shots - Kinsey missed a 3 with about seven seconds left then he failed to hit the rim from the corner just before the buzzer.

Kinsey was 3-for-13 for 10 points and had seven rebounds. Though the senior had poor day shooting, he did become the 38th player at South Carolina to score 1,000 points. Tre Kelley added 13 points and five assists.

Kelley's layup beat the buzzer and gave South Carolina a 28-27 halftime lead, halting Vanderbilt's 17-4 surge that erased a 12-point deficit.

With the score tied at 32, South Carolina scored nine straight points, and led 41-32 lead on Kelley's layup with 13:44 left. The Commodores pulled within four moments later on one of two foul shots by Foster but could get no closer until less than five minutes remained.

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Vanderbilt	t	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Byars	f	4-9	1-5	1-2	2	2	10	- 1	2	0	0	31
Carroll	f	3-7	0-1	2-4	5	4	8	1	3	0	3	29
Terrell	f	4-7	0-0	0-1	5	1	8	2	0	2	1	29
Gordon	g	1-5	0-4	0-0	1	3	2	2	2	0	1	20
Foster	g	4-7	2-4	1-2	4	1	11	2	1	0	0	30
Moore	_	1-3	1-3	0-0	3	2	3	4	3	0	2	17
Metcalfe		1-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	16
Cage		4-7	3-6	2-2	2	1	13	2	2	0	1	28
TEAM					3							
Totals		22-48	7-23	6-11	27	14	57	15	13	2	8	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-25 44.0%	6 2nd Half: 11-23 47.8%	Game: 45.8%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-10 20.0%	2nd Half: 5-13 38.5%	Game: 30.4%
F Throw %1st Half: 3-4 75.0%	2nd Half: 3-7 42.9%	Game: 54.5%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1,1		

South Car	olina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Tisby	f	3-8	0-0	1-1	5	2	7	0	1	1	1	24
Kinsey	f	3-13	1-5	3-4	7	1	10	1	2	0	0	36
Wallace	c	2-6	0-1	0-0	6	0	4	0	5	1	1	30
Kelley	g	5-10	0-2	3-4	1	1	13	5	2	0	2	36
Trice	g	3-5	2-3	2-3	6	4	10	3	0	2	2	29
McDowell	l	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Sheldon		1-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	6
Day		0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	11
Balkman		4-6	0-1	2-2	6	2	10	0	3	0	3	24
TEAM					3							
Totale		21 52	2 1 4	11 14	26	11	E C	11	1.4	4	0	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 12-29 41.4	% 2nd Half: 9-24 37.5%	Game: 39.6%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-7 28.6%	2nd Half: 1-7 14.3%	Game: 21.4%
F Throw %1st Half: 2-2 100%	2nd Half: 9-12 75.0%	Game: 78.6%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1		

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total	
Vanderbilt	27	30	57	
South Carolina	28	28	56	

Officials: Doug Shows, Bert Smith, Antinio Petty Technical fouls: Vanderbilt-None. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 1307

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No. 21 LSU 64 South Carolina 61 Feb. 28, 2006 Columbia, SC Colonial Center (12,248)

Glen Davis scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lift No. 21 LSU to a 64-61 victory over South Carolina, giving the Tigers at least a share of the SEC title. USC is now 3-7 in games that are decided by five points or less.

Davis, the SEC's leading scorer, was held to just six points in the opening half, but LSU pounded the ball inside in the second half to capture its first league title in six years.

Tarence Kinsey led South Carolina with 21 points. Brandon Wallace picked up 11 points with four blocks. Tre' Kelley scored nine with six assists.

USC had a chance late in the game trailing by two, but Kinsey was called for traveling. Tasmin Mitchell made a free throw with 26.3 seconds to go to put LSU ahead 62-59.

South Carolina tried to find Kinsey for a 3-pointer on its next possession, but couldn't and Rocky Trice missed from beyond the arc. Brandon Wallace tipped in the rebound, but Davis made two free throws to seal the win.

Kelley's desperation 3-pointer from midcourt at the buzzer was well short.

The teams traded the lead nine times during the second half with Kinsey and Davis going back and forth for nearly a nine-minute stretch.

Davis scored 14 points during an 8:47 stretch, but Kinsey answered with 14 points of his own, including four 3-pointers. South Carolina took a one-point lead with 2:38 to go on a 3-pointer by Kinsey, but Davis' basket with 2:15 remaining put LSU up for good. Mitchell added several key free throws down the stretch.

The Gamecocks led by as many as 10 points in the first half after Kelley found Wallace on a couple of key baskets, including an alley-oop that put South Carolina ahead 28-19 with 5:13 remaining.

After Kinsey's 3-pointer put the Gamecocks up 31-21 with 4:22 to go, South Carolina went the rest of the half without a basket until Wallace's 3-pointer at the buzzer.

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LSU		F	G-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	STI	MIN
Davis	f		7-15	0-0	10-11	10	2	24	2	2	0	1	37
Mitchell	f		7-11	1-3	5-7	4	1	20	2	1	2	1	37
Lazare	f		1-6	0-0	0-0	4	2	2	2	3	0	2	35
Temple	g		2-6	1-3	0-0	5	2	5	5	1	1	2	37
Mitchell	g		3-13	3-7	2-3	5	0	11	1	2	0	3	36
Voogd			0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Rolle			1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	12
TEAM						6							
Totals		. :	21-53	5-13	17-21	35	8	64	15	9	4	9	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-29 37.9% 2nd Half: 10-24 41.7% Game: 39.6% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-4 25.0% 2nd Half: 4-9 44.4% Game: 38.5% FT hrow %1st Half: 5-5 100% 2nd Half: 12-16 75.0% Game: 81.0% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2

South Caro	olina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Tisby	f	3-7	0-0	1-4	9	1	7	1	3	2	1	28
Kinsey	f	6-14	5-10	4-4	4	3	21	2	4	0	2	36
Wallace	c	5-8	1-2	0-0	5	3	11	1	1	4	0	31
Kelley	g	3-14	3-7	0-0	5	2	9	6	2	1	1	38
Trice	g	4-7	1-3	0-0	4	2	9	3	1	0	1	31
McDowell	-	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Sheldon		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Palacios		1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	8
Day		0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	10
Balkman		1-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	12
TEAM					4							
Totals		23-57	10-24	5-8	34	14	61	15	12	8	5	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 14-29 48.3% 2nd Half: 9-28 32.1% Game: 40.4% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 6-14 42.9% 2nd Half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 41.7% F Throw %1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd Half: 5-8 62.5% Game: 62.5% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1

Score by Periods1st2ndTotalLSU283664South Carolina342761

Officials: Ted Valentine, Mike Stuart, Jim Burr Technical fouls: LSU-None South Carolina-None. Attendance: 12248

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South Carolina 67 Auburn 63 March 4, 2006 Auburn 32

Stegeman Coliseum (4,032)
Tarence Kinsey scored 24 points and Tre Kelley hit

two free throws with 1.7 seconds left to lift USC to a 67-63 victory over Auburn in the regular-season finale for both.

The Gamecocks led by as many as 17 points midway through the second half, then held on to snap a four-game losing streak.

Kinsey's two free throws with 17 seconds left gave South Carolina a 65-59 lead. Then, Quantez Robertson hit one free throw and grabbed a long rebound after missing his second attempt for the Tigers.

Frank Tolbert hit a 3-pointer from the corner with 3.3 seconds left to make it 65-63, and South Carolina had to call time-out before its first attempt to inbound the ball.

Then, Brandon Wallace got it to an open Kelley, who drew the foul and made the clinching free throws.

Kinsey made 4-of-8 3-pointers and 8-of-13 shots as the Gamecocks hit 50 percent from the floor. Rocky Trice had 11 points while Kelley had 10 points, five assists and three steals to overcome eight turnovers.

Rasheem Barrett led Auburn with 13 points while Robertson and Ronny LeMelle had 12 points apiece. LeMelle, playing his final home game, also had six assists and three steals

The Gamecocks turned a 28-24 halftime lead into a 17-point cushion with an effective full-court press to open the second half.

The Tigers had a late 11-2 run capped by LeMelle's two free throws with 19 seconds left to make it 63-59. Tolbert had forced two straight turnovers, turning one into a fastbreak dunk during the spurt.

Both teams had lengthy offensive slumps in the first half. The Gamecocks managed only two baskets in the first 10 minutes, falling behind 15-5. The Tigers finished the half just as weakly as South Carolina started.

Auburn didn't score over the final 5:54 and Kinsey hit two free throws with 2.1 seconds left to push South Carolina's lead to four points.

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South Car	rolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	${\bf BS}$	ST	MIN
Tisby	f	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Kinsey	f	8-13	4-8	4-5	3	1	24	1	4	0	0	34
Wallace	c	4-9	0-2	0-0	7	3	8	5	0	4	1	38
Kelley	g	4-11	0-4	2-2	3	1	10	5	8	0	3	35
Trice	g	4-8	2-3	1-1	6	2	11	0	2	0	- 1	32
Sheldon		2-5	1-4	2-2	0	0	7	1	1	0	0	19
Palacios		0-0	0-0	0-0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	11
Balkman		3-4	0-0	0-0	6	2	6	2	1	0	1	26
TEAM					3							
Totals		25-50	7-21	10-12	32	12	67	14	16	4	6	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-23 47.8% 2nd Half: 14-27 51.9% Game: 50.0% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-11 27.3% 2nd Half: 4-10 40.0% Game: 33.3% FT Throw %1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 7-8 87.5% Game: 83.3% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1

Auburn	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN	
Barber f	4-5	0-0	0-1	2	1	8	0	1	0	- 1	25	
Tolbert g	4-9	1-3	0-0	3	5	9	1	3	2	4	28	
Barrett g	5-9	2-4	1-1	3	1	13	1	3	0	0	22	
Robertson g	4-8	1-2	3-4	5	2	12	5	5	2	3	35	
LeMelle g	4-10	2-5	2-2	5	4	12	6	1	0	3	39	
Hayles	1-5	0-3	0-0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	21	
Edun	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Howell	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	
Cameron	3-4	0-0	1-3	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	20	
TEAM				3								
Totals	25-52	6-17	7-11	24	14	63	14	13	4	13	200	

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 10-20 50.0% 2nd Half: 15-32 46.9% Game: 48.1% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-7 42.9% 2nd Half: 3-10 30.0% Game: 35.3% F Throw %1st Half: 1-2 50.0% 2nd Half: 6-9 66.7% Game: 63.6% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1

Score by Periods1st2ndTotalSouth Carolina283967Auburn243963

Officials: Mike Stuart, Joe Lindsay, Jeff Nichols Technical fouls: South Carolina-None, Auburn-None. Attendance: 4032

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SEC Tournament First Round South Carolina 59 Mississippi State 44

March 9, 2006 Nashville, JN

Gaylord Entertainment Center (15.454)
Renaldo Balkman scored 12 points, and South Carolina
overcame a sluggish start and beat MSU 59-44 in the opening
round of the Southeastern Conference tournament.

The Gamecocks will play 14th-ranked Tennessee, the East Division's top seed, in the quarterfinals Friday after winning their first-round game for the second time in the last three years. Mississippi State had not lost an opening game since the tournament last was in Nashville, in 2001. But the Bulldogs, the Western Division's winningest team in this tournament since 1999 and the fourth-seed, finished the season failing to win consecutive games against SEC opponents.

Tre' Kelley and Tarence Kinsey each added 11 points for South Carolina, which had a season-low four turnovers. Charles Rhodes and Jamont Gordon each had 11 for Mississippi State.

South Carolina, the No. 5 seed from the East, beat the Bulldogs 83-61 on Feb. 11 in the teams' only other meeting, and a team that had 10 SEC games decided by six points or less got to enjoy a rare easy victory by taking advantage of Mississippi State's own mistakes.

The Bulldogs, starting three freshmen, outrebounded South Carolina 34-27. But they turned the ball over 17 times, and the Gamecocks turned those into 22 points.

Mississippi State started strong enough, hitting its first four shots and leading 9-2 within the first three minutes.

But South Carolina settled down after missing 10 of its first 13 shots by hitting 10 of the next 19. The Gamecocks also started pressuring the young Bulldogs and scored 13 points off seven turnovers before Kinsey scored to give South Carolina its first lead at 15-13 with 9:14 left.

The Gamecocks led as much as 31-20 on a basket by Dwayne Day with 2:03 to go off another turnover, and they led 32-25 at halftime. Mississippi State last got within double digits on a bucket by Wesley Morgan at 46-38 with 8:19 to go before South Carolina scored the next six points to put the game away.

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South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Trice f	1-2	0-1	0-0	4	1	2	2	1	0	0	17
Kinsey f	5-10	1-1	0-0	2	4	11	5	0	0	1	30
Wallace c	2-6	0-2	2-2	6	0	6	0	0	1	1	36
Kelley g	4-10	3-6	0-0	4	0	11	5	0	0	2	37
Tisby g	4-7	0-0	1-2	4	1	9	0	2	1	0	13
McDowell	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheldon	2-7	1-4	0-0	0	1	5	2	0	0	1	28
Palacios	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Day	1-4	0-2	1-4	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	10
Balkman	4-9	0-2	4-5	3	2	12	2	1	2	1	28
TEAM				1							
Totals	23-56	5-18	8-13	27	10	59	16	4	4	8	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 13-32 40.6% 2nd Half: 10-24 41.7% Game: 41.1% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-10 30.0% 2nd Half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 27.8% FThrow %1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd Half: 5-7 71.4% Game: 61.5% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 3.1

Mississippi State	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Rhodes f	5-10	0-0	1-2	2	3	11	0	1	0	0	32
Morgan c	4-6	0-0	1-2	5	1	9	1	2	2	1	18
Delk, Ric g	2-4	1-2	0-0	2	2	5	3	2	1	1	33
Delk, Reg g	3-10	2-6	0-0	4	0	8	2	3	0	0	37
Gordon g	5-14	0-3	1-1	11	3	11	3	8	1	1	35
Edmondson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Boler	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	9
Rimmer	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
Goodridge	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Stelmach	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	16
TEAM				5							
Totals	19-47	3-11	3-5	34	13	44	9	17	5	3	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 10-22 45.5% 2nd Half: 9-25 36.0% Game: 40.4% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-7 42.9% 2nd Half: 0-4 0.0% Game: 27.3% FTROW %1st Half: 2-3 66.7% 2nd Half: 1-2 50.0% Game: 60.0% DEADBALL REPOUNDS: 2.1

Score by Periods1st2ndTotalSouth Carolina322759Mississippi State251944

Officials: Tony Greene, Pat Adams, Bruce Benedict Technical fouls: South Carolina-None, Mississippi State-None, Attendance: xx

SEC Tournament Second Round South Carolina 79 No. 14 Tennessee 71 March 10, 2006 Nashville, TN

Gaylord Entertainment Center (19,547)

Tre Kelley scored 25 points and South Carolina beat No. 14 Tennessee, knocking off the Volunteers 79-71 on Friday to advance to the semifinals of the SEC tournament.

The Gamecocks expected more out of this group, hopes that were seriously damaged when Tennessee swept them in the regular season. That included the SEC opener, when the Vols rallied from 15 down in the second half to win in Columbia, a loss Odom called "devastating.

South Carolina needed a win to keep its season alive while East division champ Tennessee is a lock for the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2001.

The Gamecocks face Kentucky in their third semifinals appearance under Odom.

The Vols have to worry about fading late in the season. They lost three of their last five regular-season games and were outplayed Friday.

Tennessee added to its string of failures in the SEC tournament. The Vols dropped to 0-3 as the East's No. 1 seed and haven't gone past the second round since 1991.

Renaldo Balkman added 16 and Tarence Kinsey had 14 for South Carolina. C.J. Watson led the Vols with 23 before fouling out, Chris Lofton scored all 12 of his points in the second half, and Dane Bradshaw had 10 for Tennessee.

Carolina looked energized from the beginning, beating Tennessee's press with easy layups. The Gamecocks grabbed the lead before halftime and never trailed again. They shot 70 percent (14-of-20) from the floor in the second half

Lofton's first 3-pointer of the game pulled Tennessee within nine with 10:32 to go. Rocky Trice scored inside and then got a steal off Lofton that led to Brandon Wallace's pullup jumper for a 54-41 lead.

The Vols came into the game with the league's best assist-to-turnover ratio. Tennessee had 21 turnovers, 12 of them steals by the Gamecocks. The Vols had only 12 assists. South Carolina had 21 assists, eight from Kelley.

South Carolina was ahead 33-27 after the intense final

minutes of the first half. The Gamecocks took a one-point lead on Dwayne Day's basket, and Pearl was whistled for a technical apparently for his reaction to the play. Kelley made the two free throws.

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South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Tisby f	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	4	1	2	0	0	9
Kinsey f	5-9	1-2	3-4	4	2	14	2	3	0	3	37
Wallace c	4-4	0-0	0-0	5	4	8	2	2	3	3	35
Kelley g	7-13	2-5	9-10	5	0	25	8	4	0	0	39
Trice g	3-7	0-1	2-2	1	3	8	2	0	0	3	27
Sheldon	0-2	0-1	2-2	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	15
Palacios	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	8
Day	1-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
Balkman	6-10	0-0	4-9	7	2	16	2	2	1	3	27
TEAM				3				2			
Totals	28-51	3-10	20-27	28	14	79	21	16	4	12	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 14-31 45.2% 2nd Half: 14-20 70.0% Game: 54 9% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-7 28.6% 2nd Half: 1-3 33.3% Game: 30.0% F Throw %1st Half: 3-5 60.0% 2nd Half: 17-22 77.3% **DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 3** 

Tennessee	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Howell f	1-4	0-0	0-0	9	3	2	2	3	1	3	29
Bradshaw f	4-8	2-5	0-0	3	3	10	4	2	0	1	31
Wingate c	2-3	0-0	4-5	5	1	8	0	5	2	1	25
Russell g	4-14	3-9	1-2	4	3	12	2	3	0	1	34
Currie g	8-12	3-5	4-5	1	5	23	2	4	0	2	34
Smith	3-8	3-8	0-0	3	3	9	2	1	0	0	20
Charalambous	3-4	0-0	1-2	1	0	7	0	3	0	1	18
Pinson, Allen	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	8
Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM				3	1						
Totals	25-56	11-29	10-14	30	22	71	12	21	3	9	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 10-22 45 5% 2nd Half: 15-34 44 1% Game: 44 6% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-9 33.3% 2nd Half: 8-20 40.0% Game: 37.9% F Throw %1st Half: 4-7 57 1% 2nd Half: 6-7 85.7% Game: 71.4% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2 2

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total South Carolina 33 46 27 44 71 Tennessee

Officials: Ted Valentine, J.B. Caldwell, Mike Nance Technical fouls: South Carolina-None, Tennessee-TEAM. Attendance:

SEC Tournament Semi-Finals South Carolina 65 Kentucky 61

March 11, 2006 Nashville, TN

Gaylord Entertainment Center (19,206)

South Carolina reached the finals of the SEC tournament for just the second time, beating Kentucky 65-61 Saturday behind 18 points from Tarence Kinsey.

Tre' Kelley added 13 and Bryce Sheldon had 12 for South Carolina (18-14), which will play either No. 16 Florida or No. 17 LSU for the title Sunday. The Wildcats (21-12) entered the game with a 34-2 record in tournament semifinal games and were trying to win their 26th tournament crown despite a disappointing regular season.

Carolina, which won the NIT last season, also struggled during the year. The Gamecocks lost twice to the Wildcats - including in January on a 3-pointer by Kentucky's Rajon Rondo with 1 second left -- and knew they needed to win the

tournament in order to get a bid to the NČAA tournament. Now they're just one victory away. Only one team --Arkansas in 2000 -- has ever won the SEC tournament by winning four games.

The Gamecocks' only trip to final was in 1998 when they lost to -- who else? -- Kentucky. In an atmosphere that resembled Rupp Arena with the majority of fans cheering Big Blue, South Carolina was not intimidated.

Trailing 50-45 in the second half, South Carolina went on a 14-3 run that was highlighted by two 3-pointers by Kinsey and one by Sheldon. The Wildcats could get no closer than

three the rest of the way.
USC pushed it to 63-58 with 33.9 seconds left on Brandon Wallace's dunk. Kentucky's Patrick Sparks and Rondo each missed 3s before Wallace added another free throw for the Gamecocks with 18.6 seconds to go. Ravi Moss hit a 3 for Kentucky with 12.2 seconds remaining, but the Wildcats didn't score again.

UK appeared to have the momentum several times, but USC came back each time. The 'Cats went up by six early in the second half. Then Kelley and Kinsey hit back-to-back 3s for USC to tie it at 45, one of seven ties in the half.

The teams were tied twice in the first half after Kentucky led early. But after it was 20-20, Kelley hit a 3 before the shot clock expired with 6:20 to go, and South Carolina was ahead the rest of the half.

South Car	olina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	${\bf BS}$	ST	MIN
Tisby	f	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	10
Kinsey	f	6-14	3-8	3-4	2	0	18	3	2	0	- 1	39
Wallace	c	2-5	0-2	1-2	5	2	5	3	2	2	0	32
Kelley	g	5-11	3-6	0-0	5	2	13	4	2	1	1	39
Trice	g	3-6	0-2	1-2	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	24
Sheldon		4-6	4-6	0-0	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	19
Palacios		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	8
Balkman		4-7	0-0	0-2	8	4	8	3	0	0	2	29
TEAM					2							
Totals		25-53	10-24	5-10	26	13	65	13	7	4	4	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 12-24 50.0% 2nd Half: 13-29 44.8% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-8 37.5% F Throw %1st Half: 3-4 75.0% 2nd Half: 7-16 43 8% Game: 41.7% 2nd Half: 2-6 33.3% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1,2

Kentucky	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Perry f	1-7	0-2	2-2	6	0	4	0	2	0	0	27
Morris c	5-11	0-0	2-3	9	2	12	0	1	1	2	29
Rondo g	2-5	0-1	2-2	4	3	6	8	1	0	3	30
Sparks g	3-7	3-5	0-0	2	1	9	3	5	0	- 1	23
Crawford g	4-11	4-9	1-2	5	3	13	3	1	1	0	29
Stockton	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8
Moss	3-7	2-4	0-0	2	2	8	0	0	0	0	18
Bradley	4-4	1-1	0-0	2	0	9	0	0	0	0	14
Obrzut	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Alleyne	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Thomas	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	14
Sims	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM				4				1			
Totals	22-55	10-24	7-9	38	13	61	15	13	2	6	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 10-25 40 0% 2nd Half: 12-30 40 0% Game: 40 0% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-10 50.0% 2nd Half: 5-14 35.7% Game: 41.7% Game: 77.8% F Throw %1st Half: 2-2 100% 2nd Half: 5-7 71.4% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total 35 34 South Carolina 65 61 Kentucky

Officials: Mike Stuart, Joe Lindsey, Rick Crawford Technical fouls: South

Carolina-None. Kentucky-None. Attendance:

SEC Tournament Championship No. 14 Florida 49 South Carolina 47 March 12, 2006 March 12, 2006

Gaulord Entertainment Center (11,302) Joakim Noah scored with 11 seconds left, then blocked a shot at the other end and the Gators held off South

Carolina 49-47 Sunday in a championship game in which the Gamecocks nearly pulled off the improbable upset. Renaldo Balkman, Tarence Kinsey and Tre' Kelley each

had 12 points for Carolina, and Balkman grabbed 11 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season. Both Kelley and Balkman were named to the All-Tournament team.

The Gamecocks already were the lowest seed ever to play in this championship and had played in this game only once before - in 1998. With winning the title their only chance of reaching the NCAA tournament, they were trying to become the first team since Arkansas in 2000 to win four games in four days. They almost pulled it off.

South Carolina guard Rocky Trice tied the game for the only time at 47 with 42 seconds left when he drove through the lane and scored on a layup. Brewer missed a short jumper, but Noah followed up with the winning basket.

South Carolina had a chance to win or force overtime, but Tre Kelley's 3 missed. Renaldo Balkman tried to tip the ball in to force overtime, but Noah got a hand on the ball to clinch the Gators' fifth straight victory. Asked to describe the final

play, Noah was succinct.

Brewer finished with 16 points for Florida, while fellow sophomores Taurean Green and Noah, added 10 and eight, respectively.

The Gators came in as the first team other than Kentucky to reach three straight title games since Alabama made four consecutive appearances from 1989-1992.

The Gators hurt themselves with 18 turnovers, including 12 steals by the SEC's stingiest defense, which kept them from adding to an 11-point lead in the first half.

Neither team started well, and the fatigue apparently got to the Gamecocks who hit only three of their first 24 shots. The team that hit 10 3s to upset Florida in Gainesville on Feb. 8, missed their first 13 3-pointers.

The low point for South Carolina was a stretch in which the Gamecocks missed four shots on one possession before Balkman finally scored. That might finally have got them started because Sheldon hit a 3 on the next possession followed by another 3 by Kelley that pulled them within 21-14 with 3:11 to go.

ı	South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
1	Tisby f	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	(
ı	Kinsey f	4-14	2-7	2-3	7	3	12	3	3	0	4	39
1	Wallace c	1-3	0-2	0-0	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	26
1	Kelley g	4-17	3-11	1-3	3	1	12	1	0	0	2	40
ı	Trice g	1-2	0-0	2-2	3	0	4	1	0	0	0	23
ı	Sheldon	1-6	1-5	0-0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	17
ı	Palacios	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	8
ı	Day	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	7
ı	Balkman	6-13	0-0	0-0	11	2	12	1	3	1	4	34
ı	TEAM				4				1			
ı	Totals	18-60	6-27	5-8	32	9	47	9	10	2	12	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 8-33 24.2% 2nd Half: 10-27 37.0% Game: 30.0% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-16 12.5% 2nd Half: 4-11 36.4% Game: 22.2% Game: 62.5%3 F Throw %1st Half: 0-0 0 0% 2nd Half: 5-8 62.5% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 3

Florida	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Brewer f	7-11	2-2	0-0	7	2	16	1	3	0	2	34
Noah f	4-6	0-0	0-0	7	2	8	2	2	2	0	27
Horford c	2-6	0-0	2-2	3	4	6	3	2	0	0	27
Green g	4-11	2-6	0-0	2	1	10	3	8	0	1	39
Humphrey g	1-3	1-2	0-0	3	1	3	2	2	0	0	36
Moss	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Hodge	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	11
Richard	2-4	0-0	0-0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	18
TEAM				2							
Totals	20-41	5-10	4-4	31	11	49	11	18	2	4	199

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 9-18 50 0% 2nd Half: 11-23 47 8% Game: 48 8% Game: 50.0% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-6 50.0% 2nd Half: 2-4 50.0% F Throw %1st Half: 4-4 100% 2nd Half: 0-0 0.0% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 0

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total South Carolina 18 29 47 25 24 49 Florida

Officials: Tom Lopes, Ted Valentine, Pat Adams Technical fouls: South Carolina-None. Florida-None. Attendance: 11302

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NIT First Round South Carolina 74 Western Kentucky 55 March 15, 2006

Columbia, SC Colonial Center (4,732)

Tarence Kinsey scored 23 points and Antoine Tisby added 16 to lift South Carolina to a 74-55 victory over Western Kentucky in the first round of the NIT.

The Gamecocks, who had played five games in seven days, are trying to become the second team to win consecutive NIT titles. St. John's accomplished the feat in 1943 and 1944

Kinsey was 5-for-9 from behind the arc. Tre Kelley added 13 points, and the Gamecocks controlled the game throughout.

WKY, led by Anthony Winchester's 20 points, got to within six with 7:47 to go, but South Carolina went on a 16-4 run to seal the game. Winchester also grabbed 16 rebounds.

Winchester's five consecutive points kept the Hilltoppers in it late. But after a turnover, the Gamecocks went on their run. Western Kentucky finished with 23 turnovers. On the other hand, the Gamecocks had eight blocks and 17 steals.

Tisby converted a three-point play during the key run to give South Carolina a 51-42 lead with 7:30 left. Rocky Trice followed that with two steals and an offensive rebound to help South Carolina regain control of the game, 57-42 with 6:03 to go.

Elgrace Wilborn also had 13 points for Western Kentucky. Winchester, the Sun Belt Conference player of the year, went 7-for-18, including four 3s. But it wasn't enough.

WKU was outmatched from the start. It had five TOs in the first five minutes and didn't score its fifth point until Winchester hit a 3 with 12:07 left in the first half.

The Hilltoppers' jerseys had the name "Rumph" on the back to remember Danny Rumph, who died on Mother's Day and would have been a senior this year. Western Kentucky also wore them in a 69-65 loss to Georgia on Nov. 26.

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Western Kentucky	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Emerson f	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	11
Wilborn c	6-7	0-0	1-4	9	4	13	1	4	2	1	38
Rogers g	4-11	1-7	0-0	4	1	9	1	4	0	1	37
Winchester g	7-21	4-9	2-2	16	4	20	2	5	0	1	36
Callier g	1-5	1-2	2-2	1	0	5	0	4	0	0	23
Campbell	2-4	0-0	0-0	1	1	4	2	4	0	2	24
Siakam	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
Walker	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	11
Maresca	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	10
TEAM				2							
Totals	22-51	6-18	5-8	35	16	55	7	23	2	6	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 8-22 36.4%	2nd Half: 14-29 48.3%	Game: 43.1%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-6 33.3%	2nd Half: 4-12 33.3%	Game: 33.3%
F Throw %1st Half: 0-2 0.0%	2nd Half: 5-6 83.3%	Game: 62.5%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 3,1		

South Caro	lina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
Tisby	f	7-10	0-0	2-3	7	2	16	0	1	0	1	30
Kinsey	f	8-15	5-9	2-2	4	2	23	4	2	0	4	36
Wallace	c	0-4	0-1	3-4	4	3	3	2	0	6	4	33
Kelley	g	4-11	1-7	4-4	1	0	13	6	3	0	3	32
Trice	g	2-8	0-2	1-2	7	0	5	2	1	2	4	27
McDowell	-	3-4	3-3	1-2	0	0	10	2	0	0	0	10
Sheldon		0-3	0-3	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
Nerbun		0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Day		1-2	0-1	2-2	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	3
Balkman		0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	2	3	0	1	16
TEAM					3				1			
Totals		25-60	9-26	15-19	30	10	74	19	12	8	17	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 12-29 41.4% 2nd Half: 13-31 41.9% Game: 41.7% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 6:14 42.9% 2nd Half: 31-12 25.0% Game: 34.6% F Throw %1st Half: 34-75.0% 2nd Half: 12-15 80.0% Game: 78.9% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1.1

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Western Kentucky	18	37	55
South Carolina	33	41	74

Officials: John Gaffney, Ronnie Tyburski, Timothy Kelly. Technical fouls: Western Kentucky-None. South Carolina-None. Attendance: 4732

35 GAME

NIT Second Round South Carolina 69 Florida State 68 March 21, 2006

Tallahassee, FL Donald Tucker Center (6,130)

Tarence Kinsey hit three free throws in the final 26 seconds of overtime and South Carolina beat Florida State 69-68 to keep alive its hopes of repeating as the National Invitation Tournament champions. They are trying to become the first team to win consecutive NIT titles since St. John's in 1943 and 1944.

Kelley scored 17 points for the Gamecocks. Kinsey finished with 14 points, Trice 12, and Brandon Wallace 11 while Balkman had eight points and a game-high 13 rebounds

Todd Galloway's two free throws got Florida State within one with 5 seconds left and the Seminoles stole the inbounds pass, but Galloway's desperation jumper was blocked by Rocky Trice as the game ended.

The Gameoocks thought they had the game won in regulation when Renaldo Balkman banked in a short jumper at the buzzer with the game tied at 58, but officials ruled it was too late.

Balkman's tip-in and Tre Kelley's layup gave South Carolina a quick 62-58 lead in the overtime but Alexander Johnson hit a pair of free throws and Al Thornton scored underneath to tie it at 62.

Kelley then drove the lane again for a layup and South Carolina didn't trail again.

Johnson led Florida State (20-10) with 22 points and 10 rebounds while Isaiah Swann scored 13 of his 16 points in the second half.

South Caro	lina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Kinsey	f	5-10	1-5	3-4	4	1	14	3	2	1	1	43
Balkman	f	4-9	0-1	0-1	13	4	8	3	1	1	5	42
Wallace	c	5-10	1-3	0-0	7	3	11	1	0	5	0	42
Kelley	g	8-20	0-7	1-2	5	3	17	6	4	0	2	43
Trice	g	5-7	2-3	0-0	1	1	12	1	0	2	1	31
McDowell		0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Sheldon		3-6	1-2	0-0	1	0	7	1	0	0	0	13
Day		0-2	0-2	0-0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	6
TEAM					1							
Totals		30-66	5-25	4-7	33	13	69	15	8	9	9	225

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-26 42.3%	2nd Half: 15-32 46.9%	Game: 45.5%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 0-7 0.0%	2nd Half: 5-17 29.4%	Game: 20.0%
F Throw %1st Half: 0-0 0.0%	2nd Half: 1-3 33.3%	Game: 57.1%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1, 1		

Florida State	e	FG-A	3G-A	FI-A	KB	PF	PIS	AS	10	BS	SI	MIN
Thornton	f	4-10	0-1	0-0	6	2	8	0	3	0	0	36
Johnson	f	10-16	0-2	2-2	10	3	22	1	5	0	1	33
Swann	g	6-13	3-5	1-2	3	1	16	3	6	0	2	32
Galloway	g	1-5	1-4	2-2	4	3	5	1	0	0	0	32
Rich	g	1-6	0-0	2-2	2	3	4	5	1	0	1	32
Mims		0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	13
Allen		0-4	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Breeden		0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
Wilson		4-5	1-1	2-2	3	0	11	1	0	0	0	24
Romero		0-0	0-0	1-2	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	12
Echefu		0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
TEAM					6							
Totals		26-62	5-14	11-14	41	12	68	14	16	0	5	225

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 9-29 31.0%	2nd Half: 14-27 51.9%	Game: 41.9%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 2-7 28.6%	2nd Half: 3-6 50.0%	Game: 35.7%
F Throw %1st Half: 5-6 83.3%	2nd Half: 2-4 50.0%	Game: 78.6%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2, 1		

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total						
South Carolina	22	36	11	69						
Florida State	25	33	10	68						

Officials: Jeffery Clark, William Laubenstein, Glenn Mayborg Technical fouls: South Carolina-None, Florida State-None. Attendance: 6130

36 CAME

NIT Quarterfinals South Carolina 65 Cincinnati 62 March 23, 2006

March 23, 2006 Cincinnati, OH Fifth Third Arena (7,775)

Tre' Kelley's nine-point outburst early in the second half and go-ahead basket in the final minute led USC to a 65-62 victory over Cincinnati to advance to the NIT semi-finals.

Kelley finished with 21 points and Tarence Kinsey had 18 for South Carolina (21-15), which will play Louisville in Tuesday night's semifinals at Madison Square Garden in New York. The Gamecocks are trying to become the first team to win consecutive NIT championships since St. John's in 1943 and 1944.

Eric Hicks led the Bearcats (21-13) with 22 points. Chadd Moore and Ronald Allen started in place of the two suspended starters. Moore, whose chronic back problems forced him to quit the team for a while last year, received lower back massages from a trainer during timeouts late in the game. He finished with 11 points.

The Bearcats led 37-33 in the second half when Kelley hit a short jumper and stole a pass under the Cincinnati basket and drove the length of the court for another hoop. He followed that with a 3-pointer and then scored on a putback after another turnover.

Cincinnati tied it three times after that, the last time at 59 with 2:22 to go on a basket by Hicks. But that was the last touch for Hicks

A layup by Kelley with 48 seconds left put South Carolina ahead for good. It was finally the end of the road for Cincinnati, which lost its coach shortly before the start of the season and was plagued by injuries.

Cincinnati fans chanted their support for Andy Kennedy and gave him three standing ovations -- when he came onto the court before the start of each half, and when two fans who participated in a free-throw shooting contest during a timeout held up signs saying, "Hire Andy."

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South Car	olina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Kinsey	f	7-17	0-5	4-5	4	3	18	3	3	0	2	40
Balkman	f	0-2	0-0	0-0	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	17
Wallace	c	5-10	1-2	2-4	12	1	13	2	1	4	1	40
Kelley	g	9-16	1-4	2-2	3	2	21	2	1	0	2	34
Trice	g	2-3	0-1	0-0	6	4	4	3	1	1	1	31
McDowell		0-4	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	12
Sheldon		3-7	3-6	0-0	3	1	9	- 1	0	0	0	25
Day		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM												
Totals		26-59	5-20	8-11	33	13	65	12	7	5	6	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-28 39.3%	2nd Half: 15-31 48.4%	Game: 44.1%
3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-11 27.3%	2nd Half: 2-9 22.2%	Game: 25.0%
F Throw %1st Half: 2-5 40.0%	2nd Half: 6-6 100%	Game: 72.7%
DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 2		

Cincinnati		FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
HICKS	f	7-15	2-3	6-8	8	3	22	2	2	3	1	40
ALLEN	f	3-5	1-2	0-0	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	12
McGOWAN	f	3-9	1-4	2-3	5	4	9	2	1	0	0	33
MOORE	g	5-11	1-5	0-0	2	1	11	6	3	1	2	40
DOWNEY	g	4-14	1-3	1-1	2	3	10	4	3	0	1	40
TILFORD		1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	5
MILLER		0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
CRAIG		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
BARWIN		0-0	0-0	0-0	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	24
TEAM					4							
Totals		23-56	7-19	9-12	35	12	62	14	- 11	5	4	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 13-26 50.0% 2nd Half: 10-30 33.3% Game: 41.1% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 5-11 45.5% 2nd Half: 2-8 25.0% Game: 36.8% FThrow %1st Half: 2-2 100% 2nd Half: 7-10 70.0% Game: 75.0% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1, 1

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total	
South Carolina	27	38	65	
Cincinnati	33	29	62	

Officials: Jim Haney, Jamie Luckie, Paul Janssen Technical fouls: South Carolina-None, Cincinnati-None, Attendance: 7775

NIT Semifinals South Carolina 78 Louisville 63 March 28, 2006 New York, N.Y.

Madison Square Garden (7,473)

Renaldo Balkman scored 23 points and South Carolina earned a chance to defend its NIT championship with a 78-63 win over Louisville in the semifinals.

The Gamecocks, who beat St. Joseph's in the final last year, can become the second team to win consecutive NIT crowns with a win over Michigan on Thursday night. The Wolverines beat Old Dominion 66-43 in the other semifinal.

Tarence Kinsey added 21 points and Brandon Wallace 19 for the Gamecocks (22-15).

Trailing 42-32 at halftime, Louisville (21-13) got within 48-41 early in the second half as freshman Terrence Williams scored seven straight points, but South Carolina answered with a 10-1 run to take a 58-42 lead with 11:35 to play. Balkman and Wallace had acrobatic dunks during the spurt.

U of L scored the next eight points to close the gap to 58-50, but Balkman scored six straight to put the game away.

South Carolina shot a blistering 60 percent from the field with most of its baskets coming on layups and dunks.

Taquan Dean scored 21 points for Louisville and finished 12th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,649 points. Williams added 16 for the Cardinals, who fell to 0-3 at Madison Square Garden this season. The Cardinals lost to St. John's in the regular season and Pittsburgh in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

The Gamecocks, who advanced to the semifinals with a 65-62 victory at Cincinnati, closed out the first half with a 14-4 run. With the game tied at 28, Balkman started the run with a two-handed dunk and capped it with a three-point play with 2.1 seconds left. He finished the first half with 11 points on 5-for-6 shooting.

St. John's is the only school to successfully defend its NIT title, winning in 1943 and 1944.

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South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Kelley g	3-7	1-4	0-0	3	2	7	10	3	0	3	37
Trice g	2-5	1-3	0-0	3	2	5	2	0	1	1	35
Wallace c	8-12	0-3	3-3	5	4	19	2	0	4	0	35
Kinsey f	8-13	1-4	4-5	5	3	21	3	0	0	5	33
Balkman f	11-14	0-0	1-2	8	2	23	2	2	4	1	36
McDowell	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Sheldon	1-3	1-3	0-0	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	15
Nerbun	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Day	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
TEAM				2							
Totals	33-55	4-18	8-10	27	15	78	20	7	9	10	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 15-28 53.6% 2nd Half: 18-27 66.7% Game: 60.0% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd Half: 0-6 0.0% Game: 22.2% F Throw %1st Half: 8-9 88 9% 2nd Half: 0-1 0.0% Game: 80 0% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 0

Louisville	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	ST	MIN
WILLIAMS	7-14	2-7	0-0	3	4	16	6	4	0	1	35
PALACIOS	2-8	0-0	0-0	6	1	4	3	1	0	0	34
DEAN	7-14	5-10	2-3	4	2	21	0	1	0	0	36
JENKINS	2-6	1-3	3-4	3	2	8	5	2	0	1	33
FARLEY	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	13
PADGETT	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
GIANINY	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
JOHNSON	1-1	0-0	0-1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
CURRENT	3-5	1-2	0-0	1	1	7	1	0	0	0	14
MILLARD	1-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	11
McGEE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
JOHNSON	0-2	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	17
TEAM				5							
Totals	24-55	9-24	6-10	30	14	63	16	10	0	2	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 11-25 44.0% 2nd Half: 13-30 43.3% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 6-11 54 5% 2nd Half: 3-13 23 1% Game: 37.5% F Throw %1st Half: 4-5 80.0% 2nd Half: 2-5 40.0% Game: 60.0%1 DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 1

Score by Periods 1st 2nd Total South Carolina 42 36 31 Louisville 32 63

Officials: Greenwood, O'Neil, McCall Technical fouls: South Carolina Gamecocks-None. Louisville Cardinals-None. Attendance: 7473

NIT Championship South Carolina 76 Michigan 64 March 30, 2006 New York, N.Y.

Madison Square Garden (7.054)
With consecutive NIT championships, South Carolina coach Dave Odom and Hall of Famer Joe Lapchick now have something in common. And that's as far as Odom wanted to go with comparing his team to Lapchick's St. John's squads that won back-to-back titles in 1943 and 1944, when the NIT was even more prestigious than the NCAA tournament.

don't know that our team rivals that, and I certainly don't rival him, but the accomplishment remains the same," Odom said. "We did win two back-to-back and for that I am thankful and very, very proud."

Back in the NIT, the Gamecocks made the most of it. Of the SEC, Kentucky was the only other team ever to play in

consecutive NIT championship games (1946-47).

Tarence Kinsey scored 21 points and Tre' Kelley added 20 and seven assists to help South Carolina beat Michigan 76-64.

Renaldo Balkman added 10 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks and was named the MVP of the tournament for USC. Kelley and Kinsey were named to the All-Tournament team.

Daniel Horton, who was the MVP of the 2004 NIT, scored 18 points to lead Michigan (22-10), which was trying to win its second championship in three years.

Chris Hunter and Brent Petway each added 12 for Michigan, which won the title in 2004 with most of the same players who led this year's run to Madison Square Garden.

Trailing 24-14, Michigan went on a 7-0 run to close to 24-21 on Ron Coleman's 3-pointer with 6:07 left in the half. Tempers flared soon after when Balkman blocked Petway's shot. Balkman grabbed the loose ball and caught Petway with an elbow in the lip. Petway responded, shoving Balkman to the floor for an intentional foul.

The play seemed to spark USC, who closed the half on a 13-6 run. Dwayne Day hit two 3-pointers during the spurt as South Carolina built a 39-27 halftime lead. Carolina opened the second half with an 8-3 run as Kelley hit two 3-pointers to make it 47-30. Michigan could get no closer than nine the rest of the game.

With the victory, Odom improved to 21-3 in the NIT and now has 100 wins with the Gamecocks. He also led Wake Forest to the title in 2000.

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South Carolina	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	TO	BS	ST	MIN
Kelley g	8-15	4-7	0-0	2	0	20	7	3	0	1	40
Trice g	3-5	1-1	2-2	4	3	9	2	3	0	2	35
Wallace c	2-5	0-1	2-2	5	0	6	5	2	1	1	37
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McDowell	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0+
Sheldon	0-3	0-3	2-2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	9
Nerbun	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Day	3-6	2-5	0-0	3	1	8	1	2	0	1	12
TEAM				1				1			
Totals	29-58	7-21	11-18	31	11	76	20	13	6	10	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 16-30 53.3% 2nd Half: 13-28 46.4% Game: 50.0% **3-Pt. FG% 1st Half:** 3-10 30.0% **2nd Half:** 4-11 36.4% Game: 33.3% F Throw %1st Half: 4-7 57.1% 2nd Half: 7-11 63.6% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 5

Michigan	FG-A	3G-A	FT-A	RB	PF	PTS	AS	то	BS	STI	MIN
Horton	7-14	3-6	1-4	2	4	18	4	1	1	2	32
Harrell	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	4
Brown'	1-1	0-0	0-0	5	1	2	0	2	0	0	15
Hunter	5-10	2-3	0-0	6	2	12	0	1	0	0	24
Abram	2-3	0-0	1-2	3	3	5	0	0	0	2	17
Smith	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	2	2	4	0	0	15
Harris	1-6	1-4	1-2	2	1	4	3	3	0	1	27
Grooms	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Petway	6-11	0-0	0-0	5	2	12	0	0	2	0	21
Coleman	3-4	1-1	0-0	1	1	7	2	0	0	0	26
Sims	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	19
TEAM					1						
Totals	27-54	7-15	3_8	27	16	64	12	13	3	- 5	200

TOTAL FG%1st Half: 13-31 41 9% 2nd Half: 14-23 60 9% Game: 50 0% 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 1-9 11 1% 2nd Half: 6-6 100% Game: 46 7% F Throw %1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd Half: 3-8 37.5% Game: 37.5% DEADBALL REBOUNDS: 4, 1

Score by Periods 1st 37 37 South Carolina 39 76 27 64 Michigan

Officials: Tim Higgins, James Haney, Bryan Kersey Technical fouls: South Carolina Gamecocks-None. Michigan Wolverines-TEAM (Amaker). Attendance: 7054