

# Jack of Spades

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The Gamecocks closed the 1968 season with the highest note possible, a victory over arch rival Clemson.

It was the final game as Gamecocks for 11 seniors who played their hearts out.

Benny Galloway played on two ankles swollen twice their size.

Timmy Bice played like the All-ACC choice he was last year, despite lingering injuries.

Johnny Gregory continually chopped down opposing players who outweighed him by 50 or more pounds.

Gene Schwartz blocked equally well on the other side of the line.

Dave "Mudcat" Grant came running out of the game at one point saying, "They're double covering me!"

Wally Orrel earned high praise from Coach Dietzel as did Butch Reeves, two defensive gems.

Wally Medlin has backed up Orrel well all year and Saturday was no exception.

Ron Bunch has played above his head all year.

But all these seniors were backs, linebackers or ends, most had stayed at similar positions throughout their careers.

Butch Reeves had been on offense, but he showed even on defense how he liked to tuck the ball under his arm when an enemy pass came his way.

And yet there was only one senior in the line. In the line where games are won or lost with none of the glory being dished out their way.

Bob Mauro, a Jerseyite who has been fantastic for the Gamecocks in every game, has anchored the Carolina offensive line all year.

In one game he graded a phenomenal 98 per cent. I can't recall another player at Carolina who has given so much of himself.

Playing that well in itself is quite an accomplishment. But for Mauro add the fact that he missed spring practice with a fractured kneecap.

The knee was injured as Bob, captain of the baseball team, went back for a foul pop and ran into the backstop.

Add to this that Mauro was a tackle last year and came back to start every game at center this year.

"Bob has been one of our finest leaders and most consistent players all year," said Coach Paul Dietzel earlier in the season.

Dietzel may have some talented sophs and some great juniors such as Fred Ziegler and Warren Muir, but players with the desire and willingness to give 100 per cent all of the time, players like Bob Mauro, are few and far between.

## Dietzel Keeps Smiling, Howard Changes Tune

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Frank Howard, Clemson's "Bushy Boredom" has changed his tune in considering the Gamecocks.

Before the annual spring game, Howard had said he wanted to play "Clay" ten times a year.

"They've got the winning team in the head conference," said the Clemson senior.

On his weekly television show, however, he has some thoughts. "These Gamecocks gotta be the best team we've faced in the conference all year."

USC Head Coach Paul Dietzel, assistant Dick Wilson with a fine scouting job of Howard's. "They're a tremendous team."

"Dick did a tremendous scouting job for us. This helped us a great deal in our preparations."

When asked what is thought of Howard as a coach, Dietzel praised him for a moment and said, "Well, he's been in there for a long time, hasn't he? He's a pretty good coach the way he wants them."

After another thoughtful pause,

Dietzel said, "I think he's done a great job."

A week before the game, Howard had said he wanted to play "Clay" ten times a year.

Dietzel kept him and coached his team.

# Basketball Gamecocks To Play Host To Auburn For Opening Of Coliseum

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Carolina Coliseum will receive its christening Saturday as the

basketball Gamecocks open their season against Auburn at 8 p.m.

The freshmen will get the first crack at the versatile tartan floor

inland in the Coliseum when they meet Spartanburg Jr. College at 6 p.m.

Manufactured by 3M, the floor

is so tough that elephants can dance on it and transfer trucks can run over it without scratching or harming the surface.

The floor has a certain kind of "give" which will cut down on injuries to the players. It is a permanent floor and will never have to be removed when other events besides basketball are held in the building.

Coach McGuire expects a good, though inexperienced team.

Gone to the pros a last year's four horsemen who led Duke twice, North Carolina once and fashioned a 15-7 record.

Chances are that four sophomores and a junior will greet the 12,000-plus crowd Saturday night.

"I want you to stick with us and support the team," McGuire said at a meeting with students. "We're going into every game with the idea of winning it. It will be another exciting year for Gamecock supporters."

As freshmen, this year's varsity posted an impressive 12-2 season. Tom Owens led the Biddies in scoring with a 21 point average.

The four places in the Fraternity League were taken, respectively, by Phi Kappa Sigma (68 points), Pi Kappa Alpha (59 points), Kappa Alpha (22 points), and Lambda Chi Alpha (19 points).

One of the highlights of the freshman season was the 138-64 rout of King's College of Charlotte, with Owens scoring a phe-

nominal 53 points.

The freshmen also split two games with the tough Davidson frosh. The Biddies absorbed a 92-78 defeat in Charlotte, but came back at home to win a 104-65 victory.

### TICKETS

Tickets for the Auburn game must be picked up today behind the Russell House.

In order to get a ticket, you must present your I. D. card. One I. D. per ticket. No student can pick up more than two tickets at any time for each game. There will be no season date books.

There will be 200 tickets sold to married students for their husbands and wives. Tickets will cost \$1.50 per game.

## Playoffs Begin This Week

Eight teams will be involved in Intramural football playoffs starting this week with the independent and fraternity finalists meeting in the Super Bowl Campus Championship on Field B Dec. 7.

In Independent action yesterday Zone 21, married students, met Zone 3, town men, and Zone 14, Dormitory L (5-7), met Zone 18,

Dormitory M (5-7), on Field C.

Today at 4:00 Phi Kappa Sigma meets PiKA and Phi Delta Theta meets Phi Epsilon Pi on Field B.

On Dec. 4 independent semi-finalists meet with the winner meeting the fraternity semi-finalists, who play Dec. 5, at 2:00 Dec. 7 for the finals on Field B.

Phi Kappa Sigma and Zones 18 and 1 are the Intramural swimming champs.

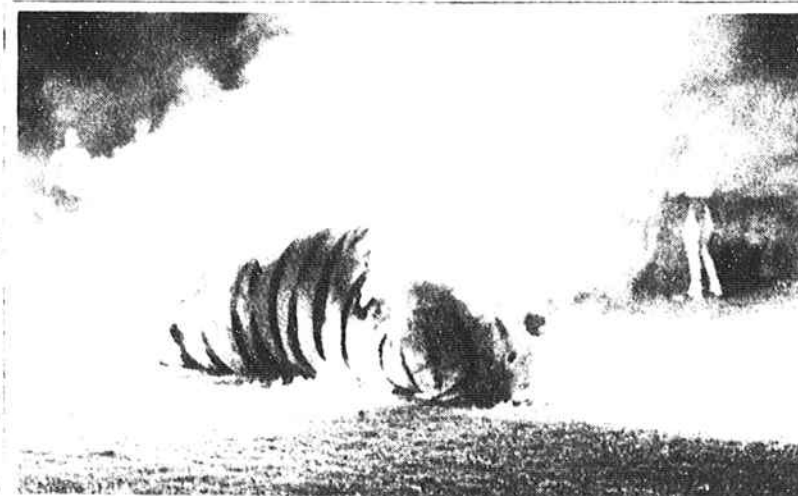
PiKA hosted a strong team, but due to a violation of rules was disqualified from one event losing 14 points from their score in the event.

Tom Webb, Director of the Intramural Program announced that, "PiKA due to a discrepancy in points for first place had to relinquish to Phi Kappa Sigma at the end of the meet, and as a result of this disqualification did not win the meet."

The four places taken in the Independent League were: a tie for first place between Zones 18 and 1, each with 55 points; third place taken by Zone 12 with 51 points; fourth place taken by Zone 17 with 14 points.

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