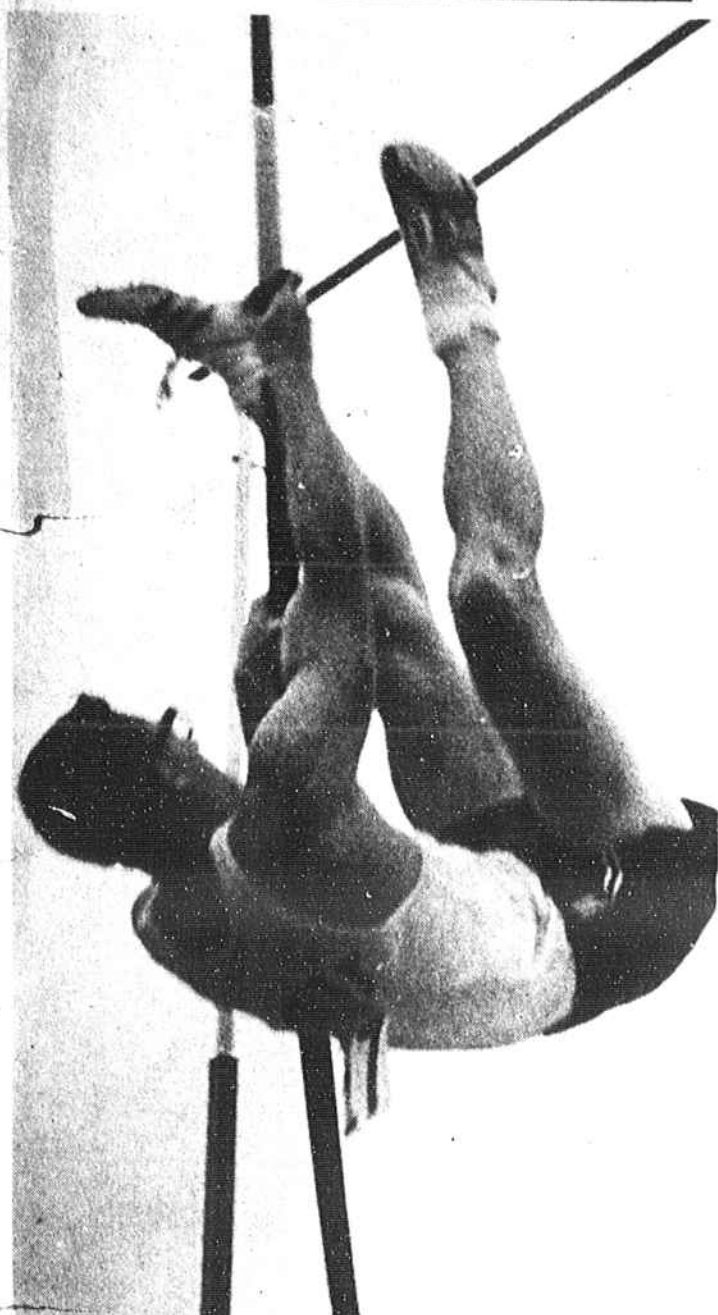




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Frosh Goes High

Jim Scott, freshman pole vaulter, clears 14' on his first attempt during the Carolina State-Record Relays last Saturday. Scott later cleared 14'6" to take a fourth place medal.

Tennis Team Hosts Terrapins At Maxcy Gregg Court Friday

By JOHN DAVID SPADE
Asst. Sports Editor

The undefeated Carolina tennis team will take on one of its toughest opponents Friday at 2:15 p.m. as the Maryland Terrapins invade the Maxcy Gregg Courts.

Coach Bill McLain said that many have called Maryland's team the best in the ACC. "Maryland and North Carolina should be the two toughest ACC teams we'll

face. The other two remaining matches we have that will be tough will be those against Toledo and Georgia Tech."

"Tech has been rated in the top ten in the country for the past eight years. And we'll be playing them away the 24th," said McLain.

When asked about the possibility of an undefeated season, McLain said that he would rather

get the boys ready to win the ACC title. "If we can do that I'll be satisfied. Maybe the ACC title and an undefeated season would be asking too much."

The important match with Georgia Tech will be a real test of the Gamecocks' tennis prowess. It will be played the Wednesday after the S. C. Tourney here in Columbia.

"When I made the schedule, I

tried to get the best. And Tech is one of the best," said McLain.

The S. C. Tourney will include teams from Presbyterian, Furman, Erskine, and possibly Wofford.

Clemson and The Citadel have declined. Officials at Clemson said they just didn't want to attend.

"I think that we can go undefeated on our home court," said McLain. One of the problems the team has to face is a number of road games. The clay courts at North Carolina will produce a slower game than the netmen are used to. McLain said that if Carolina plays its best game and North Carolina plays their best, the Gamecocks should take it.

"I feel we have a better team," said McLain. He had the same comments about Friday's opponent, the Maryland Terrapins. McLain's wife gave birth to a baby girl, Mary Elizabeth, last Wednesday. Perhaps he's seeking a perfect record and the title as celebration.

The netmen handily disposed of Erskine last Saturday to run their unbeaten skinn to 11.

The Flying Fleet couldn't take a set from the Gamecocks as Carolina took it 9-0. Three of Carolina's top seeded players,

Bobby Heald, Jay Schlosser, and Bill Light stayed in Columbia.

Their match Friday at Duke was rained out and has been rescheduled for May 3, sandwiched in between matches with North Carolina and a home match against N. C. State.

Sail Club Captures Invitational

Saturday and Easter the USC Sailing team will be racing in an inter-sectional regatta at St. Petersburg, Florida, trying to match their victory this weekend at Davidson.

The Gamecocks took the seven-school invitational on Lake Norman with 68 points. The Citadel followed with 60, Davidson with 55, College of Charleston with 54, Old Dominion with 50, Clemson with 49, and Duke with 48.

Ken Norman won the B division skipper award with 36 points and Don Asay finished first in the A division with 32 points.

Daily Football Drills Begin; Five Vie For Quarterback

By DON HULT
Staff Writer

The 1968 Gamecock football squad launched its 20-day spring practice last Saturday at Carolina Stadium. The opening day drills were marked by great enthusiasm.

The 85 players who dressed for the first practice, plus the four players on the red cross squad gave Coach Paul Dietzel 35 more players than he had last year.

The first practice was divided into two segments, one offense and the other defense. All play-

ers were given the opportunity of playing an offensive and a defensive position in order to find the 22 best athletes.

During the first segment Dietzel lined the various elevens up in the new offensive huddle. Instead of the open "C" used last season the offensive unit will huddle in a closed "O." The quarterback will call the play while kneeling in the center of the huddle.

Carolina's head coach then told the squad that plays would be called by name rather than number this season. Numbers are much more difficult to keep in mind in the heat of gridiron battle.

Next in order was the demonstration of the new more open formation which the Gamecocks will use. Three receivers, designated "X," "Y," and "Z" will line up in wide positions to open up the defenses for USC's running game. The Gamecocks will probably use the pass more often as an offensive weapon this season.

Most of Dietzel's time was spent with the quarterbacks as this position will make or break the '68 Gamecocks. The coaching staff faces the challenge of replacing three-year starter Mike Fair with guarded optimism as the five quarterback candidates are talented.

Dan Harbison and Toy McCord are the only two candidates with varsity experience. Harbison is a strong passer and McCord is an exciting runner on the roll-out option play.

Red shirt Butch Genoble is tall and lanky and these are desirable physical characteristics

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Putt-Putt, Golf, Softball Head Intramural Doings

By SUSAN TANNER
Staff Writer

Three intramural tournaments are now going on consecutively, putt-putt, golf, and softball.

Bill Muir, P. Kinder, Be Brown, Brian Beem) is in first place in the putt-putt tournament with Sigma Nu, Phi Epsilon Pi and Phi Kappa Sigma following.

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Cindermen Break For Easter After Clemson Meet, Relays

By JOHN DAVID SPADE
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The Carolina track team will take a week off for Easter break before heading out for Atlanta next Wednesday for a meet with Georgia Tech.

Coach Weems Baskin received a fine effort from the team Saturday in the State-Record Relays and the tracksters were confident they would record an impressive

victory at Clemson yesterday.

An all night rain slowed the track at the Relays, but the ambitious Gamecocks refused to be stalled and came away with 25 medals and the first place plaque in the sprint medley relay.

Jim Gee, Mike Purinton, Jimmy Wingo, and Mike Eidson provided the winning punch in the sprint medley.

Gee ran the first leg and said he expressed some difficulty in the first part of the race. "I was running inside and was farthest from the gun. By the time I heard (Bully) Farr's gun everyone else was gone."

"I almost had a heart attack coming out of the first turn. My foot slid from under me and I thought what it would feel like if I fell in front of the crowd. But I managed to stay on my feet," Gee told Coach Baskin after the race.

Commenting on his leg, co-captain Wingo said he was running head-on with a boy he ran against in high school. "Coach," said Wingo, "I was scared all the way. I just couldn't let that fella beat me." And he didn't.

Freshman Jim Scott took a fourth in the pole vault. The first four vaulters cleared 14'6", but all failed to make the 15' mark.

Scott fell to fourth because it took him three tries to make 14'6".

The frosh vaulter from Oklahoma, when he does clear the 15' mark, will be setting a new school record. The existing mark is 14'11", and the way Scott is improving, he should clear 15' this year, according to the other vaulters at the meet.

Dave Smith placed fourth in the triple jump at 45'5" and took a third in the high jump.

Tyler Hellams jumped 22'7" in the long jump, just 1 1/2" out of second place. The winning jump was 23'7".

New USC Facility Dedicated

USC's varsity tennis center, which was begun this fall with construction of spectator bleacher space, will be dedicated April 19 at 2:15 p.m.

The ceremonies will be held at the Maxcy-Gregg Tennis Courts, where the center is being planned. When completed, the complex will include a tennis shop and other facilities.

University President Thomas F. Jones and Athletic Director Paul F. Dietzel will join tennis coach Bill McLain for the dedication.

Students, faculty and staff are invited, along with contributors to the tennis center fund.

Carolina showed consistency in the relay events, placing second in three events and fifth in the mile relay to compliment the first place in the sprint medley.

Jim Gee placed fifth in the 100-yard dash, although final times of the third and fourth place runners were identical to Gee's, 10.0.

The track team will entertain North Carolina next Saturday and then face N. C. State the following Tuesday, also at home.

Coach Baskin, who directed the State-Record Relays, had a busy weekend, leaving for New York after the meet for recruiting purposes.

Gamecock Linksmen Meet Tar Heels After Taking State Invitational Title

By STEVE KELLEY
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The Gamecock golfers meet North Carolina here today after taking the S. C. Intercollegiate title last weekend behind freshman Hap Lathrop's back-to-back sub-par rounds.

Monday the linksmen were at Charlottesville facing Virginia and Maryland and Tuesday they played N. C. State at Raleigh.

They have a short Easter break before facing Georgia, Georgia Tech and Auburn at Athens Monday and returning to Columbia to play Wake Forest Tuesday.

The Linksmen's next foes are the Duke Blue Devils, who are here April 23.

Lathrop led the Gamecocks to a six-stroke victory over Presbyterian College.

The Hampton native combined a four-under-par 66 on the first 18 with a second day 69 for a four stroke victory over Presbyterian's David Sale.

A freshman, Lathrop got off to a fast start as he carded an eagle on the 490-yard par five first hole. He also had birdies on the ninth, tenth and 18th holes. A double bogey on the 13th hole was the only over par hole for the Hampton native. On the second day's round, Lathrop played consistent golf, scoring only one bogey for the last 18 holes.

PC's David Sale shot the second day's best round with a 67. Sale scored four birdies on the first nine holes during that round. But a first day's round of 73 hurt Sale's chances of fin-

ishing first.

Defending champion and USC's number one player Allen Powers, combined rounds of 71 and 72 to finish in a tie for third place at 143, eight strokes off the lead. Powers ran into trouble at the start of the first round, bogeying the first three holes.

Carolina's Danny Fulmer recovered from a shooting streak that left him five over par after seven

holes. He scrambled back for a first round total of 72. Fulmer slipped to a 75 on the second round, to end up tied with teammate Jimmy Hawkins at 147 for a sixth place finish.

Clemson's Joe Vignani, who was in second place with a 67 after the first round, soared to a 76 the next day to finish fourth, 10 strokes off the pace.

Finishing in a tie for second

with Sale was Erskine's Bob Thompson who shot even pars 70-70. Terry Clyburn of Presbyterian and Mike Baudon of USC at Florence tied Powers for third.

On a team basis, behind the Gamecocks (574) and Presbyterian (580) were The Citadel (596), Wofford (599), Furman (602), Clemson (607), Erskine (616), College of Charleston (618) and Baptist College (620).



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Behind The Bar

Asst. Basketball Coach James A. (Buck) Freeman sorts out uniforms from the last five to seven years in the temporary basketball office. In going through a hamper of dirty towels he found the signet ring lost by a student helper the night of the Field House fire. Both Freeman and Bas-

kettball Coach Frank McGuire complain about the over two miles that separate them from the main campus. They hope to find temporary quarters, closer than the Lettermen's Lounge they are in now, until the basketball offices in the new coliseum are opened.

Point of View

By JIMMY WANNAMAKER
Sports Editor



Louis James is one Carolina student who's become constructively involved in the concerns of the greater Columbia surrounding the Carolina campus.

He's taken a group of boys that will be 13 and 14 this summer and turned them into a baseball team. The boys are from an underprivileged area in Cayce and most of them had no previous baseball experience.

Louis was tutoring with USC students at Booker T. Washington High when he was approached by Harry Wright, one of the leaders of the tutorial projects connected with the Wesley Foundation on campus. Several of the boys being tutored in two projects in Cayce wanted something more to do.

Louis had coached several basketball teams while he was in high school in Charleston and, as he put it, he knew more about baseball than his prospective players, so he had a job.

In working with the team for a little over a month he has cut the roster to 26 and hopes to get uniforms for the first 19 boys. The boys got their positions by picking where they wanted to play and earning the spot.

Louis estimates that about 15 are ready to play now and expects most of the others to be ready by their first games—sometime in May.

They will play in no established league but hope to be able to compete with various baseball squads in Cayce, West Columbia and Columbia—if they can get enough donations to provide transportation.

Some donations have come in—the tutorial program and concerned citizens paid for the equipment used by the team, the members of Phi Delta Theta are spreading clay on the team's diamond near the new Cayce municipal building and there are hopes of a Carolina sorority raising funds for uniforms.

There are problems still to be overcome, but Louis is confident and he'll be here for summer school and the baseball season.

He even gets a little bit nostalgic, "I remember when I was small baseball was so big, something to do all summer long."

He has helped boys from Cayce that might not otherwise have had the chance to share a little of that thrill of the diamond.