

SPORTSCOPE

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Carolina students will have the opportunity Saturday night to watch the beginning of what we feel will eventually become the most outstanding page in Gamecock football history.

But miracles seldom happen, and it is foolish for anyone to expect instant success.

As Coach Paul Dietzel has repeatedly emphasized, "Rome was not built in a day, and we certainly are not geniuses." Everything—including a winning football team—takes time to develop.

FACTORS

There are several factors which combine to make Dietzel's first year as head Gamecock mentor a tough one. Not the least of these is the short time he has been with the team for practice sessions. After arriving in Columbia on April 7, he was able to get in only six days of spring practice and only two weeks of fall practice before last week's season-opening clash with LSU.

"We simply haven't had the time to do the things we need to do or look at the things we need to look at," Dietzel said in summing up the situation. "We've hardly had time to get to know the boys."

Still another factor is the large number of players who are lacking in varsity game experience. No less than eight of the 22 starters in the LSU clash had no varsity experience at all. Playing against a team the caliber of LSU is a tremendous help, but one game does not suddenly provide a team with worlds of depth and experience regardless of who the opponent is.

But the game was still helpful. "You can tell them over and over in practice," Associate Coach Larry Jones observed, "but when they make a mistake in front of 70,000 enemy fans, they are bound to remember it."

SPIRIT

On the other hand there are other things which put the Gamecocks ahead of other teams. There is a tremendous amount of team spirit and respect for Dietzel. As one team member put it, "I consider myself very fortunate to be playing for such a great man."

Playing in Baton Rouge before 70,000 screaming LSU fans is indeed a tough way to begin a season. But that is in the past, and the remaining nine games of a rough schedule must be faced.

We strongly urge Carolina students to take a cue from LSU and give the Gamecocks and their new head coach the kind of support which they deserve.

In our opinion, student support and enthusiasm at LSU have been a key factor in that school's rise to national gridiron prominence.

We were quite disturbed over a remark made by an LSU student last Saturday. "I passed through Columbia on my way to Maryland last summer," he said, "and I honestly believe those people up there expect to lose this game. I can't understand it."

We certainly agree. In past years a definitely negative attitude among students and alumni has been very obvious. If students refuse to adopt a winning attitude, then Carolina will never really have a winning team, regardless of who the coach is or who the players are.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Now—more than ever—the team needs student support. USC is extremely fortunate to have one of the finest young coaches in the nation and a group of football players who will play their hearts out for him.

We urge all students who are really interested in seeing Carolina lose the stigma of being a loser to come to Carolina Stadium early Saturday night and vocally support a fine Gamecock football team.

Intramural Program To Start

The beginning of men's intramurals on the Carolina campus has been tentatively set for Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Games will begin at 4:15 each Monday through Friday. Games are played on the intramural fields located south of Blossom Street.

All students regularly enrolled in the University are eligible to participate in intramurals except those persons who have earned a letter in the sport being played or

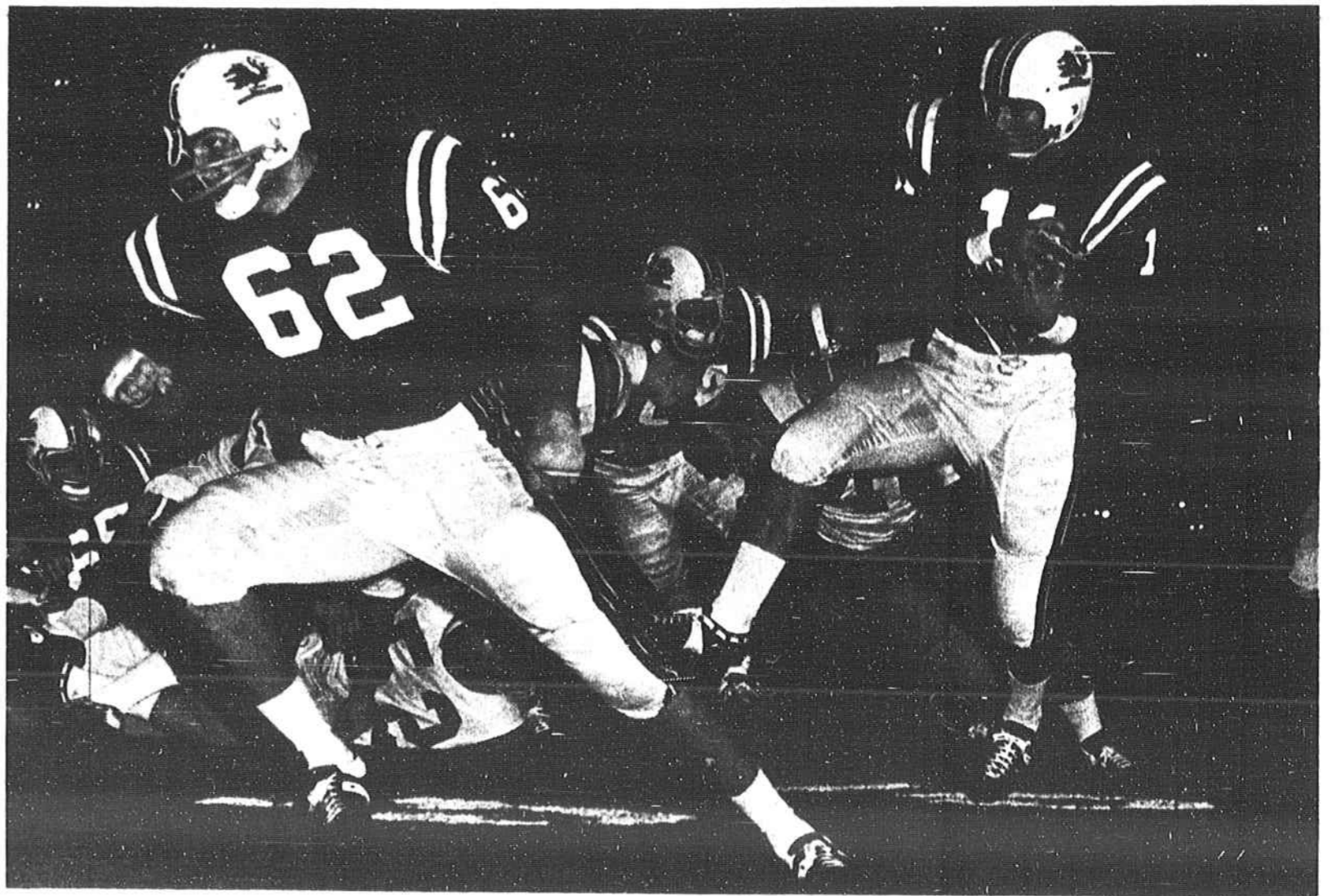
TENNIS

Any one interested in playing tennis should contact Coach Bill McLain by Monday, Sept. 26. Practice will begin that day at 3:15.

are members of the freshman, junior varsity or varsity squads in that sport.

Any one interested in being an official or manager should go by the intramural office in University Terrace or contact the office at 765-4236.

Coach Weems Baskin is in charge of the intramural program, and Ed Chester is student director.



Garnto Gallops

Wingback Ben Garnto follows the blocking of tackle Billy Nelson (62) as he romps for a long gainer in Saturday night's season opening clash with Louisiana State in

Baton Rouge. Garnto galloped for 39 yards before being brought down. The stocky junior runner picked up 51 yards on three rushes for the night.

Bryant Named Player Of Week For Performance In LSU Game

Picked by *The Gamecock* sports staff as the outstanding player in last week's season opener with LSU is senior defensive back Bobby Bryant, a two-sport southpaw from Macon, Georgia.

Bobby's 77-yard punt return for a TD earned him quite a few votes as the player-of-the-week. Unfortunately, Bobby slipped down on another return attempt and gained only 10 yards on a third attempt to drop his average for three returns to a very respectable 29.7 yards.

In addition, he ran back two kickoff returns for a total of 67 yards and a 33.5-yard average.

Not only is Bobby an outstanding defensive cornerback in football but he is also an All-ACC left-handed pitcher in baseball. He led the ACC in punt returns in 1965 with 11 for 161 yards for a 14.6 average. He also led the squad in pass interceptions with three, returning them 43 yards for a 14.3 average.

Bobby was the ace of last spring's baseball team with a 6-2 pitching record. He pitched 1-0 shutouts over ACC champ North Carolina and defending NAIA champs Carson-Newman and hit a home run in 4-0 shutout of Wake Forest.

He missed spring football practice to play baseball but he hasn't lost his touch, as is evidenced by his performance last week. In fact, he spent last summer keeping in form by playing in the collegiate Basin League at Pierre, S. D.

Bobby has also been drafted by the New York Yankees baseball organization.



BOBBY BRYANT

Gamecock Gridders Reinstated

Two Gamecock linemen whose academic eligibility had been in doubt were readmitted to school for the fall semester Tuesday by a faculty committee.

The players, junior letterman Terry Harmon and sophomore Dan Grogan, should help bolster Coach Paul Dietzel's tackle corps.

Harmon, a 6-4, 251-pounder from Cleveland, Tenn., lettered last year as a defensive tackle.

Grogan is a 6-3, 213-pounder who played his high school ball at Walhalla.

Dietzel said the pair was dropped from the team "when a question arose concerning their academic eligibility." He added he was "glad to have them back."

Harmon and Grogan attended summer school to make up work and had petitioned for admission to the fall semester.



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