

Carolina rolls to second win

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As the Appalachian State football team poured from its locker room at one corner of the end zone, a Mountaineer cheerleader tried to

do a cartwheel halfway across the field. He fell flat on his face. Upon reaching the sideline, he attempted a somersault and once again, fell flat.

In simple terms, so did the Appalachian State team.

Everyone in the stands was fully aware of the fact that Lower Richland's B team could have given the Gamecocks a better struggle than the Mountaineers did in Saturday night's 41-7 loss. Even more evident was the fact that USC probably

could have scored 100 points without even breaking a sweat.

A classic gridiron struggle it wasn't. Putting these two teams in the same city, to say nothing of on the same field, roughly resembled Clemson facing Oklahoma (52-3). Or Nebraska meeting a select group of third-graders all stars.

The Appalachian wishbone was effective as a one-legged man in a 100-yard sprint race. Early in the second quarter, the Mountaineers often shifted out of it, with the fullback (Yes, the fullback) going in motion. The result was 95 yards rushing. The passing attack, if possible, was worse, netting 52 yards.

USC was forced to punt on its first two possessions before Dobby Grossman continued his wizardry, leading Carolina to touchdowns the next four times it was on offense. Once again, Mike Haggard proved to be Grossman's favorite target, as the sophomore quarterback connected with him on scoring plays of 27 yard six yards, the second coming on a fourth down play. In between, Jay Lynn Hodgins scored twice, both times from three yards out.

Carolina could have easily scored 50 points by intermission. But Head Coach Paul Dietzel substituted freely, and USC held a slim 27-0 margin at halftime.

Grossman ran just one series of plays in the second half, leading the Gamecocks on a 61-yard scoring drive climaxed by Hodgins' 11-yard dash. Randy Spinks scored USC's final touchdown with 5:36 left in the game. Somewhere during the second half, Appalachian got on the scoreboard.

Statistically-wise, the game was a resounding success...provided the opponent was Georgia or Tennessee. Hodgins gained 90 yards in 19 tries, Grossman passed for 133 and ran for 36 more. The defense absolutely throttled Appalachian, as the Mountaineer statistics might

indicate. All in all, the game must be considered as a great victory for USC until one looks a bit deeper into the ability of its opponent.

"Appalachian State was difficult for us: to prepare for," Dietzel admitted in his post-game comment. "But they stayed with us and I admire they're spunk. It's a real tribute to them. They're line was a bit tougher than we expected. They are not a bad team and will be tough when they put things together."

"People were saying 'Appalachian State' with a certain



Mike Haggard...scores twice.

inflection in their voice," he continued. "But they are one of the area's fastest growing schools and

have a great athletic director in Roy Clarkson and a fine coach in Jim Brakefield."

Once again, Dietzel's praise shifted to Grossman, who has now thrown five touchdown passes in his last two outings. "One fellow out there makes things happen, and that's Dobby Grossman. From now on, he's not going to surprise people as much as he did against Memphis State. They knew about him tonight, but he still did a fine job."

So, from the remainder of the season, Carolina will face some competent opponents. There will be no more Appalachian State's, no more easy rides. Every game will be a testing ground, from Miami to Clemson. And no more Appalachian State's...until Nov. 10 of next year.



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Mad scrambler

Dobby Grossman takes off on one of his seven runs in Saturday's 41-7 win over Appalachian State. The sophomore quar-

terback, starting his second game, gained 36 yards rushing and passed for two touchdowns.

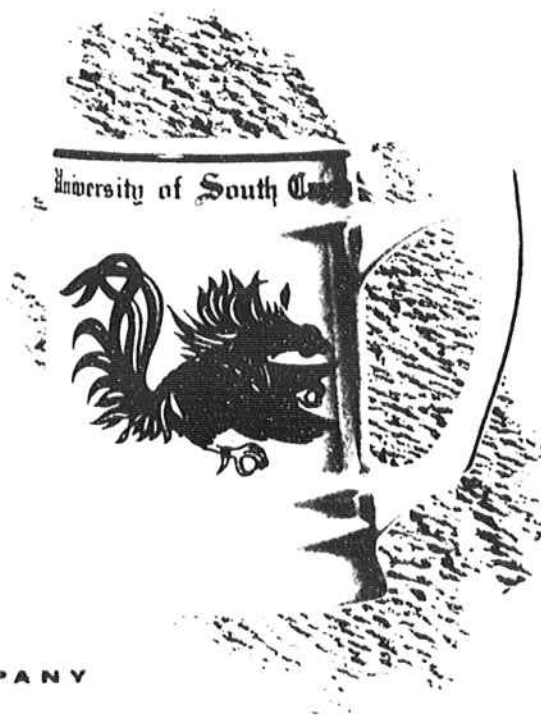
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Grossman style paces Carolina

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"Dobby's the spark that puts things together for us," said USC Coach Paul Dietzel of his sophomore quarterback's effort Saturday night.

Dobby Grossman's performance in Carolina's easy win over Appalachian State was his second straight successful outing and was in sparkling contrast to the showing of second-squad quarterback Bill Troup.

While Grossman had little difficulty in pacing the Gamecocks to a 27-0 halftime lead, Troup's second half performance resembled his earlier failure in Carolina's 21-0 loss to Mississippi three weeks earlier.

Troup's showing in nearly an entire half of play had to leave the Carolina fans wondering if the Gamecocks could have bested even weak ASU if not for the existence of Grossman.

Troup could inspire the Carolina offense to score just a single touchdown under his direction and the efforts of the transfer quarterback netted little more than boos from the home crowd.

As if to further exhibit the dominance of Grossman at the top spot, Dietzel inserted the sophomore for just one series in the second half and he responded by moving the squad in immediately for a touchdown.

Grossman's success with the rollout offense has apparently left Troup, who is surely the best pure passer on the team, in the roll of backup. Few people suspected Troup would be riding the bench when the season opened, but Grossman's success after the Troup-led offense dropped the first three games of the campaign has dictated the move.

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