

BIRDS CLOSE SEASON WITH MIAMI TONIGHT

On The

SPORTSIDE

By

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Retain The Entire Coaching Staff

Rumors have been cropping up this week concerning the coaching situation here. Some are ridiculous; others are suggestive.

One source has it that Don McCallister will be retained—But Dutch Stamman and Frank Pauly, assistant coaches—will be given free passes to the breadline.

This columnist does not know what the pensive committee will decide. But if the blame is shifted to the assistants and they are fired, the committee will have acted—in my personal opinion—very unwisely.

Basing my judgment on the inside facts known to me, I would like to see the South Carolina coaching staff kept intact.

And let me remind the sideline quarterbacks and "interested" alumni that U. S. C. has not the money to pay for Carl Snively, or any other big time gridiron mentor. Some people got the idea they can have a million dollar outfit by paying two-bit salaries.

Don McCallister and his entire staff ought to be retained.

Subsidization Hangs Above And Behind

Quite a furor was caused last week by the front page editorial of *The Gamecock* heralded the cause of "Open Subsidization." Comment both good and bad reached *Gamecock* Editor Williams. Local papers recognized the importance of the item and reprinted it; and soon the Associated Press was sending the story over its teletypes and the United Press was shaping up its version. The A. P. dispatch carried an accompanying statement by South Carolina's Athletic Director Bill Harth.

A lot of things were said and unsaid. But the local situation was brought out in the open.

Preceding *The Gamecock* editorial by several weeks was the outburst coming from the University of Pittsburgh, which probably has one of the largest football budgets in the nation. If it had come from educational Johns Hopkins, it would have been ignored. But coming from the Rose Bowl champions, it created a mild sensation. After they close the ticket windows on the 1937 gridiron season, the major colleges will sit around the hot stove and attempt to terminate their secretive policies—and stop fooling the public.

This month President J. Rion McKissick and Bill Harth will attend the annual meeting of the Southern Conference. What their plans for action are this columnist does not know. But I believe the U. S. C. representatives will not cater to any proposal that is veneered with sham and hypocrisy, and covers up the truth.

This columnist advocates open subsidization of athletes. And advocates a withdrawal from the Southern Conference—if that body continues its present policy.

Big-Time Football A Frankenstein

Time was when the situation was trivial and local enough to warrant a certain amount of secrecy. But even such a great football college as Pittsburgh admits that big-time football has become a Frankenstein.

College football is the Fall equivalent of major league baseball. Both games are, in this writer's opinion, played honestly and are untainted. But gambling is prevalent in both of them. The football betting sheet probably nets as much revenue now as does the baseball pools. Particularly profitable for the bookmakers was the 1937 season; for each Saturday has seen a number of tie games throughout the land. Especially in this sector the suckers don't get a break. They aren't allowed to pick tie games.

The Harmon Case at the University of Michigan, where Tulane University attempted to raise the bid for the athlete's services, is indicative of the situation today.

Composing the major football elevens in the country are players who have been proselytized by scouts, coaches, and interested alumni. They were not attending their alma mater because their father graduated from there, because of certain courses, professors, or professional schools, because the college fees was within their financial range.

Most of them are a hard working lot and deserve every penny or favor the universities extend them. In fact we believe that in the end the athlete is always the loser.

Scene At Union Station, Greenville

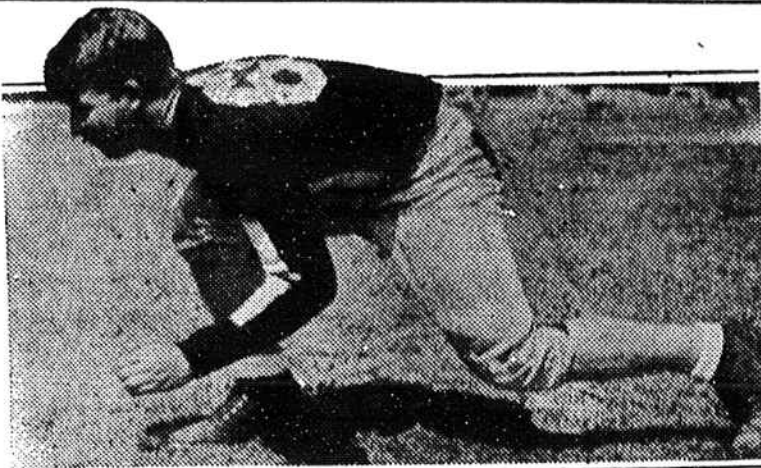
After watching Furman hold a much superior Clemson outfit to a scoreless tie in the Thanksgiving Day skirmish in Greenville, this columnist discovered something he had heard about but could not believe: that Clemson plays against Furman the way Carolina plays against Clemson and Citadel against Carolina. And there is only one suitable adjective—putrid (apologies to Ted Husing). Thus, this sports writer reverses the Pirandello adage, "Believing is Seeing." I saw the game, now I believe it. And I believe football situation in this state offers a happy hunting ground for disgruntled psychiatrists.

Night came to Greenville and after devouring a steak this writer headed for Union Bus Station. After waiting twenty minutes and thinking about Walter Davenport and the missing Collier's magazines, this columnist boarded the Spartanburg bus and entered the audible range of a loud boisterous voice emanating from the inebriated gentlemen who sat on one of the front seats and greeted the passengers. Said he:

"... women and children first; Clemson next... don't push, lady, these Clemson boys are fragile... If I hadn't lost \$481 on the game, I'd be riding home in a Packard... Duck, boys, here comes Furman; get out of the way, you toy soldiers... Hey, fatty, I'll talk all I want to... Anyway you ought to be quarterback for Clemson; you don't scare so easily; and you're fat enough... I weigh 220 pounds, lady; think you can do it?... So you like uniforms... Well, wait until the next war... Hey, vendor, give a big apple to Furman... Well, anyway, Clemson puts out the best hitch hikers in the world..."

And the roaring engine of the bus drilled through the thick dark night until Geer, where Garrulity Personified got off, and the night moved to make room for him. And this writer continued from Spartanburg to Asheville, to sit on a little hill—and laugh.

Carolina Co-captains Close Careers



HASEL MURRAY - GUARD

Alternate-Captain Hasel Murray, plying his final skirmish for the Gamecocks, has been a bulwark on the Carolina forward wall throughout his college career. Never spectacular, Murray always turned in good performances and gained his reputation of being a "players' player."

Gamecocks Drop Game To Catholic 27 To 14

The Carolina Gamecocks made the trip to Washington last week only to lose to Catholic University as several of their touchdown threats failed to materialize, 27 to 14. A home-coming crowd of 6,000 saw the game.

The mushy field hindered the Carolina sprinters as they slipped and fell throughout the game. Captain Jack Lyon did break loose in the first quarter on a fake reverse, making 41 yards and the score. Lonchar kicked the extra point. The second Carolina score came in the second quarter when the Gamecocks were behind 20 to 7. A pass, Williams to Meyers, made the touchdown with Lonchar again kicking the point.

Fullback Ronco Pirro of Catholic seemed to be able to go through the Gamecock line at will. His running set up each of his team's touchdowns while he himself carried one of them over.

The crowd yelled for the "Big Apple" as the University band took the field at the half but got the usual exhibition. That night the Young Democrats Club of Washington entertained the football players with a dance.

Catholic made 14 first downs to the Gamecocks' 11. Although the Gamecocks outgained Catholic through the air, they missed several scoring opportunities. The Gamecocks totaled 123 yards on passes to Catholic's 112.

Catholic's first score came early in the first quarter after a Gamecock fumble on their own 28. A pass and a line buck took it over. Catholic scored again in this same period when Cal-

brese recovered his teammate's fumble over the Carolina goal line. The third Catholic touchdown came in the second quarter after a punt had been returned to the Gamecocks' ten. A pass did the work. Carolina threatened in the fourth period but Catholic intercepted a Carolina pass and then passed for the touchdown.

Score: Catholic 27, South Carolina 14.

The line-up:

Pos.	Catholic	Carolina
LT	Calabrese	Stillwell
LT	Katalinas	Granoff
LG	Sabo	Durham
C	Ambrose	Burns
RG	Sochon (c)	Murray
RT	White	Dorflinger
RE	Shine	Simpson
QB	Munhall	Dearth
HB	Carroll	William
HB	Vidovic	Lyon (c)
PB	Pirro	Lonchar

By periods:

Catholic University	13	7	0	7	27
South Carolina	7	7	0	0	14

Catholic scoring: Touchdowns, Pirro, Calabrese, Guyon, Munhall.

Points after touchdown, Cairo (2), Carroll.

South Carolina: Touchdowns, Lyon, Myers.

Points after touchdown, Lonchar (2).

Officials: Referee, Cummings (Boston college); umpire, Daniels (Georgetown); linesman, Hoban (Lehigh); field judge, Brewer (Maryland).

BASKETEERS PRACTICE HARD FOR APPROACHING SEASON

The 1937 edition of the University of South Carolina basketball team is rapidly taking shape under the able coaching of Ted Petoskey. The Bird basketballers are hard at work nightly in the big field house, polishing their complicated plays and improving on their ball-handling technique.

Holmes Eleazer, sharp-shooting freshman star, reported for practice last Monday evening to swell the tiny Gamecock squad to fifteen players. Several football men are expected to report to practice directly after the Miami game. Eleazer has been ill for several weeks and Bill Simpson, star forward on the 1936 state-champions, is still suffering from a leg injury acquired in the Kentucky battle.

New backboards and baskets are being erected in the Field House in preparation for the stiffest schedule in the history of the Garnet and Black and the team has worked out on the floor without the aid of the baskets perfecting floor work and out-of-bounds plays. A smooth fast-breaking team to back the sharpshooting of Tom "Padge" Hutto, all-state guard, and Guy Lipscomb, captain and a 1-state center, is what Coach Petoskey is aiming at in these nightly workouts.

Twenty-four games are scheduled for the 1937-38 Bird team and the schedule includes invasions by Duke, Tennessee, Georgia, Georgia Tech, and Clemson. In the month of February, the Gamecocks will play on an average of once every two days and will travel on several four day trips.

At present the basketball roster includes, Guy Lipscomb, Tom Hutto, Gene Alexander, Oliver Wolfe, Archie Petty, Carl Simpson, George Coleman, George Kanuck, Louis Bryan, Holmes Eleazer, Louis Tabor, Lucius Henson, H. Johnson, Bill Simpson, and Buck DuPre.

★ Shadows In Space

TO A LADY OF MEMORIES

Silken morning stars,
Reflecting pale thru velvet night,
From placid seas a tender light,
Are seeing from afar
Like eyes of you are watching me.
Could I beyond the sky but see
Again how beautiful you are.

Let me drink once more,
As I have often since in sleep,

Boxers Open Against Duke

By Paul League

Duke University will furnish the opposition for Coach Frank DeMars Gamecock boxing squad when the college pugilists mix gloves in Columbia at the University Field House on January 8.

Working out at present are several men in each division and there probably will be a lively scrap for the various positions on the team.

In the heavyweight division is Dick Baxter who pushes the scales around to 205 pounds and just below him in the 179 class are Jim Polattie of last year's team, and Frank Sossaman, a scrappy newcomer. Other men who are training in their respective divisions are: Allen Legare, Lou Carleo, Bob McCrady, Frank Jenkins, Southern Conference 119 pound champion, Stanley Fisher, Calcock and Gilbert Colina.

Rex Williams, Benjie Williams, and Jerry Hughes all middleweights—will report this week along with Jack Dorflinger, a heavyweight, now that football season is over.

The team with six lettermen back this year is pointing toward a Southern Conference championship and Coach DeMars hopes to send several men to the national finals in Wisconsin next spring.

Following is a schedule of matches drawn up for the coming season by W. H. Harth, director of athletics:
Jan. 8—Duke, here
Jan. 15—N. C. State, here
Feb. 1—P. C., here
Feb. 5—Clemson, here
Feb. 12—U. of Ga., here
Feb. 18—Citadel, at Charleston

From lips that seem to weep
A perfumed nectar;
And let your warm voice fall
Upon my ears, the rousing call
To search again, and far.

Where buds upon the snow
Newfallen, lie as gossamer
And soft as spun by morning air,
I felt you touch my brow
And breathed the perfume of your hair.
Why should meeting be so rare
That we have met but once, and long ago?



CAPT. JACK LYON BACK

Captain Jack Lyon, diminutive half-back, will end his collegiate gridiron career tonight against Miami University. Last season Lyon beat the Hurricane single handed by scoring the lone touchdown of the game, Carolina winning 6-0.

Ten members of the Gamecock grid squad will be playing their last game for the University when the Birds tangle with the University of Miami under the arc lights in Miami's new Burdine Stadium tonight.

The coaching staff and 27 players left for Miami by train at 2 P. M. yesterday for the final contest of a twelve-game schedule.

Coach Don McCallister is planning to continue the practice of using alternating elevens, with which the Gamecocks have been most successful this season.

Pop Howell will be replaced by Wally Craig, due to an injury received in the Catholic University game Thanksgiving Day. Dick Little has recovered from a knee injury sufficiently to play tonight.

The squad has appeared in good condition as they have worked this week perfecting a defense against the Alligator formations and polishing up the Bird offense.

The alternating elevens:
Pos. "A" Team "B" Team
L.E.—Glenn Myers Ed Stillwell
L.T.—Wally Craig Irving Granoff
L.G.—Alfred Bretz Big Durham
C.—John Burns Harold Hartel
R.G.—Hasel Murray, George Makovic
R.T.—Jack Dorflinger J. T. Biggs
R.E.—Frank Urban John Crews
Q.B.—Benjie Williams, Ralph Dearth
L.H.—Jack Lyon (c); Gene Robinson
R.H.—Dick Little Red Snider
P.B.—Tommy Lonchar Ed Clary

The olive crop in southern Italy, including Sicily, will be a little above normal this year, according to reports from Naples. The crop in other parts of Italy will be a little below normal.

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