Baseball earns 3 dominant wins over weekend to open 2014 season

Danny Garrison

A highly-touted recruit coming out of high school, coach Chad Holbrook knew Crowe had the ability to contribute early and often for South Carolina. But the coach wasn’t sure if he’d give the performance he did in his first outing.

“I just felt good to get out there and throw the first time,” Crowe said. “I just wanted to do my best and help the team win.”

The Gamecocks capped off the series Sunday with a convincing 12-0 win behind a dominant first career outing from freshman Wil Crowe. The righty turned in six-and-a-third no-hit innings and amassed five strikeouts and just one walk in the victory.

Despite not allowing a hit during his time on the mound, Crowe said he didn’t lobby to stay out and finish his time on the mound, Crowe said in an email.

“UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA three-game sweep of Bucknell to open coming out of the gates hot with a South Carolina baseball team was uncharacteristically icy week, the was thawing out after an the season.

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Methane poses problems for athletic facility

Athletics will install vents, membrane for safety

Thad Moore

USC’s plans to build new football practice facilities near Williams-Brice Stadium have hit a snag worth six figures methane. The land, which was once the site of the old state farmers market, was at one time the site of an illegal landfill, according to a report provided to prospective contractors. Now, there are underground pockets of methane, a potentially explosive gas. Dealing with the gas will cost USC “less than $300,000”, Athletics spokesman Steve Fink said in an email.

The project is expected to cost between about $17.6 million in all.

Fink said the work isn’t expected to delay the construction, which is adjacent to the tailgating lot USC owns. The fields are scheduled to be ready this fall, and the indoor practice facility in the spring of 2015.

The Centers for Disease Control say methane is “highly explosive” when it makes up between 1 percent and 15 percent of the air and can cause people to suffocate. Of 70 tests conducted...
Black candidates set statewide record

Seven African-American candidates in South Carolina are running for state offices in this year's election, a record number according to The State. Though some candidates could be knocked out in the primary elections this June, at least three will continue to the general election in November. These numbers could beat out the two black lieutenant governors who ran and lost in 2002. These candidates are running for positions of all levels, from U.S. Senate down to county board of education.

All three candidates in the U.S. Senate race — Tim Scott, Rick Wade and Joyce Dickerson — are black, meaning the elected official will be black. An African-American candidate has not been elected to a statewide office in South Carolina since 1872 when Richard Howell Gleaves was South Carolina's second and last black lieutenant governor. Gleaves was South Carolina's second and last black lieutenant governor.

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Winter storm leaves thousands without power

Power outage reports dropped to 9,148 cases this weekend, down from the 14,000 reported cases Thursday morning, The State reported. Over the weekend, utility crews worked to restore power and assess damages across the state. Several thousand homes were without power in Aiken County as of Sunday, according to S.C. E & G, Orangeburg and Lexington County also saw outages, but no power was still lost in Richland and Kershaw counties.

In Aiken, one of the hardest hit areas in the state, National Guard soldiers helped with debris cleanup, after storm-caused debris was left on roads, fields and property. Eight shelters now housing 88 people remained open through the weekend. Feeding operations in Georgetown and Berkeley counties were supported by the Red Cross, Salvation Army and Southern Baptist Convention.

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Police chief hopefuls contested by City Council

Hiring Columbia's next police chief has proven to be a hotly contested task for the City Council, according to The State. On Tuesday, City Council will once again debate the five candidates for the position; Tuesday is also the day the finalists will begin the three-day interview process.

Two city councilors said the search should not be taking place since the list of finalists was not up to snuff. "I'm extremely concerned over who the next police chief is, and I'm not overly impressed with who is on the list," said Councilman Brian Day-Dunaway Newman. A search committee appointed by City Manager Teresa Wilson selected the five finalists who were chosen from a pool of 49 applicants.

Those being considered for the position have leadership experience in law enforcement agencies in South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and the Air Force.

— Hannah Jeffrey, News Editor

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.

FEB. 8 TO FEB. 9

1 Traffic/DUI

— While on patrol last Sunday night, an officer saw a man leaving on the guard rails by the Strom Thurmond Fitness and Wellness Center on Assembly Street. After he ran the man's information, the officer saw that there was an outstanding warrant for the man's arrest in Richmond, Va. for violation of probation. In Virginia, violation of probation carries imprisonment of at least a year. A Fugitive from Justice Warrant form was completed and the man was brought to the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

— An officer responded to East Quad in response to a call regarding the smell of marijuana coming from a room last Sunday night. Upon arrival, the officer met with the resident mentor and continued to the room from which the smell was coming. A student answered the door and handed over a titanium grinder, three rolling paper packs and a clear zip lock plastic bag that contained a "green leafy substance," according to the incident report. The student was issued a citation for simple possession of marijuana and a student discipline.

2 Drunkenness

3 Drug/Narcotic Violation

4 Alcohol/Liquor Law Violation

5 Larceny/Theft from Building

6 Larceny/Theft from Car

7 Fugitive from Justice

8 Traffic/DUI

9 undergraduate student in Thornwell College. When the officer arrived to Thornwell, he saw the woman who had fled the Horseshoe and smelled alcohol on her breath. She was steady on her feet but admitted to having two vodka drinks earlier in the evening. She was later cleared medically, issued a citation and escorted back to Capstone.

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Grit, an all-male group, was created to educate men and encourage discussion about sexual assault as defined by South Carolina state law and University of South Carolina policy.

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METHANE • Continued from 1

throughout the area in November and December, five were at explosive levels and 29 were above the regulatory limit of 1.25 percent.

Methane is one of many gases associated with landfills because it forms as garbage breaks down.

Fink said it’s common to build parks and athletic fields where landfills once were.

Though the new practice building won’t be on the abandoned landfill, USC will install vents and an exhaust system at the new practice fields to reduce the gas and a membrane to keep it away from people, Fink said.

“We are taking all steps necessary to ensure the safety of our contractors, student-athletes and fans,” Fink said.

The football practice facilities are part of the $51 million the Athletics department plans to spend in the next few years under Athletics Director Ray Tanner.

USC also plans to spend $14 million to spruce up the area around Williams-Brice and plans to get new or renovated facilities for the soccer, track and field and tennis teams.

PASTIDES • Continued from 1

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Federal spending needs defined limits

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In this issue, we will feature a new column called Self-defense classes which will be written by EMILY READY.

Methane gas was found under proposed athletic facilities

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Students, participants and supporters flocked to the Russell House Ballroom for the Campus MovieFest finale this Valentine’s Day evening. The world’s largest film festival returned to USC due to the efforts of Carolina Productions.

A record high of 133 teams entered the competition at USC. They screened 16 short films, averaging at about five minutes each. Genres ranged from Comedy to Drama to Documentary/Interview to everywhere in between.

Free admission and with plenty of free food available, excitement could be felt as pictures were taken, door prizes were won and friends came together to end the competition. It’s time to play...

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Winners of Campus MovieFest announced

Valentine’s Day promotes gender inequality and hollows our already materialistic culture by OH WHO ARE YOU KIDDING!? You wanted a massive Teddy bear. And a box of chocolates. And roses delivered to your workplace. Like, an entire garden of roses.

But, alas, no chocolate came from a handsome secret admirer. No one burst into your lecture hall with a guitar and a flower and an out-of-tune rendition of ‘Wonderwall.’ Libby Brulenstein wouldn’t kiss you even though you got her a Scooby Doo card, because you drank glue earlier. It was non-toxic, Libby.

So what is a wayward heart to do after a lonely Valentine’s Day? Luckily, there are five dates that are just dying to be with you. Bring out the contestants. It’s time to play...

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February 17
Russell House
Room 303
6:30 p.m.

Winston Warner of Swan Jeremy described CMF as "really fun, with lots of love, smiles, and camaraderie."

Special Silver Troop Awards were given to "No Man, No Problem" by Mick Johnson's Crew and "For Story and Drifts" by UoDuo for Cinematography. O.K. Keyes of UoDuo, having participated in all four years CMF has been at USC, said this year's short films were, "By far the strongest out of all four years."

All the films entered this year have a chance to earn a spot at CMF Hollywood and you can participate in the online voting competition at www.campusmoviefest.com/w.

Chris Dimas, the promotional manager for Campus MovieFest, was very impressed with USC's films this year. "I love coming to schools like University of South Carolina or University of Alabama," Dimas said. "The students are hungry. They feel like they have something to prove to the big film schools like UCLA, and they just keep getting better every year."
Holbrook didn’t expect to take any flack for his decision to start Crowe after the performance he turned in Sunday, and the coach said he was pleasantly surprised by the freshman’s first go-around.

“He has a presence about him that exudes confidence,” Holbrook said. “He had it when we used him pitch in high school, and he’s had it ever since he stepped on campus. The kid believes in himself.” In his limited time with the team, Crowe has earned a reputation for his grittiness. After Sunday’s game both Holbrook and teammate Max Schrock called the freshman a “bulldog” because of the fight he brings to each outing.

On the offensive side Sunday, the Gamecocks were powered by a career day from junior Kyle Martin leads South Carolina in batting average after three games thanks to a career-high four hits in this Sunday’s series finale against Bucknell.

In the backcourt to give South Carolina the Gamecocks ahead 63-62 with a minute left. Gamecocks with 22 points, four rebounds and four assists. From about the midway point in the first half, South Carolina went on a 19-8 run to 37-25 when he a hit a three with 17:08 remaining.

Tanner Abel

After South Carolina sacrificed a 12-point second-half lead, sophomore Sindarius Thornwell emerged to save the Gamecocks as they helped build Alabama 67-66 on Saturday.

Thornwell tied the game at 60 in toppling the Crimson Tide (10-15, 1-9 SEC) won consecutive SEC games for the first time since 2011. “I’m real proud of our guys,” coach Frank Martin said. “He has a presence about him that exudes confidence.”

In game-one, junior Jordan Montgomery earned a record-tying 11th SEC win of the season.

Sophomore DC Arendas provided the most fire power at the plate in the Gamecocks’ 17-4 season-opening win, going 4-4 in the game and hitting his first career home run.

Sophomore Jack Wynkoop got the start in the second game of the double. He also went five innings and allowed two runs while striking out a career-high six batters to earn a win in the 1-2-3 triumph.

All three games in the opening weekend were effectively over before they started, with South Carolina winning by a combined score of 41-6, and while Holbrook knows the composition will only get stiffer, he admitted that his team even took him by surprise.

“I shouldn’t say I had a feeling we were going to score 41 runs. With those guys and the way college baseball’s changed, that was a fluke,” Holbrook said. “But I did think that we had a chance to have some pretty good at bats in the lineup … I do feel good about our offense team.”

Women remain at top of SEC

Welch, Mitchell both register 19 points in win over Louisiana State

Danny Garrison

With Sunday’s 73-17 victory over LSU in Baton Rouge, the first since Jan. 19, 1991, the South Carolina women’s basketball team earned its record-tying 11th SEC win of the season.

The No. 5 Gamecocks (23-2, 11-1 SEC) faced a physical battle with the Tigers that was closer than the score indicated and were able to preserve their one-game lead over Texas A&M for the conference lead.

South Carolina’s double-threat of junior Aliyah Jeffries Welch and sophomore Tiffany Mitchell turned in 19 points each, and freshman center Elem Ibiam as the only other Gamecock in double digits with 13 points. The Gamecocks were efficient throughout Sunday’s contest, shooting 42.1 percent from the floor and converting 71 percent of their free throw attempts.

The Tigers were led by guard Jasmine Kunamia (15 points), Theresa Plaisance and Danielle Ballard joined her in double figures with 14 and 8, respectively.

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