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rests with senoir quarterback Todd Ellis. Going into this season, he is the school's all-time passing and total offense leader. Ellis has thrown for over 8,500 yards and hold 25 school

"I think we're fortunate to have a guy with the experience that Todd has," Woods said. "We've got to get Todd in a position to do what he does best and that is set his feet and throw the football and put it in the hands of people who can win games for us," he said.

USC's ninth leading rusher of alltime is Harold Green. In three years he has compiled 2,016 yards. Five times in his career he has scored three touchdowns in a game.

"Harold is a guy who needs to have a banner year for us," Woods said. "He has more ability than any other back I've coached. He's a guy who's got to stay healthy. The great thing about the one-back offense is that they can't deny him from having the football.'

Keith Bing, who was granted an extra year of eligibility, and Mike Dingle will provide depth in the back position. Albert Haynes, who had a solid spring practice, will also make a valuable contribution.

Last year freshman sensation Robert Brooks will lead a cast of receivers for Sparky Woods. All-American candidate Carl Platt along with Eddie Miller, George Rush, David Pitchko and Skeets Thomas will form a solid group of receivers.

"We've got good enough receivers to win games with," Woods said. "They can all run and catch the football. Robert Brooks has tremendous talent and Eddie Miller has great speed."

The offensive line is a fairly good barometer in determining the success of the total offense. Tackles Calvin Stephens and Ike Harris are key components to the offensive line. However, there are some concerns on the offensive line, Woods said.

"We've got some experienced tackles," he said. "My biggest concern is at center and guard. We don't have much experience there. We've got to make progress in those areas."

After having a predominately blitzing attack on defense for the past two seasons, the Gamecocks now plan only to blitz to catch the opponent off guard.

"As we've lacked at our defensive personnel, we believe our greatest asset is our ability to run," Woods

The defensive line is an area of concern also. Kurt Wilson, who was sidelined for most of last year, is a key player this year. Having a good spring pratice and starting at nose guard is Bobby Brown. Injuries and class schedules gave Brown a lot of playing time.

"Bobby Brown had a good spring and I think he is a capable nose guard that needs to play for us," Woods

Marty Dye at right tackle is also expected to have a good season. "Marty Dye has great ability and needs to work hard and have a big year for us," Woods said.

USC's special teams was one of the strongest weapons last year. Collin Mackie ranks among the nation's best as a kicking specialist. Rodney Price will be heavily relied upon as the primary punter.

"Collin Mackie is a tremendous kicker and we need to utilize him when we get down there close enough to score. We want our kicking game and all of our special teams to be a solid part of our football team," Woods said.

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Tanana and Doyle Alexander both

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As a team, the woeful Tigers are

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of runs scored, runs-batted-in and

Lou Whitaker has been supply-

ing the punch for the Tigers belting

21 home runs through Sunday

along with a .261 batting average.

Alan Trammell had a career bat-

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ting average of .290. He batted .311 last year and is a proven .300 hitter in the majors. Trammell is having an uncharacteristic year batting an

awful .243 with three homers. Pitching has also been a disappointment for the Tigers. They rank 12th out of 14 in the American League. None of their starting pit-

chers have won 10 games or more. Morris? Alexander? Tanana? Who are these guys and where did they go?

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