

Gamecocks travel to SF for tourney

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California rates as the toughest opposition as Carolina begins its national schedule with the Cable Car Classic in San Francisco tonight.

Joining the Gamecocks and California will be unbeaten Santa Clara, with two wins in as many outings, and once beaten San Francisco.

USC opens up with Santa Clara after California and USF tangle in the opener. But with wins over Arizona and nationally ranked Houston, the Golden Bears have to be a top contender for the tournament crown.

The Bears are led by John Coughran with a 20.5 scoring average and Ansley Truitt, who has been scoring at an 18.0 clip while grabbing 12 rebounds a game. Carl Meier and Eric Long are the playmakers, having handed out 27 assists between them.

USC's opening opponent, Santa Clara, has shot a phenomenal 60.5 per cent from the field in impressive victories over the University of California-Davis and Stanford. Six-ten junior pivotman Mike Stewart paces the Broncos with a 21.0 scoring average, hitting 19 of 26 shots from the floor while grabbing 17 rebounds.

San Francisco also took the measure of Stanford by a 76-67 margin, but fell to national power Southern California 102-82. Santa Clara coach Carroll Williams feels that, "California and San Francisco are both good teams and are probably pretty even. I don't know where we fit into the field, but I do know that Carolina is the team to beat."

The Gamecocks are paced by a well-balanced offense, indicated by the fact that all five starters scored in double figures during Carolina's 84-63 victory over Auburn last week. Kevin Joyce led the way with 19 points, followed by Tom Riker's 17, Rick Aydlett's 13,

Danny Traylor's 11 and Bobby Carver's ten. In addition, Riker hauled down 15 stray shots and Traylor nabbed 14. In last year's Cable Car

Classic, California defeated Santa Clara, 77-63, then Weber State, 75-65 to grab the title, breaking a hold the Broncos had on the tourney.

Foes await USC in Quaker Classic

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Like almost every major college, Carolina will play in a basketball tournament during the Christmas holiday. The Gamecocks will be one of eight teams in the Quaker City Classic, to be held Dec. 27-30 in Philadelphia.

Boston College, LaSalle, Villanova, Massachusetts, Manhattan, Tennessee, and Fairfield will join USC in the holiday classic, which was won last year by the University of Pennsylvania.

Villanova is probably the toughest team the Gamecocks will see in the Quaker City. Head Coach Jack Kraft has three starters back from last year's NCAA runner-up squad and the Wildcats won their first three games this year.

Hank Siemionkowski is in the Wildcat spotlight after Howard Porter graduated in the spring. Siemionkowski scored at a 15.8 clip last year and should do even better this year now that Porter has left. The 6-8 senior is in his first year at center after playing two years at forward.

The Wildcat guards are juniors Ed Hastings and Tom Ingelsby. Chris Ford, moving to forward after scoring 13.8 points a game last year at guard, is the one forward, while Kraft has Joe McDowell, Larry Moody, Larry Storm, and John Gaspar as the other forward possibility.

A veteran backcourt is the highlight on the Massachusetts line-up. Guards John Betancourt and Mike Paglira carry the hopes of the Redmen. The only other returning starter is forward Tom McLaughlin.

Boston College is in a rebuilding year and is relying on several sophomores to carry the team. Playmaker Jim O'Brien graduated at his spot is inherited by a

sophomore, Jere Nolan. Experienced starters are center Pete Schmid and forward Dave Walker. Jim Crawford is the lone starter



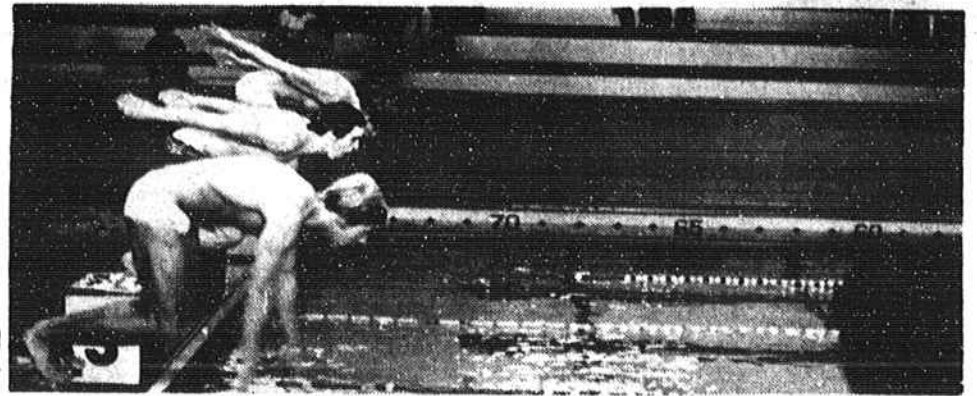
Siemionkowski Vilanova power

back for LaSalle and the Explorers, 20-7 last year, have already lost two games in their first three this year.

Tennessee is another team rebuilding this year. Mike Edwards, with a 17 point average last year, and 6-7 Lloyd Richardson are the Vols key returnees. Newcomers Len Kosmalski, 6-11, guard John Snow, and Larry Robinson are the other possible Vol starters.

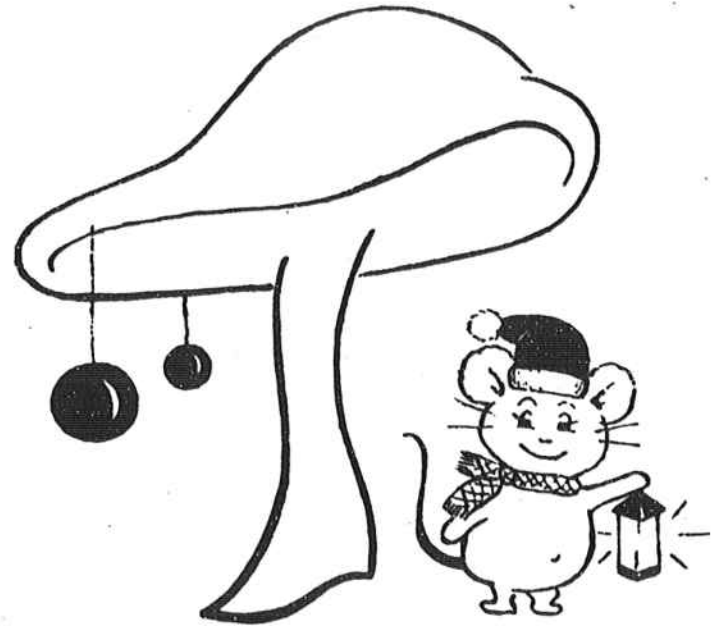
Four of Manhattan's starters were on the team last year. The tallest starter is Mike Moore, only 6-7, but the backcourt of Richie Garner and Lorenza Tarvin is the Jasper strength.

At Fairfield the backcourt of George Groom, 20 point average last year, and Bob Kelly carry the Stags' hopes.



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