Sports

## USC Football Preview

Game 3: West Virginia (1 p.m. Saturday at Mountaineer Field, Morgantown, W.V.).

Records: USC, 1-0-1, and West

Virginia, 2-0. Last week: USC tied with Virginia Tech, 17-17; West Virginia defeated Maryland, 14-10.

Series history: The Mountaineers lead 5-2-1 (3-2 at Morgantown).

The last meeting: Dec. 30, 1969 (at the Peach Bowl, Atlanta). West Virginia defeated the Gamecocks 14-3, as Mouintaineer fullback Eddie Williams rushed for a career-best 208 yards. Robert Gresham put the Mountaineers on the board first with a 10-yard touchdown run. Quarterback Tommy Suggs drove the Gamecocks to the West Virginia ten before a fumble ended the drive. Before the half ended, Gamecock kicker Billy DuPre connected on a 37-yard field goal for USC's only points of the game. The Mountaineers scored with just 23 seconds left in the game on a James Braxton one-yard run. Jim

West Virginia, would later serve as head coach for the Gamecocks from 1975-81.

The coaches: In his first season as USC head coach, Sparky Woods is 1-0-1. In his five years at Appalachian State, Woods compiled a 38-19-2 record and was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year three consecutive seasons between 1985-87. His overall record stands at 39-19-3.

West Virginia's Don Nehlen is in his 10th season with the Mountaineers and is the winningest coach in West Virginia history. His record while coaching the Mountaineers is 71-36-1. Before coming to West Virginia, Nehlen coached nine seasons at Bowling Green, where he compiled a 53-35-4 record. His overall record is 124-71-5. Nehlen has never faced the Gamecocks.

Next week: USC returns to Williams-Brice Stadium to take on the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech. West Virginia travels to Louisville to take on the Cardinals.

## Fearless forecaster returns with picks

By CHRIS SILVESTRI Sports Editor

After a brief hiatus last week, the predictions column returns.

In my first week of predictions, only nine of my picks appeared because of a lack of space. My record for that week was 7-2 for a percentage of .778. And I don't mean to gloat, but I did pick the upset special correctly by choosing Texas A & M to beat LSU, and also, my prediction for the USC-Duke game was 27-20 in favor of the Gamecocks. Of course, the actual score was a 27-21 USC victory, making my prediction off by only one point.

However, this week has a number of tough games, including a battle between the nation's top two teams, and I'm afraid all you Gamecock fans will not like my pick for their game

this week. Here we go:
USC AT NO. 12 WEST VIRGINIA: This mountain will be too high for the Gamecocks, as Major Harris picks apart USC's suspect defense . . . West Virginia, 28-16.

NO. 1 NOTRE DAME AT NO. 2 MICHI-GAN: The luck of the Irish will prevail, even at Ann Arbor . . . Notre Dame, 24-23

CALIFORNIA AT NO. 3 MIAMI, FLA.: The potent Hurricane offense will have another easy day . . . Miami, 38-10.

UTAH AT NO. 4 NEBRASKA: The second-ranked Cornhusker rushing offense will run up the score on poor Utah . . . Nebraska,

SOUTHERN MISS AT NO. 5 AUBURN: Southern Miss already used up their big upset against Florida State; another one is out of the question . . . Auburn, 27-17.

NO. 6 OKLAHOMA AT ARIZONA: Probation hasn't affected the Sooners on the field yet, and it won't this week either . . . Okla-

NO.7 CLEMSON AT VIRGINIA TECH: The Tigers will have an easier time with the Hokies than USC did . . . Clemson, 24-9.

NO. 10 ILLINOIS AT NO. 8 COLOR-ADO: If the Fighting Illini can win away at Southern Cal, then they can win at Colorado . . . upset special . . . Illinois, 17-16.

NO. 9 ARKANSAS AT TULSA: The Razorbacks will have no problem with Tulsa . . . Arkansas, 22-6.

ARMY AT NO. 11 SYRACUSE: The Cadets may be saluting the Orangemen after this game . . . Syracuse, 28-10.

UTAH STATE AT NO.13 SOUTHERN CAL: The Trojans are fuming after their loss to Illinois, and will take out their frustrations on Utah State . . . Southern Cal, 31-3.

PURDUE AT NO. 15 WASHINGTON: The Huskies will try to continue their winning ways by beating the Boilermakers . . . Washington, 23-14.

MEMPHIS STATE AT NO. 16 ALA-BAMA: The Tide will roll in their season opener . . . Alabama, 45-7.

DUKE AT NO. 17 TENNESSEE: The Volunteers will outgun the Blue Devils in this

shootout... Tennessee, 37-31.
NO. 18 HOUSTON AT ARIZONA STATE: The Cougars will remain undefeated with their win over Arizona State . . . Houston,

NO. 19 N.C. STATE AT WAKE FOREST: Dick Sheridan's Wolfpack will leave Wake

Forest howling . . . N.C. State, 31-3. NO. 20 UCLA AT SAN DIEGO: The Bruins rebound from their loss to Tennes-

see . . . UCLA, 27-0. FLORIDA STATE AT LSU: The Semi-

noles will win this battle of winless preseason top twenty teams . . . Florida State, 26-23.
VIRGINIA AT GEORGIA TECH: The

Cavaliers will remain on a high after beating Penn State . . . Virginia, 28-20. BAYLOR AT GEORGIA: The Bulldogs will make a bid for the top twenty after winning

a blowout in their season opener . . . Georgia, NORTH CAROLINA AT KENTUCKY:

The Tar Heels continue to roll, and it isn't even basketball season . . . North Carolina, 28-9.

Dr. Donald Jones - USC AT WEST VIR-GINIA: Too much Major Harris to 6'6" Reggie Rembert, and a defense that returns seven starters. Injuries may slow a few key Gamecock players, but he kicking game will keep USC close . . . West Virginia, 17-12.

## Upcoming events in Gamecock athletics

Football: The Gamecocks, will be competing against Color-1-0-1, are traveling to West Virginia Saturday, to take on the 12thranked Mountaineers, 2-0. The game is scheduled for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

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Volleyball: The Lady Gamecocks will be competing in the Colorado Tournament in Colorado Friday and Saturday. USC, 5-2, ado, Indiana and Pepperdine in the

Cross Country: The cross country team begins their season Saturday, when they participate in the Seahawk Invitational in Wilmington, NC.

Men's Golf: The Gamecocks will begin their season this weekend by participating in the William Tucker Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M.

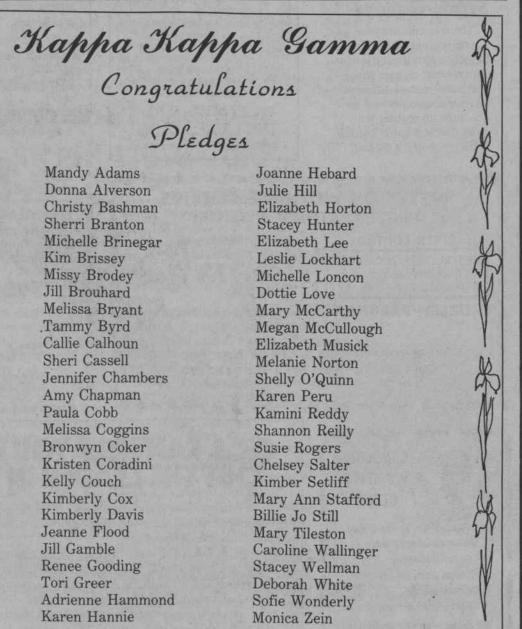
Women's Golf: The Lady Gamecocks also begin competing this weekend in the Lady Tar Heel Invitational in Chapel Hill, NC.

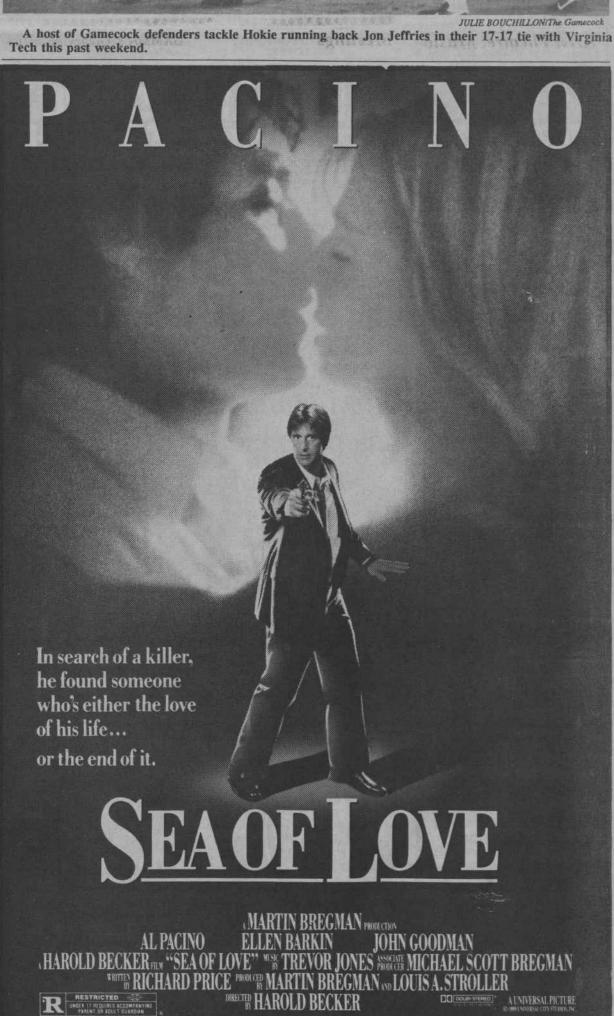
Soccer: The Gamecocks, 4-1, will face North Carolina Sunday at The Graveyard. The game is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.



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