



LEAD THE GAMECOCKS' OFFENSE . . . Leading the Gamecocks into next week's "Big Thursday" game are the above first-stringers. They are (front to rear), Lawton Rogers, center; Bobby Bunch, quarterback; (left to right), Alex Hawkins, halfback; John Saunders, fullback; King Dixon, halfback.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Student Interest Can Solve Swim Team Problem

By Jerry Hickey

Jimmy Ratliff, Swimming Coach here at USC, tells a story of when he and Ernie Lawhorne, one of the Gamecocks football coaches, were roommates here at Carolina. Seems Ernie used to kid Jimmy about his swimming team saying, "Well, you don't win many meets, but then you don't have many boys on the team drowned either."

Though said in jest, Ernie seems to have summed up pretty well one of the basic athletic problems here at Carolina—the lack of student interest in the minor sports.

The swimming team finished the season last year with 11 boys on the squad. Sure, they had a lousy season, but with only 11 boys on the team what can you expect? Some of the Mermen, after having swam in as many as two events, were forced to enter other events, despite the fact that they were already exhausted, simply because the team just didn't have enough swimmers.

Back when Dean Penny, and the other founders of the ACC, were drawing up rules by which to govern the conference, one was passed that stated that all conference schools would be required to have a swimming team, and to participate in meets with other ACC schools.

Coach Ratliff receives no scholarships to offer swimmers here at Carolina, and draws completely from student participation for his team. And thus far student participation has been practically nil.

Last year at The Citadel, a school dwarfed in comparison of size to the University, there were 100 boys who came out for the swimming team. There's no reason why, in a school as large as Carolina, we can't have at least that many out every year for the team.

Coach Ratliff, who has coached the Mermen since the Fall of 1948, says that "Many boys hesitate to come out for the team because they think they're not good enough swimmers, since few of them have had high school experience. For this reason we lose quite a few boys who could greatly help the team."

An example: Arthur Gaston, a Senior here at Carolina, had his doubts about his ability. He went by to see Coach Ratliff and told him that he was interested, but had had no previous experience in team swimming. Jimmy gave him an opportunity to prove what he could do. Last year Arthur broke the school records in both the 220- and 440-yard free style.

"I'm real encouraged about this year's team," Coach Ratliff said. "Interest is growing each year due largely to several swim clubs in and around Columbia. I'm looking forward to seeing a large number of boys out for the team this year."

Coach Ratliff is having a meeting of all persons interested in going out for the swimming team this coming Monday, October 20, at 4:00 at the swimming pool, which is located just in back of the gym.

If any of you are even remotely interested in swimming, please be present for the meeting. Let's get behind this thing and put out a team that we can really be proud of this year.

Alex Hawkins Leads Birds In Offense

Every time Carolina's great halfback, Alex Hawkins, has "touched" the football in four games this year he has moved it 6.8 yards toward opposing goal lines.

On all types of plays, Hawkins, who is recognized as much for his defensive ability and blocking as anything, has gained 433 yards in handling the ball on 63 occasions.

The South Charleston, W. Va., senior has picked up 151 of those yards on rushing plays, added 55 more on five pass completions in 10 attempts and another 60 on three pass receptions.

Further yardage has been added by Hawkins in returning five punts for 55, three kickoffs for 67 and one pass interception for 45.

Hawkins has accomplished this against rugged opposition, including Duke, Army, Georgia and North Carolina.

He'll face continued pressure in his next game against undefeated Clemson here on Oct. 23.

Following Hawkins in the Gamecock rushing figures are halfback King Dixon, who has picked up 135 yards and averaged 3.9 per try, and fullback John Saunders, who has 118 yards and a 3.8 average.

Sophomore Doug Hatcher of Atlanta, Ga., who punts without a shoe on his kicking foot, has averaged 40.6 yards on eight punts to lead that department for Carolina. Dixon is next with a 32.4 average on 20 kicks.

Quarterback Bobby Bunch is the team's leading scorer with three touchdowns and a two-point conversion for 20 points.

The Gamecocks enter next week's game against Clemson with a record of two wins and two losses. They have beaten Duke and Georgia and lost to Army and North Carolina.

Western Reserve

Changes in hours for a major, a lag in "honors" courses at Western Reserve University, the greater importance of faculty quality over any change in course types, are some of the more recent curricula trends foreseen by faculty members on this campus.

Possession Football vs. Specializing Of Skills

The basic requirements which enables a team to rely on a Ball control type offense can be summed up in the following statements. First the team must have a rugged defense which is proficient in containing its opponents running attack as well as their passing game.

Secondly the team must have an offense which is capable of generating at least two long scoring drives of its own and which is generally able to take advantage of opponents mistakes. Large, hard running backs are a must, for much of their yardage gained will be credited to their ability to literally "bowl" over the defense. A great deal of importance is also attached to the ability of the teams punter to keep opponents bottled up deep in their own territory.

With talent such as this a team would have a minimum of difficulty playing percentage football and waiting for the other team to make mistakes. However, as we at Carolina are well aware, a team that, for one reason or another, is in the midst of a losing season, or behind in a ball game, very rarely gets its share of breaks. And furthermore, if a team which is ill-fitted for this type offensive game, continues to employ it, the results could be disastrous. A team such as this invariably finds itself in a situation where they are forced to "open up," and finding themselves unable to adapt to the complete change in offense, rarely if ever succeeds.

The reasoning behind control style football is sound; based mainly on the theory that if one team has possession of the ball their opponents cannot score. But, in order to control the ball a team must have the strength to move consistently for enough yardage to gain one first down after another. This then would eventually lead to a score as well as consuming quantities of playing time. Further more the team which can run the greatest number of plays during a game has many more opportunities in which to score and consistently maintain a high degree of pressure on the defensive unit.

The overall plan for control style

football is, simply to gain three or more yards per attempt and thus enabling the offensive team to keep possession. The big fallacy here is, that a team with few or no long gain plays, upon being penalized or thrown for a loss has little or no chance for recovery.

The possession type game depends mainly on a strong ground game and rarely, if ever do they pass except on what are known as "passing downs." Consequently the defense is able to adjust to this pattern, making the job for the offensive much more difficult. It is impossible for an offensive team to defeat an equally strong defensive team who knows approximately where each play is going, and is familiar with the offensive formations.

Football on a college level is primarily played for the benefits that can be afforded the participants as well as the students and personnel of the participating school. It is not the winning or losing that counts so much as the lessons learned thereof. Therefore it is of great importance that players as well as followers feel that they have done everything in their power toward victory and not merely lessened the margin of defeat. Football, at this level, should not be based on calculation and percentage, but moreover, concentrated on the development of those features of character which can transform an "also-ran" team to one of championship caliber, or at least provide the most important of all aspects of character, that being, the will to "never say die."

This then brings to mind a question. What can possibly be the outlook when a team is two or more touchdowns behind late in the game and knows that it is mathematically impossible to win? The question why is it impossible to win, immediately comes to mind. The answer is that, due to the limitations of time and in our instance, possession or control style football, it is impossible to score by any other method than a concentrated drive and thereby defeating our purpose by using up much valuable time.

Intramural Meeting To Be Held Monday

There will be a meeting of fraternity intramural representatives Monday, October 20, in the Russell House, Intramural Director Jimmy Usher has announced.

requested to have a representative present for this meeting. Intramural football activities began this week, Usher announced. Plans for golf playoffs have been made and will begin within the next two weeks.

The College Council of Wagner College has adopted a constitution with a unique membership clause. Five groups with diverse interests in the college are now members of the 34-man Council.



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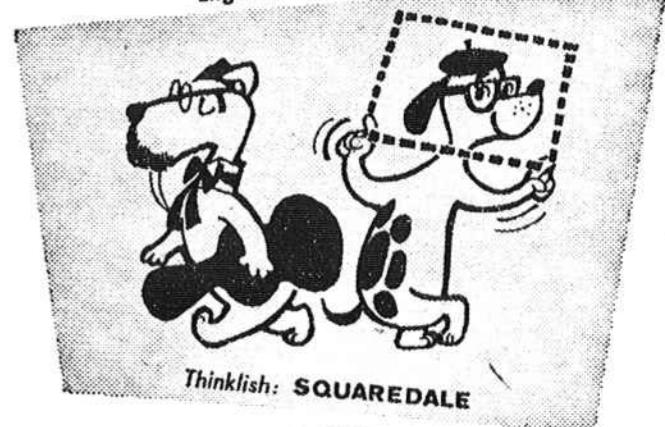
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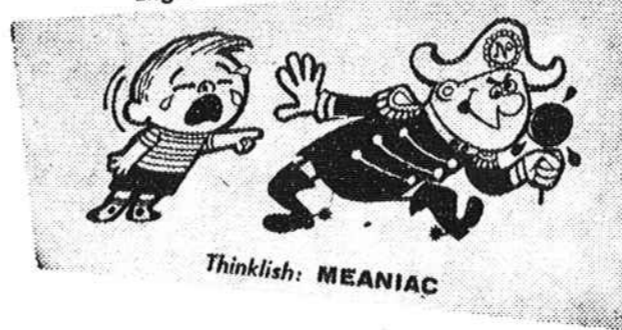
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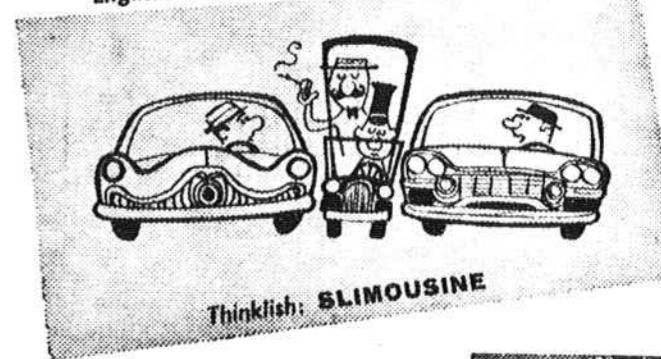
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