

Bears and Bills ready for "Animal Warfare"

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The Chicago Bears and Buffalo Bills will tee it up at Williams-Brice Stadium Thursday night at 8:10 p.m. in both teams' preseason curtain call. And despite a \$26.00 price tag on game tickets, "Animal Warfare", as the game has been billed, presents an attractive alternative to another *The Simpsons* repeat.

The Mike Ditka-led Bears have fashioned a 3-1 preseason mark, their only loss being a 20-3 setback dealt them by the L.A. or Oakland (choose one) Raiders.

The Bills, coached by Marv Levy, have struggled through a winless (0-3) exhibition campaign, with losses to Detroit, New Orleans, and the N.Y. Giants.

What, you ask, is attractive about this exhibition football game?

First of all, the regular season opener for both teams is but 10 days away. The starters for both teams should play well into the second half, as opposed to earlier preseason games when rookies and free agent hopefuls from Parts Unknown A&M inhabit the field, lulling viewers into the preseason football phenomena known as Fansleep.

The Bills lineup features several Pro Bowlers from 1989, including strong-armed quarterback Jim Kelly, linebacker Shane Conlan, center Kent Hull, dominating defensive end Bruce Smith, and wide receiver Andre Reed. Reed finished second only to the Game-

cock's favorite son Sterling Sharpe in total receptions last season with 88 (to Sharpe's 90).

Chicago's Mike Singletary is pro football's finest middle linebacker, a future Hall of Famer. Running backs Neal Anderson and Johnny Bailey, defensive tackles Dan "Danimal" Hampton and Steve McMichael, and defensive end Richard Dent are all accomplished and exciting players as well.

Of regional interest, former Clemson standout Donnell Woolford will start at cornerback for the Bears. Also on the Bears roster is former celebrity and respectable footballer William ("Fridge") Perry, now rightfully known as the older brother of Cleveland Brown All-Pro Michael Dean Perry. The Bills offensive line features former Gamecock Leonard Burton, the center on the fabled "Black Magic" team of 1984.

With hungry players on both teams fighting for those last precious few roster spots, the Bills-Bears tilt provides all the elements for an exciting and entertaining football game. Far from a sellout, (30,000 tickets remain unsold), the game will be blacked out locally. NFL football does not come to Columbia too darn often, and casual and die-hard football fans alike should not pass up this opportunity to be a part of "Animal Warfare" Thursday night at Williams-Brice Stadium.

See you at kick-off.



Senior setter Tammy Correll prepares to serve in a match last season. The Lady Gamecock volleyball team opens the season Friday with the Palmetto State Tournament.

Strong setters lead USC

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The USC volleyball team jumps into action this weekend by sponsoring the Palmetto State Tournament, the first of six scheduled tournaments the Lady Gamecocks will be competing in this season.

USC Coach Bonnie Kenny will be starting her sixth season at USC and hopes the team's strong home schedule will ignite some emotion in USC fans and heighten the interest level.

"I feel our home schedule for the upcoming season is excellent," Kenny said. "Hopefully this fine slate will motivate some people in the community and get the interest going for volleyball in the state."

USC will sponsor three of the six scheduled tournaments and nine other matches this season.

Returning to bolster the USC team will be an experienced group of outside hitters in what is probably the strongest area of the team.

Senior Lora Myers has been a three-year starter and has competed in over 260 games in that span. She hopes to return to the form of her freshman and sophomore seasons where she put up impressive numbers.

Myers recorded 207 kills and 539 total assists during her freshman campaign and was second on the team in kills against Metro Conference opponents with 2.89 per game as a sophomore.

Several talented underclassmen figure to fill the other outside hitter position.

Deana Hagaman is a 5-foot-9-inch junior who led USC with 791 total assists and 288 digs in 1989. Hagaman also recorded 272 kills for a 2.86 average per game in 1989.

Caryn Case is a 5-foot-9-inch junior and played as a middle blocker last season where she recorded 180 kills and 63 blocks.

Tina Grutsch returns as a starter at the right side. The 5-foot-10-inch sophomore played in 86 matches last season and posted 144 kills, 55 blocks and 161 digs.

The key to the success of the season could be the setters with Tammy Correll returning for her senior season. With each assist this season, Correll will be adding to the all-time assist record at USC with over 3,400 career assists already registered. The 5-foot-7-inch senior averaged 11.6 assists per game in 1989 and led USC with 45 service aces.

Walk-ons Amy Skidmore and Stacy Thompson will back Correll up at the setter position and freshman Lee Anne Pieper should see plenty of action after an outstanding career at Bartlett High School in Anchorage, Alaska.

The middle blocking position will be the area of biggest concern for Kenny as graduation has taken a toll at their middle position.

Kenny will be looking for freshman Amy Collingsworth to step in and contribute immediately. The 6-foot native of Fort Wayne, Ind. was her team's MVP at Snider High School in 1989 and comes to USC with fine credentials.

Ramona Griffith and Jennifer Guess are also freshmen who come in with good credentials but don't have the experience. Diane Mitchell and Libby Ralston should also see plenty of action in the middle.

The 1990 Gamecock squad will be an interesting mix of experience and talented youth; and with the right chemistry, Kenny hopes to wrap up the Metro Conference title.

Trivia Answers

Q. — What USC football player holds the record for interception returns for touchdowns and how many did he have?

A. — Brad Edwards returned two in 1987 and also holds the all-time record with three in a season.

Q. — What is the longest fumble return for a touchdown in USC history and who accomplished this feat?

A. — 101 yards, Harry Skipper vs. Pacific, Sept. 4, 1982.

Q. — Who kicked the longest field goal in USC history? How far was it?

A. — Mark Fleetwood, 58 yards vs. Georgia (Sept. 25, 1982).

Q. — The musical theme of "2001" opens each of USC's home games during football season. What significance does "2001" have with the university?

A. — "2001" corresponds with the university's 200th birthday 11 years from now.

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Three of USC's games will be televised live and two will be broadcast on a tape-delayed basis.

Two additional USC games will be televised this season when the Gamecocks appear on ESPN and on the Atlantic Coast Conference Network.

The USC 1990 television football schedule:

*Sept. 1	Duke at USC	11:30 p.m.	Delay
*Sept. 8	N. Carolina at USC	11:30 p.m.	Delay
*Sept. 22	USC at Va. Tech	12:10 p.m.	Live
*Oct. 13	E. Car. at USC	12:10 p.m.	Live
*Nov. 3	Florida St. at USC	12:10 p.m.	Live
#Nov. 17	USC at Clemson	12:10 p.m.	Live
+Nov. 22	W. Va. at USC	8:00 p.m.	Live

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