

Gamecock



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With TOM HUNTER

Sports Editor

Spring Sports At A Glance

As the second semester continues on its merry way, and thoughts of summer appear more frequently, another phase of dear ole college life comes into sight — spring sports. And, as has been true many times in the past, these various seasons are USC's last chance for glory.

This week a rash of activity got underway with teams in three sports playing a total of 10 times. The baseball team opened Monday with Erskine and then left for the Fort Stewart, Ga., Invitational Tournament and four more games. A good turnout was on hand for Monday's game and it is hoped that this spirit will not drop off as the season ripens.

Anyone who is a real sports fan will enjoy a good track meet and there are four plums scheduled for the USC cinder chute this year. And what could be a more enjoyable way to spend a few hours in the afternoon than at a track meet?

The tennis team has competed in two matches so far this week and will add their third tomorrow when they take on Maryland at the Maxey Gregg Courts. Certainly a good way to improve your tennis game would be to watch these netmen in action for a few sets and then practice up after the match.

Our state champion golf team will attempt to improve last year's exceptional 8-2-1 record by taking on North Carolina today out at Forest Lake Country Club, the home field of our golfing Gamecocks. For those of you who enjoy the beauty of par golf, you are invited out to Forest Lake this afternoon and every afternoon that the Birds are at home.

Track . . .

"And They're Off To The Races"

Track Coach Weems Baskin has high hopes for his group again this season. "We hope we'll have a good season," he says. "We got off to a good start at Chapel Hill the other night by coming in third. That's the best we've ever done."

Baskin went on to mention how unpredictable this running sport is. "You lose two boys and you go from a good team to poor mediocre just like that." Due to the rugged schedule the coach lets it be known "we'll have our work cut out for us and we'll need all the luck we can get. I'm not apologizing for it either."

The tracksters had only one senior with them at Chapel Hill last week but hope to obtain the services of basketball star Ronnie Collins for the Florida State meet March 26. Collins holds the Carolina high jump record of six feet, four inches.

Coach Baskin had nothing but praise for the enthusiasm shown by USC students when he said, "We've always had good student support here. We draw more people to our track meets than any school from Washington to Texas. I always have been pleased with the attendance," he emphasized.

In conclusion the former track star repeated, "We hope to have a good season." Then added, "That's our plan, anyway."

Our National Pastime "Play Ball"!

"Our overall picture is generally favorable. I'd say we have the potential to have a good team but not a great team." This is how Coach Bob Reising sums up the '64 Birds in his first year at the diamond head.

"We have 15 boys who have never played on the varsity before. Seven of these have never played college baseball. Dan Reeves and Les Evans are two examples," explains Reising.

"Our future is fairly bright if we don't make any big mistakes," he says of the nine lettermen squad. "But since our spirit is good we should be able to finish in the first division."

Reising pointed out that baseball here at Carolina has great possibilities because this is a good baseball state in general and also the good weather is a big factor.

"Naturally we want student support," mentioned the coach, "because win or lose we'll be out there hustling."

"Golf And Tennis, Anyone?"

Our golf team this year should be an interesting bunch to watch because of their seemingly unlimited potential. "We're expecting big things from our golfers this year," assures Coach Frank Johnson. "We have all the players back from last year except one."

A new Atlantic Coast Conference rule, which has expanded the golf teams this year to seven players, should be another factor in our favor since one of the strong points is depth.

The two new members of the team are Billy Stork and Henry Bevins. The remaining five, Bill Clary, Sandy Snead, Jackie Seawell, Chuck Simmons, and Eddie Brown are the letterman returning from last year's 8-2-1 team.

Johnson thinks that having the annual ACC meet here will be a big thing for Columbia and should improve our chances for a successful season. About student backing, the coach insists, "We definitely want to invite the students out to Forest Lake Country Club for our home matches. They can follow any of the golfers during their rounds. We would be glad to have them out."

The tennis team, under new coach Bill McClain, just has to win one match to better last season's record of 0-10. "We have some potential but it is going to take work and experience before we are going to be a team," says McClain.

Tomorrow the Birds meet Maryland with the following personnel: Ray Hunter, number one; Kay Howard, number two; John Heuer, number three; Mike Strahley at the number four spot; Tommy Mann, five, and Lamar Hamilton, six.

"The boys have really improved, mentally and physically. But, of course, experience is the big thing," McClain notes of the sophomore-laden team.

McGuinness And Crombie Set Standards For Track Team

BY EDDIE KENYON
USC Track Team

Powerful Maryland won the 11th Annual Atlantic Coast Conference Indoor Games Saturday night at Chapel Hill, to the surprise of no one, but eyebrows were lifted when South Carolina finished third, ahead of such talented teams as Duke and Clemson. Maryland racked up 82 points, followed by North Carolina with 37, South Carolina, 22, Duke 17, Clemson, 16, Wake Forest, 7, North Carolina State, 6, and Virginia last with five.

A HAPPY COACH

A smiling Coach Weems Baskin saw his young squad take two gold medals for first places and score in a total of seven events, despite early season injuries and some sickness.

Two USC sophomores brought the crowd to their feet with outstanding performances on the indoor oval.

Mike McGuinness flashed by the meet record holder, Maryland's John Prettyman, on the final lap of the 600-yard run and sped smiling through the finishing line into the arms of his exultant teammates. McGuinness was clocked in 1:13.2, only seven-tenths of a second off the meet record.

A few minutes later one of Carolina's Australian imports, Bob Crombie, walked away with the 880 in 1:54.1. Crombie burned out the field with a 55-second first quarter mile then coasted the rest of the way, winning easily.

BROAD JUMP

While McGuinness and Crombie won the only Carolina first places, other Gamecocks were not sitting idle. Woody Chapman in the broad jump finished second only to Mike Cole of Maryland, who just the week before had captured the event at the ICIA Meet in New York, and is perhaps the best broad jumper on the eastern seaboard.

Roland Brown rose to the occasion with a fourth place finish in a strong pole vault field.

Allen Rose took fifth in the mile with Walt Christensen taking a fifth place medal in the shot put. Hurdler David Gatch ended up fifth in the high hurdles after some fine running in the grueling qualifying trials.

John Hemmer, a sprinter by trade, made a superb effort in the 600 and finished fifth with an important scoring for USC.

McGuinness and Hemmer teamed up with Bland Addison and Edward Kenyon to win their heat in

the mile relay but finished fourth in overall competition.

FRESHMEN

The USC freshmen tied for third in their division, while the Maryland frosh followed the example of their big brothers and walked off with top honors. The Carolina frosh took two

first places in the persons of Bob Taylor in the 880 and Eddie Ebmeier in the shot put.

Don Stillwell picked up fourth in the high and the low hurdles. The freshmen rounded out their scoring with a fifth in the mile relay, with the relay team composed of Taylor, Stillwell, Eddie

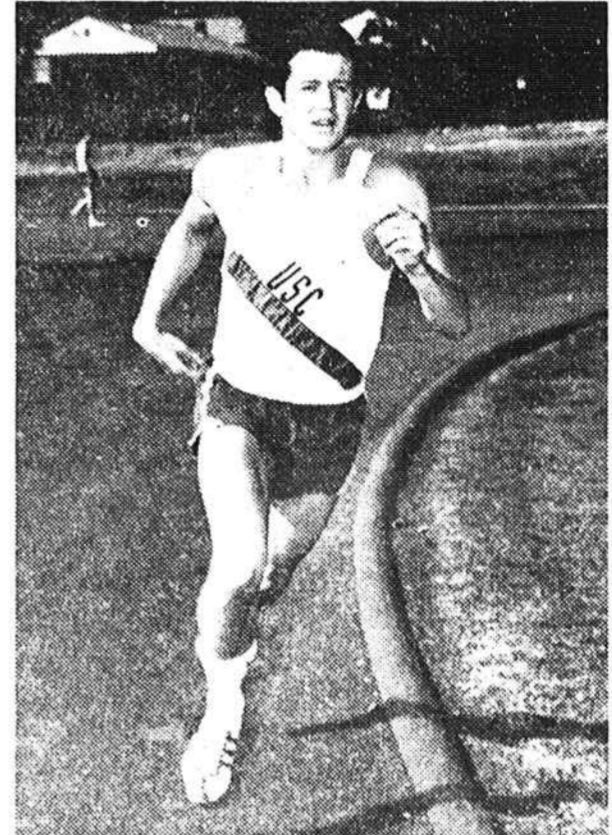
Sonnenfeld, and Bob Turner.

South Carolina will open their outdoor season with a Florida trip over the Easter vacation. Coach Baskin and his assistant Benjie Seagle cordially invite the support of the student body and all Carolina fans during the coming season.

USC Trackmen Take Two First Places



Mike McGuinness



Bob Crombie

Spring Football Game Held Sat., Come Rain, Come Shine

"I think we've made tremendous progress this spring," said head football coach Marvin Bass this week prior to the annual intrasquad game Saturday.

"We're going to try to play a lot of boys next year and would like to have three teams," he went on. "This Saturday also, we are going to play as many boys as possible."

Concerning the spirit of this year's football team, Bass said, "I think the mental attitude of the boys is terrific." Backfielders Marty Rosen, Larry Gill, Dan Reeves, and Phil Branson, plus lineman Jon Linder were praised by the coach for their outstanding play during the past few weeks.

"I would say the team is much further progressed this spring than at the same time in years gone by," he thought.

NO BREAK?

Kickoff time is 2:30 p.m., and the football game will be the main attraction of a week-end that will include a two-day trainer's clinic sponsored by the University athletic department and a giant Century Club rally for members of the Gamecock booster organization.

BLOCK 'C'

Admission to the spring game is

99 cents for everyone with proceeds going to the Block C Club to help finance the varsity letter winners' organization's various activities.

The Red team will be quarterbacked by Dan Reeves and will feature an all rising senior backfield. Joining Reeves will be Marty Rosen and Larry Gill at halfback, and Pete DiVenere at fullback.

The White team will feature an all junior backfield of Jim Rogers at quarterback, Jeff Jowers and Ronnie Lamb at halfback, and Phil Branson, a transfer from Kentucky, at fullback.

Reeves and Lamb, both members of the Gamecock baseball team, will play in the Fort Stewart, Ga. baseball tournament Wednesday

through Friday, but will return to Columbia in time to participate in the spring football game.

The starting line for the Red team will have juniors Doug Senter and J. R. Wilburn at end, senior Steve Cox and Len Sears at tackle, seniors Ed Hertwig and Jim Johnson at guard, and junior Jon Linder at center.

WHITE TEAM

The White team starting line will have either Al DeMartino or Bill Dickens, both sophomores at left end, junior John Breeden at right end, junior Jerry Soles and sophomore Jon Komoroski at tackle, juniors Jim Martin and Dan Legat at guard, and junior Bob Gunnels at center.

McGuire To Coach For USC

Frank McGuire, former collegiate and professional coach who led North Carolina's Tar Heels to an unbeaten season and the national championship in 1957, Thursday was named head basketball coach and associate athletic director at the University of South Carolina.

Bass said he felt the 47-year-old New York Irishman would be "A great asset to our program."

PERSONAL FRIENDS

Bass said he and McGuire had been personal friends for many years and "I am looking forward with pleasure to a long association with him at the University of South Carolina."

As associate athletic director, Bass said McGuire would have complete charge of the basketball program and would represent the University at some meetings and other functions.

McGuire, who compiled a 14-year collegiate record of 267 wins and 93 losses at St. John's University of New York and North Carolina before coaching the professional Philadelphia Warriors of the National Basketball Association in 1961-62, has been out of coaching for two seasons.

RETURNS TO COACHING

He returns to the coaching ranks from a public relations job in New York City. A native New Yorker, McGuire is married to the former Patricia Johnson and they have three children, including a married daughter living in Raleigh, N. C.

A star athlete in football, basketball and baseball at New York's Xavier High School, McGuire was a four-year letterman in both basketball and baseball at St. John's University.

McGuire coached 10 years at Xavier High School, compiling a 126-39 record, before entering the college ranks at St. John's. In five seasons he won 103 and lost 35 before moving to North Carolina where his record for nine seasons in the Atlantic Coast Conference was 164-58.

AT UNC

His 1956-57 North Carolina team swept unbeaten through 32 games to the National Championship, earning for McGuire national coach of the year honors. He had been voted a similar honor by New York's metropolitan writers for his 25-5 season at St. John's when his team went to the NCAA finals.

With the Philadelphia professional team in 1961-62, McGuire compiled a 49-31 record, losing the league title in a seven-game playoff to the Boston Celtics.

LIFE-SAVING

Swimming instructor Jimmy Ratliff reports that a senior life-saving class has been organized and will begin on April 6.

It will take place on the 6th, 7th, 10th, 13th, 14th, and 17th of April, from 4-7 P.M. at the USC pool. It will be sponsored by the University Department of Physical Education, and will probably utilize student instructors.

Interested persons are asked to enroll by calling University extension 4264.

Senior Ball Players Set For Future

Three of the four seniors on the 1963-64 Gamecock basketball team plan to continue their studies after graduation from the University of South Carolina in June.

Guard Terry Lucansky, whose 5.45 grade-point-ratio of a possible 6.0 is one of the highest in the entire student body, will either enter dental school at Kent State University in Ohio or remain at the University for graduate study in biology. Lucansky is from Massillon, Ohio.

Guard Bill Yarbrough of Charleston, S. C., also a dean's list student, has been accepted for admission to the Medical College of South Carolina at Charleston this fall and plans a medical career.

Forward Ronnie Collins of Wimsboro, S. C., who scored 1,256 points — fourth highest in school history — during his basketball career and made the All Atlantic Coast Conference and All Regional NCAA teams his senior year, plans to enter the University's law school to prepare for a legal career.

The fourth senior, forward Jimmy Collins of Dumont, N. J., is an education major and plans to teach and coach at a South Carolina high school.

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