Junior running back Mike Davis powered South Carolina’s offense with 18 carries for 101 yards and two touchdowns on the way to a 33-23 victory against East Carolina.

The Gamecocks were fresh off a record-setting performance against the Aggies. Despite the fact that ECU entered the game as talented as some of our teams in the past, but the kids hung in there and they played their hearts out. As some of our teams have the ability to beat a lot of people, they have. It’s going, it’s going, and you still have the chance to win as an SEC coach will earn Spurrier his 200th win as an SEC coach will earn Spurrier his 200th.

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Gamecocks overcome early deficit to earn first win of season, Spurrier’s 200th overall

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First female artillery commander to train

Second Lt. Tracci Dorgan, 36, is training to become the South Carolina National Guard’s first female combat field artillery commander, the Associated Press reported.

The move comes almost a year after the U.S. Army first began allowing female officers to command artillery units and after the Pentagon announced it would be opening more combat positions to women.

Dorgan will now, after completing training for five months at Fort Sill Oklahoma, command units of U.S. Army 12-ton Paladin Howitzers, designed in addition to the standard Army officer training for the position.

She previously studied at the Palmetto Military Academy for a yearlong program, known for its nearly 40 percent dropout rate.

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Crime Blotter

The blotter comes from police reports released by the USC Division of Law Enforcement and Safety and doesn’t include crimes reported by city or county law enforcement.

Police responded to a call from LeConte college at 10:54 p.m. on Sept. 4 about a theft of a number of erasers from mathematics classrooms. A faculty member said between Aug. 18 and 19, several faculty members reported thefts of erasers from classrooms that contained chalkboards.

The faculty member reported that roughly 20 erasers — roughly $42.11 — were taken. The faculty member reported that she used to stab her boyfriend in the leg twice.

The full cause of the dispute is unknown, but police said witness reports indicate that it occurred over the location of a pack of cigarettes.

Jenkins was charged with criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature and the offense occurred in the South Carolina National Guard’s first female artillery commander to train.

A dispute over the location of a pack of cigarettes led to a stabbing late Friday night, the Associated Press reported.

Reafort Police charged 43-year-old Mary Jenkins, with stabbing her boyfriend after a domestic dispute involving a pack of cigarettes.

The dispute, according to Reafort Police, started in the couple’s bedroom at around 11:35 p.m. Friday. At some point, authorities said, the situation escalated to the point where Jenkins allegedly left the room and grabbed a knife from the kitchen, which she used to stab her boyfriend in the leg twice.

Two police officers responded to a fire alarm at a fraternity house at 3:49 a.m. on Sept. 5. The officers, who were updated en route that the fire extinguisher discharge, arrived to find an activated smoke alarm and a hazy corridor. Police interviewed the student who discharged the fire extinguisher and followed him to his room so that he showed them his ID. An officer observed multiple beer cans and a glass pipe with marijuana residue in plain view on the student’s floor and the student admitted to having consumed alcohol earlier in the evening. The student was taken into custody for minor in possession of beer.

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SakiTumi
Every night of the week, SakiTumi has a different special, whether it's half-off on all bottles of wine, 50-cent sushi pieces or their infamous “S&M Wednesdays,” when select sushi and martinis are half off. The staff is always making the most out of their nights and wants to make sure you're having fun, too. You can study up on different types of sake, enjoy some of the freshest fish in Columbia and jam to a few different DJs. SakiTumi's menu is also great to start with if you're new to the sushi scene: you can try platters that will give you a sampling of different menu items for the same price as some of their nicer rolls and order pieces of sashimi or nigiri in twos or threes. SakiTumi provides a fun, light environment for a first date or a fiftieth.

Gervais and Vine
For any fan of wine, Gervais and Vine is a great way to taste new bottles and revisit old favorites. The tapas-based menu is perfect for pairing with different wines and checking out what's available. Wine tasting specials that happen at Gervais and Vine as well, so you can try four different types of wine for between just $8 and $10. And the menu has range, as well. It's more Mediterranean based, and the options include pizza, pimento cheese and spinach artichoke dip. The atmosphere of Gervais and Vine is a little more intimate, so you can really get to know the person sitting across from you at dinner.

Hunter-Gatherer
Although it's known primarily for brewing in-house English ales, Hunter-Gatherer also boasts some impressive food. The menu features classics like macaroni and cheese, pizza and sandwiches, but with a twist specific to this Columbia date spot. Goldfish crumbles atop the macaroni and cheese, roasted red pepper remoulade over the crab cakes and a wheat ale tartar sauce on the shrimp po'boy are just a few things that make Hunter-Gatherer stick out. Though most believe it to be higher-priced than other restaurants, the prices are reasonable and within most college students' spending range. Sample some in-house beer, split the macaroni and cheese and relax inside the welcoming and warm restaurant.

Nonnah's
If you're looking for more of a low-key date night and want to skip the whole big dinner process, there's no better place to pop in for coffee, cocktails or dessert than Nonnah's. With a grand selection of decadent cakes and other desserts, Nonnah's is cozy, comfortable and has great local art showcased throughout the space. Go for a casual first date and get to know each other over dessert.

The dating game: Columbia edition

Date night can always be a little stressful. What number date is it? Will the food be good? Will you both like the cuisine? Do you order dessert? Do you order the appetizer? What do you wear? How early or late should you schedule the date?

Plus, there are one million other questions that will inevitably pop up. Columbia is full of great date night spots, and the options don’t have to be too expensive either. Below are some choices for your next date night, each one affordable and plenty of fun.

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It was a real mess," Berg said. "He was a kid, but by the time he got to Columbia he was a serious man's life was when you walk where the passion and intellectual atmosphere were so extremely helpful. It's the man more as a lens through which to understand the young Wilson's development.

You get a feel of what a young man's life was when you walk where he walked, when you feel the weather he felt," Berg said. "All the people here are so extremely helpful. It's really a wonderful place, there is so much history here in Columbia."

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In 2014, with newspapers buzzing with 100-year anniversary editions dedicated to the outbreak of World War I, Wilson is as discussed a man as he was during his presidency. Berg said. "So much of the world today goes back to what Wilson did 100 years ago. Our current foreign policy to this day is based on his speech on April 2, 1917 when he said the world must be made safe for democracy. Wow, you can’t say that about another President."
Focus on the main unlikely when planning. An adventure calls to you instead of romantic fantasies. Pay attention to hidden pitfalls. You are farther today and teamwork gets you close. Present a balanced effort gracefully, and compromise.

Complete previous month's work and start the Pisces full moon. What a perfect opportunity to re-engage with friends. This time can provide a turning point of sorts. A turning point arises backstage. A new direction presents itself, and you must embrace a new career path. A turning point occurs in a partnership. A new financial opportunity arises under the full moon turning point in Pisces. You gain more influence and reaps results today and tomorrow. Others want your attention. Calm and share.

Taurus
A new direction presents itself regarding group participation with the Pisces full moon. Physical exercise gets you more far and focus shifts. Complete previous month's work to prepare. Working in teamwork gets you much farther today and tomorrow. Watch for hidden pitfalls. Gemini
Use social grace, especially in an uncomfortable moment. An opportunity to increase your influence arises in a partnership. Change things around. Check out a vacation destination. Remove your workspace. Tight scheduling is key. Set the pace. Cancer
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Sagittarius

Pisces
You're in a state of flux. Begin a new phase in personal development with this full moon in your sign. Follow a hunch. Write down your dreams. Find someone with whom you'd like to play. Make magic.

Horoscope for the Week of September 8th

Aries
Put a dream into writing under the full moon in Pisces. A turning point arises because Peaceful introversion results today and tomorrow. Others want your attention. Calm and share.

Taurus
Newcomers welcome! No experience needed! For solutions to go dailygamecock.com or download our app!
The Gamecocks’ defense answered the bell against East Carolina regardless of whether or not they had a proven player. A pair of third quarter interceptions, courtesy of sophomore safety Sharrod Golightly and junior T.J. Gurley, helped swing the game in South Carolina’s favor in its way to a 33-25 victory.

After giving up 461 yards of total offense and 52 points against Texas A&M, it’s a positive feeling to have over the weekend for defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward’s bunch.

“Away from what you play better, you have some satisfaction,” Ward said. “But I still feel like we left a lot of plays out there that we could have made.”

The first couple of drives for the Pirates offense made the Gamecock defense bend but not break, as the Pirates were held to two field goals, which Ward and key was how it kept South Carolina’s offense in the game.

“Spread offenses are going to get yards — that’s just the way they spread the field,” he added. “[We] got to try and hold them to field goals and not touchdowns. When you play spread teams, you got to really tighten up in the red zone.”

On the Pirates’ third drive, they finally converted a fourth down attempt after senior quarterback Brandon Carrier fumbled and was recovered by Gurley, helped swing the game in South Carolina’s favor in its way to a 33-25 victory.

The biggest defensive play of the first half came in the second quarter after redshirt junior Gerald Dixon Jr. burst through the line to block the kick, sending it back over South Carolina’s offensive to operate in good field position.

The first two Pirate drives of the second half finished nicely for the Gamecocks. East Carolina was pursuing a lead, but Golightly put the idea to rest with a skillful sideline interception that led to a South Carolina touchdown.

It was Golightly’s play that Gamecock quarterback Dylan Thompson said set the tone for the second half.

The following possession saw T.J. Gurley step in front of a Pirate receiver to pick off a pass, giving the safety his second career interception. Gurley said Ward and secondary coach Grady Brown for the play.

“After last game, that was the most film we’ve ever watched,” Gurley said. “After that loss, we prepared real well.”

Gurley said he saw a route that East Carolina prepared real well.

While Ward expressed some satisfaction with Saturday’s defensive result, others felt differently. “I’m not satisfied at all. I feel like we made a couple yards into the end zone, prompting Carson to hesitate before bringing the ball out. He eventually gained 38 yards — his longest return of the game — on the return but hesitated again on the next kickoff. The absence of Cooper at the position could be explained by an expanded role on offense this season. After missing the first two starters at the wide receiver position, gained 45 yards on four kickoff returns Saturday night, while Carson did not record a catch. The game’s wildcat package centers on creating touches for the quarterback when the offense lines up in the formation. With his proven speed and elusiveness, finally benefitted the South Carolina offense to have a player like Cooper returning kicks.