

Frosh Meet Georgia In Opener Tonight



Krowing With Kirby

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THE CURTAIN RISES TONIGHT

Tonight under the arcs of Melton Field, when the Carolina Biddies and the University of Georgia Bull-pups go into action, the curtain will rise on the first act of the all Georgia football opener that the fates, the gods, and the schedule makers have designated for The Gamecocks.

Rex Enright has had to move over in order to make room for Frank Johnson, coach of the Frosh forces, at the wailing wall. Coach Johnson's squad has also fallen victim to the injury plague that seems to infest Melton field, and at the time of this writing it appears highly doubtful if several of his best boys will be ready to answer the opening whistle. Earl Dunham, Macon fullback, has been benched by a bad charley-horse, and first string guard Wilson Johnson, Charleston, is the victim of a fractured finger. Several other squadmen have been kept out of the heavy work this week by lesser injuries.

It has been the habit of Georgia freshman elevens, as long as this corner can remember, to descend on the capital city with a squad of boys built along the general lines of a fleet of busses. If the advance reports that have been sifting in can be relied upon, this year will prove no exception. Georgia has spoiled the otherwise perfect record of the Biddies for the past two seasons (don't worry, I'm not going to mention last year's score) and hasn't fallen victim to the Biddies since Grygo and company turned the trick three years ago.

Don't sell the Birds too short, for although they probably will not be able to match the Georgian's beef and numbers, they have been displaying a fighting spirit on the practice field that counts when the going is tough.

Coach Johnson will also be making his football coaching debut at the University tonight. Ted Petoskey has left him a high mark to shoot at, for his frosh elevens have captured the State title for the past three seasons.

A PEEK AT THE TIGERS

Last Spring I journeyed to Clinton all togged out in my brand new Easter outfit for the State track meet, sat in the shade, and narrowly escaped freezing to death. This year clad in my new fall duds (no this is not a Mayo's O. P. O. advertisement) I traversed highways that would have baffled Ben Sawyer or Dan'l Boone, sat in the sun and came darn close to melting. To top this off, Clemson showed their respect and esteem for Walter Johnson by kicking his diminutive Bluestockings around like Hitler did the Poles.

The Clemson team that I saw was a good team but certainly not a great one. Clemson trotted out its whole array of backs, but nowhere did I see a McFadden, a Bryant, or a Grygo. The burly Bengal line is probably an improvement over that of last year, but the backfield, like the "old gray mare" ain't what it used to be.

Of course the calibre of the opposition, and the fact that this was the opening game for both teams make it difficult to put a barometer on Clemson's power. However, the fact remains that the Tigers looked none too smooth on offense and presented a pass defense that was anything but impregnable.

P. S.—It cost me 5 bucks to get this story, so even if I am a week behind the other columnists, anybody who doesn't appreciate it is an ingrate.

WHY NOT MORE MANAGERS?

Prospective student football managers are staying away from the field house these days like B. O. from Lifebuoy. As a matter of fact these same student managers have been staying away in such droves that Manager Fitzsimmons has been forced to depend on neighborhood boys to do the managing.

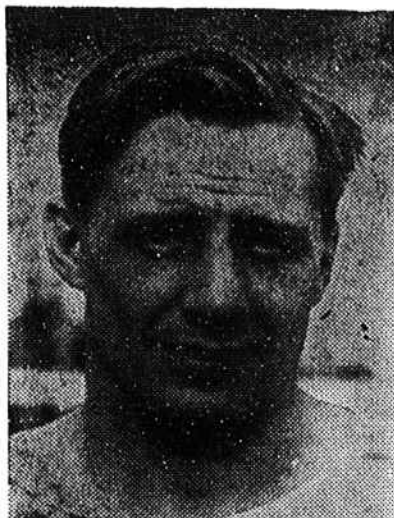
In most schools the position of football manager is one of the most coveted offices to be had and is striven for as such. Here the head manager is usually the only manager. This job entails tough going at times but the rewards are rich. The football manager gets a block letter for his efforts and makes all of the trips with the squad.

So, to all of you ambitious frosh who hope to be big shots, this should be interesting news. Take it from me, this is the biggest opportunity now open to you.

JOTTINGS . . .

"I'm in the army now. I ain't a journalist anymore," plaintively prattles Flying Cadet Elliot "Slugger" McCants, former Associate Sports Editor, in a postal card addressed to this corner... Carolina and The Citadel will be the only State teams that have not yet launched their 1940 gridiron campaigns after this Saturday... The Bulldogs open with Erskine on October 4... William and Mary, the darkhorse of the Southern Conference, turned out to be very dark indeed. N. C. State downed the Indians by a score of 16 to 7... Laverne "Nub" Floyd, one armed frosh baseballer, is back in school for another bout with the scholastics... Lucius Henson, who played a lot of quarterback for the Birds before his knees went, is now assisting Coach Frank Johnson with the freshman football team... City High Schools' prayer—Thank God for Bully... Both the fencing and swimming teams are planning bigger things for this year... Bill Overton, whose mermaids went far in competition last summer, will direct the destinies of the Bird mermen.

Enright Regime Opens Third Campaign



BIRD BRAIN TRUSTERS under head coach and athletic director Rex Enright begin their third year as guides of Gamecock gridiron destinies. The Enright cavalcade has one year of success and one of misfortune behind it as the 1940 season looms ahead. With a small squad and no capable reserves this year the coaches are promising no world beater for Carolina, but they do promise to put out a fighting eleven. The guys who guide the Gamecock Gridders to battle against Georgia next week are Sterling DuPree (left), Enright (Top center), Ted Petoskey (lower center) and Ted Twomey (right).

Heise's Pond Collects BAM Club Members For Barbecue Tonight

Enright To Speak On Chances Of Varsity During Coming Year

The BAM (Buck-a-Month) Club is holding a barbecue tonight at Heise's pond as a prelude to the opening freshman football game with Georgia. Although the club was organized only last spring, it already has a membership of 1,018, and a large number of this group is expected.

The feature attraction on the program will be a talk by Coach Rex Enright on the Gamecock's 1940 prospects.

Quite a number of out-of-town members have already made reservations to attend the barbecue. Secretary and treasurer, Tatum Gressette will remain in his office until time for the barbecue to begin with an extra supply of tickets for out-of-town members.

The barbecue will be over in time for all present to get to the game for the opening kick-off. BAM members will have a section reserved for them and tickets can be procured at the barbecue.

The BAM club members primarily interested in this year's freshman squad because it is the first year that the club has helped to bring football stars to Carolina. They have what they've been asking for for a number of years, an almost complete collection of S. C. boys playing frosh ball.

Pony Backs May Shape Bird Destiny

Heroes Of 1939 Return To Raise Enright Hopes

Pessimistic proponents of the Gamecock pigskin parade still insist that the annual injury jinx will delete Enright's already minute squad before the season is well under way.

To guard against a recurrence of such a catastrophe Enright is grooming his fleet and famous pony backfield to step into the breach if injury riddle his heavier backs. Many observers believe the minute quartet—Kirt Norton, Bill Lowry, Harvey Blouin and Joe Grugan—can perform as well as its more favored brother combinations, especially with a more experienced line leading the way.

Norton, the brains of the combination was a star back at Easley several years in history. When he made his debut at Carolina it was at the guard post. But when Dutch Elston was relegated to the bench by injury, Norton took over the reins of the Notre Dame "T" party and has remained in the signal slot.

Blouin, he of the high knee action and booming blocking prowess, already has erased many wrinkles from Enright's fevered brow. He was voted

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Rawl Expects 20,000 At Bird-Georgia Grid Tilt At Stadium Oct. 5

Supporters Of Bulldogs Rally Behind Squad As Opener Draws Near

From the way that tickets for the South Carolina-Georgia football opener, that is to be played at Carolina Stadium as the feature Homecoming attraction, are selling, Whitey Rawl, manager of ticket sales, expects a crowd of better than 20,000.

Several large block orders have been received from Atlanta, Augusta, and the University of Georgia. The Bulldog institution originally placed an order for 300 pasteboards, but this number was increased to 500 by an additional order that was placed by telephone Tuesday.

Plenty of good seats still remain to be sold between the 30 yard lines, but from the way that they are going now, Rawl isn't worrying about disposing of them.

Rawl plans to visit Fort Jackson this week to launch a sales campaign among the soldiers. He estimates that between 5,000 and 6,000 tickets will be sold on the reservation.

About 2,500 bleacher seats will be erected in the end zones to take care of the overflow. The addition of these seats will bring the seating capacity of the stadium to approximately 20,000.

Ducats for the freshman football opener with Georgia are priced at 75 cents. The game will be played at Melton Field, with the kick-off scheduled for 8:00 o'clock.

Johnson Makes Debut Against Alma Mater

Strong Bullpup Grid Squad Invades Crippled Biddie Roost Under Melton Arcs At 8 P. M.

Football pokes its nose into the picture at Carolina tonight at 8 p. m. when the "Bullpups" from the University of Georgia clash with the "Biddies" representing Carolina on Melton Field. Frank Johnson, coach of the "Biddies" adds the personal touch to tonight's setto. Johnson was a former "great" at Georgia as an athlete, and is now seeking to upset the team representing his old alma-mammy.

Bird Amazons Cop Prizes Last Summer

Crum And Rushton Plan Active Golf And Tennis Season

Co-eds Jane Crum and Sara Rushton are two University of South Carolina athletes who forgot to take their vacations, at least as far as athletic competition is concerned. Miss Rushton quite successfully carried the Gamecock colors through the summer's tennis wars and Miss Crum upheld Carolina's interests on the golf links of the South.

Carolina's first lady of golf was both winner and medalist of the Asheville, N. C. Invitational Tourney, disposing of Mrs. Horack, Atlantic City champ in the finals. At Biltmore Forest, Jane was runner-up to Dorothy Kirby, the well known Atlanta player.

Not only does Jane swing a mean club in the summer, but she can't wait for the Winter Florida tournaments to get under way. Says Jane, "I am planning to enter as many Florida tournaments as I can schedule after Christmas, without missing too much of my school work." As this is her Junior year she finds it more difficult to get away from her studies.

Sara Rushton, who held down the number 5 spot on the men's varsity tennis team, has been no less successful than her golfing sorority sister.

As a contestant in the Southern Tennis Tournament which was held in Charlotte, N. C., Sara, an unseeded player, was victorious over Jessie Glossnickle, Mississippi State champion and seeded number 2, before bowing out to Mrs. Lila Porter in the quarter finals.

In her next tournament, the South Carolina Closed at Darlington, she won the Women's Singles in a walk and teamed with Sam Daniels, former Carolina net star, to take the mixed doubles. She repeated her double triumph again at the Carolina Open in Hartsville by making a clean sweep of the feminine field and coming out on top in the mixed doubles, with P. C.'s Billy Farmer as her partner.

Next to her all consuming interest in tennis, Sara places aerobatics. If she can get her parents to consent, she plans to enroll in the C. A. A. course this fall. May be she'll outclass some of the men in the air as bad as she did most of her male opponents on the court. Who knows?

One Boston University student will win a trans-Atlantic phone call with a leading European statesman in a contest to create interest in a Finnish relief campaign.

The "rats" go into tonight's battle in the role of underdog, if advance reports from the Georgia "Crackers" camp mean anything. Around 40 Georgia freshmen are expected to make the trip to the "Gamecocks Coop". The "Biddies" will have the advantage of playing on their own home ground, however.

The freshmen representing Carolina are 26 strong, and are plenty tough as a result of their scrimmaging against the Varsity Birds. Plenty of heft is mixed with speed as the galaxy of former high school shining lights shoot the works in seeking their first victory in the '40 gridiron season.

Lucius Assist Johnson

Coaching the freshmen this year are Frank Johnson with Lucius Henson serving as his assistant. Both were rather drastic in speaking of the injury plagued Biddies. Said Coach Johnson, "We ain't got a chance. Too many injuries, but we'll put up a fight."

The freshman team as a whole is the biggest collection of South Carolina boys ever to play "rat" ball for several years. Nearly all the candidates for the team were stars on their separate high schools. Plenty of pep is present at all practice sessions, and all the players have a free for all while seeking their separate positions.

Seven are Columbians

A total of seven men are on the squad from Columbia High's once defeated '39 team, and present indications are that they will fill at least four positions regularly.

To pick out a starting lineup for tonight's battle is difficult, in fact, Coach Johnson says, "I won't know myself until Friday night about an hour before the game." The fellows who look strongest at the positions to date, and whom we pick to start tonight's block and tackle scene are as follows: Bill Millner and "Skimp" Harrison at the ends, Tom Stevenson and Neal Allen at the tackle slots, Reggie Wilson and Wilson Johnson, the Charleston twins, at the guards, and Bruce Tate filling in at center to complete the line which should stand up well against the thrusts of the "Bulpups". In the backfield at quarter, Doyle Norman looks like the class, Ansel Bridwell and Benny Allard at halfbacks, and Bill Turner at fullback.

Subs are Plentiful

Subbing or may be taking some of the above positions before game time are: Bill Neeley, Tom Knox, B. MacMillan, and York Wilson at the ends, Ernest Bauer, George McDonald and Jack Keenan at the tackles, Jack Tobias, Pat Pruitt, and Tom Abell at the guards, and it's a close fight at center but Delk looks like the sub so far. Francis Nevils is giving Doyle Johnson a close fight for quarter, Jack Little, Jules Riley, Jay Ward and Blackwell at the halves, and Earl Dunham and Tommy Sligh subbing frequently for Turner at full.

The injured list for tonight's battle would make many a coach tear out half his hair, but most of the injured have recovered enough to take part in tonight's game. Jay Ward, to be starting halfback has an injured leg and will play but little in the game. Earl Dunham, punting ace of the squad, also has a bum pin. Tom Abell is having foot trouble. Jack Keenan a tackle with plenty of heft will not play tonight because of a bad shoulder.

Girls Athletic Group Meets Today To Make Year's Plans

Plans for the Girls' Athletic Association will be discussed at a meeting of the Athletic Association Council Friday, September 27, according to Miss Nancy Pope, head of Physical Education for women in the University.

At the meeting of the council Friday officers will be elected and plans for girl's intramurals and other sports will be discussed.

The Athletic Association Council is composed of a representative from each sorority, one from the day students, and one from the dormitories.

Joe Patrone Plays On After Getting Degree; Goes Gunning For Master Of Sciences Honors



Smart Guy Kept Up "B" Average For Three Years While Performing On Gridiron And Diamond Teams

A college graduate on a college football team—such is the paradoxical status of Joe Patrone, stellar Gamecock guard. Patrone, now fighting his third and last campaign in the Bird front line of defense and offense, was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree this summer after three years and one summer school at Carolina.

To occupy leisure hours after football sessions, Joe is now working on a Master of Science degree, laying particular emphasis on chemistry.

During his undergraduate career Patrone maintained a "B" average

while playing on the football and baseball teams. During horseshoe season Joe performs as catcher, first baseman, and even takes a look at the outer gardens.

While starring in America's favorite pastimes, Patrone also showed his ability as an arbiter. This summer he umpired for the Columbia Softball League, and became known to players and fans alike as the Magerkuth of South Carolina softball.

While calling balls and strikes, Patrone puts everything into his decisions, bellowing and dancing around after each pitched ball. His ready

wit keeps pugnacious fans and players completely under control.

Once a bunch of Carolina football players razed their teammate by booing each decision, no matter which team it favored. Finally the umpire stopped the game and facing his tormentors, yelled, "Did you pay to see this game?"

During off-seasons Joe amuses himself by coaching backward football players in Spanish. An accomplished linguist, he derives his pleasure from seeing his less brilliant cohorts blossom from floundering translators into steady performers.