Carolina vs. Baylor

...Carlen calls Bears best team USC has played

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The Baylor Bears will enter Williams-Brice Stadium Saturday night with a record of 1-0-2, and considering their opposition in their first three games, this is quite an impressive record.

The Bears won their season opener against Mississippi 20-10, however, their first string quarterback, Mark Jackson, suffered a broken collarbone in the process. After a week's layoff, the Bears tied Auburn and repeated last week by tieing Michigan. Baylor coach Grant Teaff said his team should have defeated Michigan last week. His Baylor team missed a short field goal in the last few seconds of the game costing them the win.

USC coach Jim Carlen is no stranger to playing teams coached by Teaff. Carlen's teams at Texas Tech defeated Baylor four out of five years and two of those three years, Teaff was coaching at Baylor. Carlen said Baylor has the best all-around team the Gamecocks have faced so far.

According to Teaff, last week was the first week his offensive team was at full strength. Jackson was able to go the distance at quarterback for the Bears for the first time since the Ole Miss game. Tailback Cleveland Franklin, who gained 135 yards against Michigan, suffered a dislocated shoulder in the game, but Teaff said he ex-

pects Franklin to be able to start against the Gamecocks. Starting fullback Pat McNeil is a doubtful starter for Saturday night's game. He is expected to be replaced by Mike Ebo.

"Ya'll got a good football team and Carlen is one of the best coaches in the country," Teaff said. He also had some complimentary words to say about quarterback Jeff Grantz. "Grantz has one of the quickest releases I've ever seen and you also have some very fine receivers," Teaff added.

Because the Gamecocks have so many variations on offense, USC is a hard team to prepare for, according to Teaff. Teaff said Baylor had received a 50 page scouting report on Carolina.

Baylor won the Southwest

Conference championship last year and in the process Teaff was named the National Coach of the Year. Baylor also made a New Year's Day appearance in the Cotton Bowl, losing to Penn State, 41-20. Teaff has hopes of a bowl bid this year, but he said his conference schedule is "as tough as the back end of a shooting gallery."

Richard Bell, USC defensive coordinator, was also with Carlen at Texas Tech. Teaff said the Gamecocks play defense a lot like Baylor, adding that he has been preparing for Coach Bell's defensive units for the past five years.

One of Carolina's starting linebackers, Ricky Payne, will be out of the lineup Saturday, victim

of torn calf ligaments. Reserve halfback Casper Carter will be unable to play because of a knee injury.

Replacing Payne at linebacker will be Grahl Phillips. Also available for linebacking duty will be freshmen W.T. Williams and Steve Bernish.

Two coaches, each familiar with the other's coaching style, will be pitted against each other Saturday night. Each coach respects the other and both coaches are looking for a tough football game. Carlen has a 2-1 advantage over teams coached by Teaff. This is only the second time USC has faced Baylor, but its the first time the Gamecocks have faced Baylor with Jim Carlen as coach.

Prognosticators race for last place

From Staff Reports

The race for the cellar position in the Gamecock football prediction poll is getting just about as interesting as the race for first place.

Last week, Assistant Sports Editor George Morris held the bottom spot uncontested, but this week he has some company. Joining Morris in the battle for predicting oblivion is Sports Editor Mark Leary, Editor Bill Pratt and staff writer Billy Cox, all with 25-11 records.

"I'm really disappointed in the showing of my sports editor," said Morris, unable to resist winging a verbal barb at Leary, who made a similar comment last week. "At this rate I don't have to worry about catching my competition--I'll just wait until their records sink

below mine," he said.

But it appears that Morris' strategy--not his opponents records--is sinking. Sports writer Ray Cooper remained in first place again this week with a record of 29-7.

The conservative Cooper, who has gone with the established favorites 99 per cent of the time, isn't changing his strategy this week. His lead, however, is dwindling.

"I'm really worried about Mr. (Bill) Outlaw," Cooper said. "He's only one game behind me. But I'm confident after this weeks selections I will again remain on top."

Outlaw, whose 16-2 record last week boosted him into second place, continued the verbal battle with managing editor Bill Grant. "Terps are

for twirps," Outlaw sneered, an obvious reference to Grant's beloved home state of Maryland. "Besides, every body knows about Grant."

Outlaw, whose consistant picks of USC opponents has gained him as much notoriety as the Jeff Grantz cartoon idea, picked the Gamecocks this week. Outlaw claims he wasn't pressured into picking Carolina, attributing his pick to superior knowledge.

"Everybody laughed at my predictions last week, but I want them to know who won last week's picks," Outlaw said. "Everyone thought we'd upset Georgia, but I knew better. I figured we'd be looking ahead to the Baylor game."

In contrast to Outlaw's verbosity, his rival Bill Grant

refused to comment on this weeks picks--or even on Outlaw. I'm not going to open my mouth this time," he said, "I've got nothing to say."

Billy Baker, sports editor of the Garnet and Black is tied with Grant for third place with a record of 27-9. Baker is the only prognosticator besides Outlaw to pick USC this week.

"Somewhere in America there will be an upset this Saturday, and I'm betting it's going to be in Columbia," Baker said. Baker also went further out on a limb, picking Clemson and Southern Methodist over Georgia and West Virginia. If those schools aren't upset this weekend, Baker will be.

The panel's only female member, Sally Wilson, fell from second place to fifth, resulting

in deep sighs of relief from male chauvinists everywhere. Wilson's 26-10 record, however, is still better than that of Morris, Leary, Pratt and Cox, a group representing the news and sports hierarchy.

Pratt was the only other cellar-dweller besides Morris available for comment.

"I've been too preoccupied with this paper to spend much time picking football games," Pratt said. "However, this week I've done some thinking, Iknow what I want-a winner--and that's what I've got."

As an added attraction, The Gamecock has decided to feature a Lousy Game of the Week. This week's game is Wake Forest against Open Date. Our prediction: Open Date to win by default.

The Gamecock's Selections

	RAY COOPER (29-7)	BILL OUTLAW (28-8)	BILLY BAKER (27-9)	BILL GRANT (27-9)	SALLY WILSON (26-10)	BILLY COX (25-11)	MARK LEARY (25-11)	GEORGE MORRIS (25-11)	BILL PRATT (25-11)
Carolina-Baylor	Baylor	Carolina	Carolina	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor
Clemson-Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Clemson	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Maryland-Syracuse	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Syracuse	Maryland	Maryland
Florida-LSU	Florida	Florida	LSU	Florida	Florida	LSU	LSU	Florida	LSU
Duke-Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Miami (Fla.-Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Notre Dame-Michigan	Michigan St.	Michigan St.	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
Missouri-Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
UCLA-Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.
UNC-Virginia	UNC	UNC	UNC	U N C	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
Purdue-Miami (Ohio)	Miami (Ohio)	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Miami (Ohio)	Purdue	Miami (Ohio)	Miami (Ohio)
Kentucky-Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Kentucky	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.
Indiana-NC St.	N.C. St.	N.C. St.	N.C. St.	N.C. St.	Indiana	N.C. St.	N.C. St.	N.C. St.	N.C. St.
Navy-Air Force	Navy	Navy	Navy	Navy	Navy	Navy	Air Force	Navy	Navy
Washington St.-Illinois	Washington St.	Illinois	Washington St.	Washington St.	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Washington St.	Illinois
West Virginia-SMU	West Virginia	West Virginia	SMU	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia
Furman-VMI	Furman	VMI	VMI	VMI	VMI	VMI	VMI	VMI	VMI
Kansas-Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
Tulane-Vanderbilt	Tulane	Vanderbilt	Vanderbilt	Tulane	Vanderbilt	Tulane	Tulane	Tulane	Tulane
Alabama-Mississippi	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama