

College Football Pickem's Panel

	Rich Taylor 8-8-1	David Bowden 11-5-1	Brant Long 11-5-1	Steve Johnson 9-7-1	Doug Aube 11-5-1	Jeff Wilson 9-7-1
Clemson at N.C. State	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
Iowa at Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Alabama at Tennessee	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.
Vanderbilt at Georgia	Ga.	Ga.	Ga.	Ga.	Ga.	Ga.
Marland at Duke	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
Arkansas at Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Florida State at Auburn	Auburn	Fla. St.	Fla. St.	Fla. St.	Fla. St.	Fla. St.
Miami at Notre Dame	Miami	Miami	Notre Dame	Miami	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
Michigan St. at Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Michigan St.	Illinois
Citadel at USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC

Athlete of the Week

Rob DeBoer is *The Gamecock* Athlete of the Week.

DeBoer, from Omaha, Neb., rushed for 165 yards in USC's 37-7 victory over East Carolina on Saturday, setting a new freshman single-game rushing record.

The 5-foot 9-inch freshman carried the ball 22 times for the Gamecocks, scoring two touchdowns on runs of 19 and 25 yards.

DeBoer had six carries for 41 yards in USC's first touchdown drive on Saturday.

On the season, DeBoer is second on the USC squad in total rushing yards (240) and yards per carry (6.5). He has also scored three touchdowns and is third on the team in total offense.

DeBoer came to USC on a baseball scholarship, but has since been switched to a football scholarship.

This is DeBoer's second athlete of the week award.

Briefs

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Lady Gamecocks fall in final round

Members of the USC women's tennis team concluded play Sunday at the Furman Fall Classic in Greenville.

USC placed three players in final-round action on Sunday, but all came up losers.

Nathalie Rodriquez, ranked 29th nationally, was ousted in Flight 1 competition by Julie Exum (Duke) 7-6, 6-1. In Flight 4, senior Mandy Nall lost to Christie Neuman (Duke) 6-1, 7-5 following impressive wins in the earlier rounds.

USC got an encouraging runner-up performance from Natalie Acacio, who is returning to action following a redshirt season in the 1989-90 season. Acacio fell to Wendy Nelson (Northwestern) 6-4, 6-3 in the Flight 5 finals.

The Citadel's wishbone to test USC

By The Associated Press

Ten-hut! Listen up: The Citadel is not planning to just be cannon fodder for South Carolina. The Bulldogs are coming to town to win.

But Citadel coach Charlie Taaffe is realistic. Taaffe knows the military college is a heavy underdog to the Gamecocks — with good reason.

The Bulldogs are NCAA Division I-AA, the Gamecocks I-A. That means South Carolina, which is 4-1 and ranks No. 4 nationally in defense, has a few more good men than The Citadel (3-3).

History is also on South Carolina's side. The Gamecocks have won 24 out of the last 25 games against The Citadel, including nine straight by an average of 19 points. The Citadel has not defeated the Gamecocks since 1950 — and it has been 71 years since the Bulldogs won in Columbia.

"This is a big football game for us. Our guys look forward to it. It's a challenge," Taaffe said. "One of the things they learn at The Citadel is to accept responsibility and handle challenges."

"But ... you have to be realistic about the fact that you're competing against a top 20, 25 football team, a team that's probably going to another big bowl," he said.

The Gamecocks are not ranked in the top 25, but they have only lost once — to undefeated and 11th-ranked Georgia Tech — and are coming off one of their best offensive performances ever.

South Carolina beat East Carolina 37-7 last week, rolling up 415 yards on the ground and 626 yards total offense — 10 yards shy of the school record set in 1985 against The Citadel.

South Carolina coach Sparky Woods is worried the Bulldogs may give his team a clinic of a different type: how to run the wishbone, which the Gamecocks haven't seen this year.

The wishbone can level the playing field for lesser teams by allowing them to option off bigger and better players instead of having to try to block them.

"The wishbone definitely gives a team a chance to beat a more talented football team," Woods said.

"We must be very disciplined against it. It can frustrate you as a defense."

The Citadel is averaging 290.5 yards a game — 222.7 on the ground.

Bulldog quarterback Jack Douglas has 423 yards on the ground and has also hit 25 of 48 passes for 372 yards and one TD along with one interception.

The Bulldogs are likely to have a hard time moving against the Gamecocks, who are giving up just 232 yards a game.

Offensively, South Carolina features a more balanced attack, averaging 170.2 yards passing and 141.7 yards rushing. Quarterback Bobby Fuller has completed 73 of 128 passes for 968 yards and six TDs as well as five interceptions.

Mike Dingle leads the ground game with 426 yards, followed by Rob DeBoer with 240 yards.

The Gamecocks will face a defense that has forced 22 turnovers — 13 more than the Bulldogs have made.

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