Despite junior running back Mike Davis (center) and his 183-rush-yard, three-touchdown performance, the Gamecocks could not put away Kentucky on the road.

"UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA"

"Got beat."

"as a team, we got beat. Simple as that.

"I'm not going to yell and scream."

"But now, all they are is the past."

"And for the first time in four years,"

"The Gamecocks faced the possibility of a game-winning drive with less than three minutes to go, thus the unbelievable happens."

"With his full complement of three touchdowns, Spurrier called us continued passing plays in the Gamecocks' final two drives, completely and unequivocally abandoning the run."

"Winning season on track, to salvaging it."

"There's nothing that says the Gamecocks can't run the table and earn themselves an upper-tier bowl game."

"And after years of unwavering praise, Spurrier suddenly finds himself under the gun, just like the rest of the team, as they go from keeping their season on track, to salvaging it."

"We've got to find a way to do a lot better to try to have a winning season."
### In Brief

**Car hits 2 women in Five Points Friday, leaves scene**

A car with the SC license plate JCS 925 hit two women walking within the crosswalk on Harden Street in Five Points and failed to stop, The State reported.

Neither of the two women were seriously hurt after the hit-and-run accident, which occurred Friday night. A Columbia Police news release said an older model Buick Century hit the woman before turning onto Groence Street in the direction of USC.

A witness took a picture of the car’s license plate. The car was described as possibly gold or tan with front bumper or hood damage.

Anyone with information about the accident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC.

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**USC cheerleader injured during Kentucky game**

Cheerleader Lauren West, a sports and entertainment management student at USC, was injured during the first quarter of Saturday night’s game at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, Kentucky. She was carried on a stretcher off of the sideline, The State reported.

After the injury, Gamecock Athletics tweeted 8:03 p.m.

“Report from #Gamecocks sideline: Cheerleader Lauren West was stabilized for precaution only. She was moving all of her body parts.

This was the second cheering injury at Commonwealth Stadium during the course of the season.

A second-year student on Kentucky’s cheerleading team suffered a fall in the fourth quarter of the Aug. 30 game between Kentucky and Tennessee-Martin. She was treated and released from U.K. Chandler Hospital.

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**PRESTON • 3**

Throughout its history, Preston has been the home to 75 classes of students, including football and basketball teams and members of the ROTC. Preston was the first dorm to allow private student dorms in Five Points, The State reported.

Preston Campus Development, a company based out of Atlanta, is looking into developing a plot of land on the corner of Gervais and Harden Streets, but their plans are contingent on the zoning law change.

The new private student dorms, which will be worth an estimated $10 million, would be located across Gervais from the Five Points Cock-Pit and a corner gas station.

Preston Campus already has five student housing properties in North Carolina and one at LSU in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. 

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Students alike gathered in their former or current home to share memories of what it was like when they lived there. Donaldson said it was a way to “not only to celebrate the history, but also to remember the legacy of the students who have lived there before.”

Among these former residents were Bill and Trish Eccles, the first faculty to live in a dorm ... but this one had an identity,” Bill Eccles added.

“Without the identification, without Preston as a place, you just live in a dorm ... but this one had an identity,” Bill Eccles added.

When the Eccles lived in Preston, the hall government was just beginning to form. Bill Eccles primarily worked as an advisor for the forming student government. The Eccles also started Wednesday night “Yak Snak,” which provided residents with Cokes, chips and snacks.

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An event held at Preston College on Sunday encouraged both alumni and current students to reminisce on their time at USC. Many old friends exchanged stories.
The Eccleses also got to catch up with some of the students they knew when they lived at the dorm. “One of the benefits of being a faculty member is you live a little vicariously through the lives of some of the kids that you touch one way or another over the years,” Bill Eccles said.

The Eccleses were excited about the opportunity to return to Preston to celebrate so many years of history. “It’s an excuse to have a party,” Bill Eccles said. “75 is really pretty good for a building … It’s a good celebration. 75 is a good number.”

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**Sincerity trumps irony**

Smirking, pointless irony must be fought against, they assert, with clear, pointed arguments.

It's very hard to be sincere. There are many reasons for that. Sometimes we learn to lie to our friends, sometimes we lie to our area of study.

Sometimes, more sometimes less, but the fact is, almost in every season we find our tired team manhandled by the some of the least likely opposing teams. If the Kentucky game told us anything, it's that Gamecock football may have reached the end of its policing power.

No question; it's been a fun time that is for sure. All the ugly win win after win we put on paper under dealing The Gamecocks. But this last year will stick in the collective memory for a while. Shadrack and Clowney, names easy to revere, memory for a while at least. Shaw committed and we will print the correction in our next issue.

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Game explores evils of Mordor

"Middle Earth: Shadow of Mordor" follows the adventures of Talion, a ranger of Gondor sent to make sure Sauron's forces stay behind the black gate. Talion becomes possessed by a wraith after a bloody ritual where a band of orcs brutally murder Talion and his family.

On a quest for revenge, the possessed Talion seeks to avenge his family and stop Sauron from conquering Middle-Earth. The story is interesting, but as the game progresses, it becomes too cliché for me to really care about the characters, which is a shame considering the lore-rich universe of J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings."

While the story is the least interesting part, it's the authentic food, vendors, culture and the festivities that makes this festival a must-see event.

"As much as the Italian program has grown, it's still relatively small," Somma said. "When you see a whole day devoted to the culture, it's refreshing."

"A lot of times I don't know where to find good Italian food," Ciavarella said. "Our restaurant is 100 percent authentic because we are from Italy."
"Shadow of Mordor" blends lots of elements found in most open-world games. It does nothing overwhelming unique but does a great job implementing them in this setting.

The combat system borrows a lot from the recent Batman titles. Talion gracefully leaps from enemy to enemy building his combo meter, unleashing gruesome executions to cleave through the hearts of the forces of evil.

"Shadow of Mordor" also borrows elements from the popular "Assassin's Creed" franchise. Talion can climb most of the structures found in Mordor and parkour over most obstacles in his way. However, the game can be unresponsive and sluggish at times depending on the environment, which can cause you to unintentionally leap off a tall building and plummet down to the ground.

The best part of "Shadow of Mordor" is found in the "nemesis system." The game provides you with an internal view of the power structure of the orc army in Mordor. The objective is to work your way up the chain-of-command, killing the most powerful leaders in the region and crippling the forces of evil. It’s fun battling the captains in the region and watching how the world shapes to your action. There are plenty of ways for Talion to interact with the political infrastructure, which creates hours of endless fun.

"Shadow of Mordor" gives gamers the chance to explore Tolkien’s Middle Earth while also slaying orcs.

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*Photo courtesy of Warner Brothers*
Aries
Complete the task at hand and then venture further. Expand your influence with help. Mobilize team efforts. Do it on your own. Revise your sales pitch or resume. Accept a difficult assignment. Work interfaces with playing.

Taurus
Disciplined, collaborative effort moves forward and pays off. Plan and prepare. Steer a steady course, and tie up loose ends. Someone needs to take responsibility. Re-commit to a project. Figure out who does what by when.

Gemini
Consider a steady income. Think about a partner's good idea. Let yourself get persuaded. Think quickly, but move slowly. Put your feelings in a fair and open way. Confer with family. One of them will use reason first.

Cancer
Take the practical path, and the most direct route. Update your equipment. Discover imaginative ways to save money. Contemplate purchasing a passion, for hidden dangers, as your partner's good idea. Old stories are a reliable guide.

Leo

Virgo
Invest in your home. Your situation dictates the time. Working at home increases your benefits. Advance despite breakdowns or distractions. Get your partners involved.

Libra
Discover a whole new batch of options. Resist temptation to run away from authority. Doors that seem closed speak to you. You know what you're talking about. Love transforms you.

Scorpio
Don't push too hard. There's more money coming in. Grab that opportunity. Beat out the competition. Circumstances lead you to try something new. Make a valuable discovery. Replace something that just doesn't fit. Enjoy.

Sagittarius
You can see the road winding into the distance. There's a way around this problem. Invest in long-term solutions, without diminishing resources. You're growing wiser and gaining respect. Make plans now for action later.

Capricorn
Work could interfere with travel or transportation. Do you share the chores? If you've kept your word, you gain status. Don't make new promises yet. Keep some things hidden. Consider the road ahead.

Aquarius
Keep your focus and maintain momentum to profit. Team projects go well. Your partner adds to the excitement. Friends offer good advice. Provide motivation. Your work is respected. Acquaintances add to your efforts. Your partner supports the game. The vacation of your dreams is possible, make plans and budget for it.

Pisces
Finish a project that you've been avoiding. Completion leads to opportunity. Imagine perfection. Passion can mount more. Accept help from your partner. Your partner supports the game. The vacation of your dreams is possible, make plans and budget for it.

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Sophomore Larenz Bryant made one of the only positive defensive plays for South Carolina with this forced fumble in the second quarter and may see more action in the future.

Things are very grim when you look at the scoreboard of the South Carolina football team, and the defense is no exception.

The Gamecocks played so well for most of the game that Kentucky fans must have felt queasy about the second half. But the defense didn’t help the team’s cause, as it gave up a 18-24 halftime lead.

Dylan Thompson’s deflected interception by a South Carolina defender gave way to the Connor Shaw era. Thompson was to close out games.

As a team, the Gamecocks ran for 282 yards, the highest total by a South Carolina running back since Marcus Lattimore rushed 237 yards against Vanderbilt when South Carolina notched 217 total yards.

Gamecocks lost 31-28 to a Kentucky team. His 20 wins against Kentucky are matched only by his 20-2 record against South Carolina. His 20-2 record is the highest total by a South Carolina running back since 2012. Wills, however, did not play a down in the second half Saturday night.

Thompson ran out of time against Kentucky, marking the first time he’s thrown multiple interceptions in a game. It is the most interceptions thrown by a South Carolina quarterback since Stephen Garcia tossed four picks in a 24-7 loss against Vanderbilt in 2011. Garcia was benched permanently the next game, ending his tenure as starting quarterback with the Gamecocks.

Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops knew the “Wildcat” formation was working every time, and he’s not an idiot who doesn’t notice what’s happening. Sticking with it propelled the Wildcats’ offense, as they scored all five touchdowns from that setup and left Ward just as puzzled as South Carolina fans.

“I thought we had a good plan against it,” Ward said of Kentucky’s “Wildcat” offense. “I thought [Kemp] was very patient and so we changed at halftime and tried to bring some edge pressure to get him. We messed some tackles, and it’ll be interesting to go back and watch the tape.”

Ward mentioned the different ways his group tried to stop Kemp, including filling gaps and then switching to more of a zone pressure scheme. When that didn’t work, the Gamecocks switched to a goal-line scheme. When that didn’t work, the Gamecocks switched to more of a zone pressure scheme.

Poor play-calling and Dylan Thompson’s deflected interception proved to be the difference in the game, but the defense didn’t help the team’s cause, as it gave up a 18-24 halftime lead.

Kentucky sophomore running back Jojo Kemp was the premier reason for that. He lined up at quarterback.

Backfield shows depth vs. Kentucky

Questions about Thompson continuing as starter emerge

David Roberts

Thompson threw three interceptions against Kentucky, marking the first time he’s thrown multiple interceptions in a game. It may be the most interceptions thrown by a South Carolina quarterback since Stephen Garcia tossed four picks in a 24-7 loss against Vanderbilt in 2011. Garcia was benched permanently the next game, ending his tenure as starting quarterback with the Gamecocks.

Junior running backs Shon Carson and Brandon Wills rushed for 37 and 28 yards, respectively. Redshirt freshman David Williams also contributed with 19 rushing yards against Clemson.

Ward was just as puzzled as South Carolina fans. He went 20-for-39 for 208 yards and threw a touchdown pass out of the “Wildcat” formation after getting the ball from a double reverse handoff. Towles seemed pretty comfortable for most of the game, besides getting stripped and sacked by Gamecock sophomore Larenz Bryant in the second quarter, which led to a South Carolina field goal.

The Gamecocks are also near the bottom of the country in the following defensive categories: kickoff returns to be returned for touchdowns, kickoff return so far this year.

Winning the fourth quarter

This season, South Carolina has been outscored 7-4 in the fourth quarter. Against Missouri and Kentucky, the Gamecocks saw a late field goal diminish and have been outscored a combined 31-14 in the two fourth quarters. In only one game have the Gamecocks outscored their opponent, which came against Vanderbilt when South Carolina scored 21 points against the Commodores’ 10 points.

Near the bottom: Kentucky’s average field position against South Carolina Saturday was six-inch 11-yard line, which is a shade higher than the team’s average kick return for the season so far this year. Through six games, the Gamecocks are 32nd in the nation in kickoff return defense, allowing 49 kick returns for 17 kicks. South Carolina and Washington State are the only teams that have allowed two kickoff returns to be returned for touchdowns this season.

The Gamecocks are also near the bottom of the country in the following defensive categories: scoring defense – 11th, total defense – 9th, third-down defense – 9th, turnover margin – 96th.