

Gamecocks unimpressive but please Homecoming crowd

By BRUCE HONICK
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"Very frankly," Coach Paul Dietzel said, "they (Maryland) carried the game both offensively and defensively. We were very, very flat and we still won; that's what matters."

The Homecoming victory was the first time the Carolina defense has held its opponents scoreless since 1967 when the Gamecocks mauled Maryland, 31-0.

"Ray Lester has done a real fine job this year at Maryland," Dietzel said. The Gamecock coach couldn't find enough superlatives to describe Maryland's Al Thomas and Tom Miller and concluded "they are two exceptional running backs."

The Gamecock mentor, who is enjoying his most successful season at Carolina, cited the defensive ends of USC for doing a "great job." He also lauded Gregg Crabb and George McCarthy on

defense. "Our defense played real well," Dietzel said.

"Tommy Suggs is a great scrambler," he said. "He just scrambles and scrambles and scrambles." Suggs completed 12 of 17 passes for 190 yards and threw for one touchdown.

When asked about what he was thinking when he threw the 51-yard bomb to Fred Zeigler that set up a Gamecock touchdown by Rudy Holloman, Suggs said, "I told Fred to go for eight, but the

man was guarding him pretty close and he went deep.

"The defender wasn't looking back and Fred was, so he knew when the ball was coming and the other man didn't," Suggs said that at first he thought the ball was intercepted.

When asked if he thought USC would win the conference title, Suggs said, "I'd hate to say whether we are or we aren't, but we've got a good shot at it."

"Maryland's defensive line was really good and they had two of the best backs we've seen (Miller and Thomas). We both got a lot of breaks, but the difference was that we cashed ours in and they didn't."

Suggs was asked about the Seminoles, Carolina's opponents next week. He said, "I don't think they're quite as good as last year since they lost Sellers, but Bill Cappleman is one of the best quarterbacks in the country."

Dietzel said tongue-in-cheek, "I already called up to make sure Sellers had graduated because I'm tired of looking at that boy..."

The Gamecock coach pointed out that Florida State has beaten the Gamecocks the last three years and he said, "I would like to kind of change that this year."

"I hate to leave the happy confines of 'The Pit'," Dietzel said smiling. "It sure is great playing before homefolks."

It's back to work this week to get ready for FSU," Dietzel said.

Looking past the Florida State game, Dietzel said that Tennessee

should be rated in the top three when the Gamecocks invade Knoxville for the Volunteers' Homecoming.

"Wake Forest will be dangerous. They will be in a marvelous psychological position."

"We'll play Clemson for all the marbles because they'll undoubtedly be undefeated when we meet them in the Cockpit."

He then returned to discussion of Florida State, saying, "Florida State will be a real big test for our pass defense."

He summarized the Maryland win. "It was a fine victory for the Gamecocks."

Ruggers lose twice

Georgia not only socked it to Paul Dietzel and company but also handed the rugby team two losses.

The A team fell 24-10 even though they moved the ball well. "The breaks seemed to go against Carolina all day," one player said. Jack Clause and Andy Gallin scored the only tries for the Gamecocks.

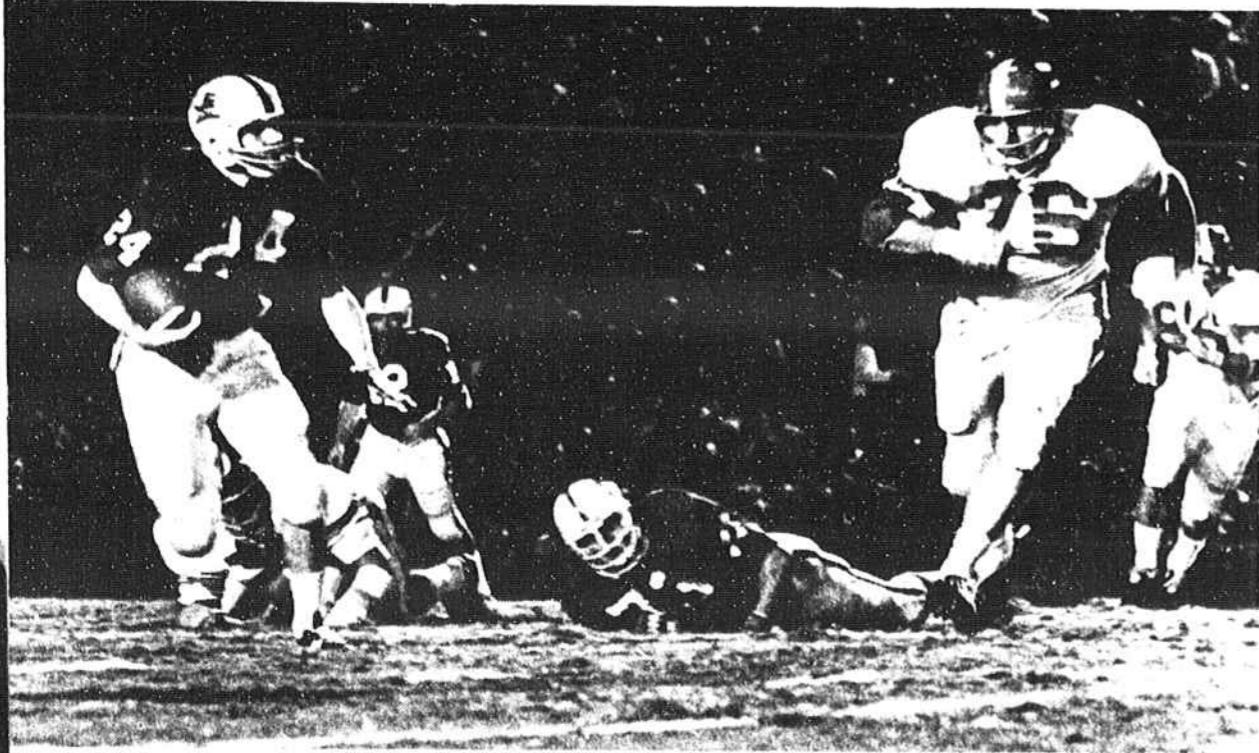
Frank Graham kicked the extra points.

In the first game, the B team lost 12-0 losing in the second half. Trailing only 3-0 at the half the B team seemed to tire.



Woolfie Godate tries

USC's Woolfie Godate tries to put the ball down field during yesterday's loss to Georgia.



Rudy on his way

— Elliott Borenstein

'They were ready'

By RODNEY SPROATT
Sports Writer

"They were ready and we were not," freshman coach Pride Ratterree said after the Biddies 35-21 loss to the Wake Forest Deaclets. "We did not play as well as we could have and I was disappointed that we did not go after them better."

The Biddies put the ball in the air more than they have in past games with satisfactory results.

"Wake Forest was set up to protect against the run," Ratterree said, "and we did." Jackie Young, Biddies' quarterback, consistently threw for long gainers and passed for two touchdowns.

"We never gave up," coach Ratterree stated, "I was proud of the way we took the ball in our 25 and drove it in for a TD in the fourth quarter."

"Wake Forest was really up for

the game and played well," Ratterree continued, "they just gained momentum, got confidence and we couldn't stop them. When that happened some of our boys broke down and just didn't perform."

"We did learn some things from the game and tried to utilize some of Hagard's speed, which turned out real well, but it was just one of those days."

USC must open up

By DON HULT
Football Analyst

Before the outset of the season, Carolina players, fans and coaches were concerned that the Gamecocks would have to depend on a high-scoring offense to have a winning season.

Against Leo Hart the defense did an adequate job, but since that game the bulwark has become the team's backbone, the instrumental force which has brought the team its 5-1 record.

The defense gave up two field goals against UNC, gave up 41 points to Georgia but was over-extended because of mistakes committed by the offense and kicking units. It did a good job in holding N.C. State and VIP in check until a sputtering offense came to life.

Against Maryland the defense registered USC's first shutout in two years, a feat seldom seen in

this jet-speed age of offensive football.

The team's defensive accomplishments can be attributed to several factors.

The tackles and ends all have made many big plays—Jim Pope in earlier games, Jim Poston against State and VIP and Lucas and Hodge against Maryland.

Enemy quarterbacks have had mediocre success against USC's pass defense, completing 44 per cent of passes for an average of 104 yards rather than anemic totals in this season of Archie Mannings, John Reeves, and Lynn Dickey.

Harassment by the defensive line has been helpful, but the heads-up play in the secondary by Pat "the rat" Watson and his three cohorts (Speedy sophs Nash, Davies, and Harris) has been essential.

Finally, credit must be given to the core of the defense, the middle guard and two linebackers Carolina's pre-season lineup at these all-important positions looked most promising with the mastodonic and maneuverable Kevin Mooney over the center and the talented Usher and Padgett at linebackers.

However, academics and injuries have brought Bucker Kohaut, Tharpe and Crabb to the fore. Soph Greg Crabb has taken special advantage of the opportunity to play.

Before the season he barely made the dress-out squad, but now he's shown aggressiveness and made several tackles Saturday night.

Offensively it seems as though the team is barely scratching the surface of its deep well of offensive talent, since the Gamecocks have averaged 18.7 points to their opponents 16.5 points.

If the Cocks are to be competitive against these two explosive teams, they will have to open up their offense.

Thus far the Cocks have put the ball in play 29.4 per cent via the pass (391 plays from scrimmage—115 passes attempted).

Yet despite this intermittent utilization of the talents of Suggs, Zeigler, Hamric, Mitchell, the Gamecocks have picked up only 167 fewer yards on passes than on runs (988 on runs and 821 on passes).

This does not mean the Cocks will have to play "aerial basketball" against their two upcoming foes, for most football fans know, that the run and the pass are interdependent.

Hopefully, however, the Cocks will be a bit more daring in their use of Sugg's passing, as they were in last year's games against Florida State, when Suggs and Zeigler were matched against Cappleman the fabulous Ron Sellers.

Peddie sets record

USC's Dave Peddie set a cross country record this week end at Wake Forest aiding Carolina in their first ACC win 25-30.

Presently the thin clads record stands 3-4 over-all and 1-3 in the conference.

Peddie beat the old course record at Winston Salem by 19 seconds which was just set earlier

this year. "The fourth mile is the hardest," Peddie said, "by the beginning of the fifth mile I know if I can win or not."

Peddie's time of 5 minutes 28 seconds was followed closely by the second place finisher, also from USC, Algee Sims.

Wake Forest took the third and fourth places and Carolina's Jack Miller took fifth.

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