



By the Way

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Five years ago Bill McClain came to USC to handle the tennis program for one year. His record that year was 0-10-1.

With but a one-year contract McClain was ready to move on after the 1964 season—to Clemson. However, two days before school started McClain's contract at USC was renewed.

His second season showed some improvement on the court with a 3-14 record. The real success in the second year came in recruiting though, as McClain drew Larry Burhman, Bobby Heald, Henry Ragle, Stuart Reynolds and Jay Schlosser into the Gamecock fold. They are the core of the current squad.

These five players made a real difference in USC tennis compiling records of 12-5 and 17-4 in the past two seasons. They aren't through yet as they left for the ACC tournament Monday with a 20-0-1 season record. All five will return for next season.

After knocking off perennial ACC tennis power North Carolina last week the Gamecocks are odds on favorites to take the ACC crown. UNC has won the title the past eight years.

Talking about the tournament McClain said, "The way I look at it, it is between us and UNC." He added that Clemson and Maryland will play a big role in the tournament because they are strong enough to take points away from Carolina and North Carolina.

McClain also said, "This tournament is tough because you don't play the other teams head-on, but we've got the strongest team this year."

The 5-4 victory over UNC last week marked the first time that UNC had been beaten in Chapel Hill by an ACC school in 14 years of conference play.

McClain prepared the Gamecocks for UNC by playing The Citadel match on the clay courts at Forest Lake Country Club. The clay playing surface is much slower than the Maxcy Gregg hard-surfaced courts.

McClain's preparations also included pre-season running for the team. It paid off in Chapel Hill when UNC's Bill Trott was put down by Burhman 16-14 and 6-2. Later in the doubles Trott collapsed from heat exhaustion and UNC was forced to default the decisive match.

McClain said Trott was fading fast and "... it was a wonder he lasted as long as he did." Trott walked into the back court, squatted down and then stood up. When he stood, he blacked out and his doubles partner had to catch him to prevent him from falling to the ground.

USC had won the first set of the match 6-2 and they were one point away from tying the second set at 7-7.

McClain delayed his trip to Maryland for one day earlier this week in order to get caught up on some recruiting. He estimated that 600 boys have written to him in the last three years wanting to come to USC to play tennis. Out of the 600 he has signed two prospects.

McClain said, "You've got to dedicate yourself to the game or you'll not be a good player."

This dedication must carry over into coaching too. It takes a dedicated man just to follow up on 600 leads or prospects. It is paying off for USC and for Bill McClain's tennis program.



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Tennis Postponed

Carolina Rally Beats Tigers

South Carolina's two all-time tennis champions split a five-set match with the Gamecocks Tuesday, losing the opener, 3-6, and picking up the second set, 6-3, and with a two-run burst in the bottom of the seventh.

The Tennis Gamecocks were scheduled to play Tuesday but their opponent, the University of Maryland, postponed the match to Wednesday. The Gamecocks will play the Terrapins.

The ACC tennis tournament began, also at College Park, yesterday.

Staff Photo by Mike Tyler

'Steve's Going To Be Okay,' Says Doctor After I-26 Accident Sunday

"Steve's going to be okay," assured his physician, Dr. B. Daniel Paysinger Tuesday following a Sunday auto accident involving the son of USC Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Paul Dietzel.

19-year-old Stephen Dietzel suffered closed head injuries in the 1-26 near Clinton. He was returned to his home in a Furman

hospital unconscious after the accident and remained so until Monday.

By Tuesday the doctor reported that he was doing well.

Steve was injured about 5:30 p.m. Sunday when the car he was driving went out of control on I-26 near Clinton. He was returning with a date from a Furman

University since at the time the accident occurred only one car was on the road. Steve is a freshman at Furman, where he is a member of the ACC.

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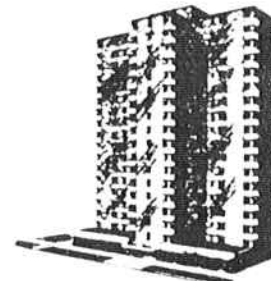
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STUDENT SPECIALS



Ruggers End Year With Win

USC's first rugby team ended its season with an 8-3 win over the Atlanta Rugby Club.

Five of its players were nominated to the Rugby All-America team. The players were Bill Roth, Dan Buss, Carl Smith, Tim Foster and player-coach Sandy Frazier.

USC opened the scoring as Foster scored from 15 yards out after taking a pass from Frazier. About midway through the first half Atlanta evened the score by falling on a loose ball in the Carolina end zone.

About ten minutes into the second half, Steve Mollet put the USC squad in front to stay as the Carolina scrum half, in his first game at that position, kept the ball on a 25-yard drive around and through Atlanta players. Smith's conversion made it 8-3.

After that the USC scrum overpowered the Atlanta team, stopping three drives within 15 yards of their own goal. Atlanta was never able to get the ball out to its backs.

The win brought the record of the USC Rugby Football Club to three and five for the season.

Carolina Has Cricket Team

USC has a cricket team in a formative stage, according to graduate student Frank A. Brimelow.

An Englishman and a veteran of the Savannah cricket club, he is serving as an organizer for the Carolina Squad. Brimelow asks interested students to call him at 253-2932.

Forming the backbone of the club are Indians and a few Englishmen from USC. Brimelow says, but a number of South Africans and Australians from Columbia Bible College also play.

He describes the sport as "ideal ... for this climate, easy going but skillful." He calls Parvez Rutosha the team's best player.

The team played two games last year and one practice match this year. Another is planned for after exams.

Brimelow says while he played there several very good players on the Savannah team were Americans and that baseball is a very good background for prospective cricket players.

J-SCHOOL MOTHERS PLAY

The Journalism School Mothers play the History Department graduate students in a Saturday softball match at 2:30 p.m.

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