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Citadel beats the odds, out-duels USC in upset

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The Citadel Bulldogs erupted for 10 points in the game's final four minutes to post a 38-35 victory over the heavily favored Gamecock football team. A Saturday afternoon Williams-Brice Stadium crowd of 63,000 witnessed the Gamecock's first loss to a Division 1-AA opponent since 1982, when Furman shocked USC 28-23. The Gamecocks were last defeated by The Citadel in 1950, before USC Coach Sparky Woods was born.

The Gamecocks took the lead 35-28 with 8:02 left in the game on a 44-yard touchdown run by Rob DeBoer, who led USC with 104 yards rushing on 16 carries. But The Citadel was not through. After returning the ensuing kickoff to their own 44 yard line, the Bulldogs used nine consecutive running plays to move to the USC 20. On fourth-and-11, Howard Barnard kicked a 37-yard field goal to pull the 'Dogs to 35-31 with 3:11 remaining.

Robert Avriett's onside kick was recovered by Torrence Forney at the USC 41, providing The Citadel with the opportunity needed to pull out the upset. Ultimately, Bulldog fans were not disappointed.

After a one-yard gain on first down, Bulldog quarterback Jack Douglas passed complete to Terrance Young for 24 yards, placing the ball on the USC 16. Two running plays found the 'Dogs with a first down at the USC 3.

On first-and-goal, fullback Everette Sands gained two yards to the USC 1. After two rushes by Ray Wimbush, The Citadel faced fourthand-goal, with the nose of the football resting about six inches from the goal line. With the Gamecock defense looking for the fullback up the middle, Douglas faked a hand-off and scored on a keeper around left end. Barnard's point after put The Citadel up 38-35 with only :22 remaining.

"The defense we were in, both ends were slanting hard inside," USC defensive end Corey Miller said. "Their quarterback faked it to the fullback and turned it up. It was really a good call on their part."

Carolina had one last chance to win the game, but Bobby Fuller's "Hail Mary" pass was intercepted as time ran out.

"The Citadel's offensive football team did an excellent job," USC Coach Sparky Woods said. "They're a tough football team and played harder than we did at times. Certainly, we tackled poorly and our kicking game is still terrible. Penalties took good field position away from us. I did a very poor job of coaching this week."

The Citadel quarterback Douglas rushed for 104 yards on 22 carries, while passing for 125 yards on seven completions in nine attempts. Sands gained 105 yards on 20 carries, including a seven-yard scoring jaunt that evened the score at 28-28 with 9:25 left in the fourth quarter. Overall, The Citadel's wishbone attack racked up 271 yards rushing against a USC defense ranked fourth in the nation coming into the game.

"We knew what we had to do, and we did it," Douglas said. "We read in the newspaper that our wishbone couldn't run against Carolina, that only Oklahoma's wishbone could. Well, call me Jamelle Holieway (former Oklahoma quarterback).

"I hope we shut up all the critics. They said we didn't have a snowball's chance in hell to beat USC. Personally, this is a real big win for me.

"I was recruited by USC, but they said I was too small and had a weak arm," Douglas said.

The Citadel led 14-0 at the end of the first quarter on two one-yard scoring runs. USC's Fuller passed 18 yards to David Pitchko and 75 yards to Eddie Miller to even the score at halftime. According to Douglas, however, USC's pulling even at the half was anything but discouraging.

"When we jumped out to a 14-0 lead, it gave us a lot of momentum," Douglas said. "Even though we were tied at halftime, we knew we could move the ball on them. We had excellent execution throughout the game and had the numbers in our favor at crunch time. South Carolina's defense is good against the pass, but we were able to exploit their weakness against the run." The Citadel offensive guard DeRhon Robinson said the game was won at the line. "We proved that we could play with them early. There was great execution today," he said. "Coach said that if everyone beats their man, we'll win. And that's what happened. We were ready for this game. We got up early, but (we) give South Carolina credit for fighting back. "In the end, it came down to who wanted it the most, and we did," Douglas said. Carolina's loss ruined a career best performance by wide receiver David Pitchko. The 5-foot-10-inch, 175-pound junior caught seven passes for 117 yards and one touchdown. For the second week in a row, freshman tailback Rob DeBoer led the Gamecocks in rushing, including two fourth quarter touchdowns.



The Citadel's Jack Douglas tries to elude Gamecock defenders in the Bulldog's 38-35 upset victory over USC on Saturday.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday

Volleyball - Winthrop at USC.

Thursday

Volleyball - USC at Nicholls State.

Friday

Volleyball - USC at Tulane.

Men's swimming - Garnet & Black Intrasquad in Columbia.

Saturday

Volleyball - USC at Southern Miss.

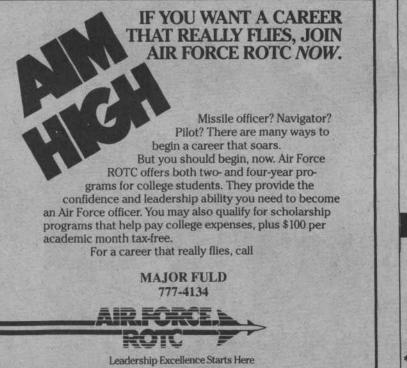
Cross country track - Metro conference championships in Cincinatti.

Football - USC at N.C. State.

Soccer - Met Life Soccer Classic in Columbia, USC vs. UNLV.

Sunday

Soccer - Met Life Soccer Classic, USC vs. Indiana.



Wolfpack passing attack not enough to beat Tigers

By The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — A Clemson team known for being stingy against the run gave up big passing yardage, but the No. 22 Tigers still came away with a 24-17 victory over North Carolina State.

Saturday's Atlantic Coast Conference clash pitted the second-rated defense in the nation against N.C. State's seventh-rated defense. But while Clemson has been holding teams to 71 yards a game on the ground, the Wolfpack has been concentrating on the air, limiting their adversaries to 83.5 yards passing.

The result was nearly a wash. N.C. State (4-4, 2-4) netted 328 yards — 221 in passing. The Tigers had 326 yards — 180 on the ground.

"It was a real hard fought game on both sides," Clemson Coach Ken Hatfield said. "People have a tendency to underestimate N.C. State. They had a good game plan for us and I'm just thankful we came out on top.

"We thought they would overplay the run and that played a big part in us coming out with the passing to start with."

It turned out to be just a passing phase — one that opened up the run for Clemson (6-2, 3-2). In the waning minutes, the Tigers rushed on every down. Eventually, with the help of one of four N.C. State fumbles, fullback Howard Hall scored a one-yard touchdown that proved to be the difference.

The Wolfpack's fourth fumble, on the kickoff after Hall's score, eliminated any last-minute comebacks.

"We just cannot keep making costly mistakes against top defensive units like we faced today," N.C. State Coach Dick Sheridan said.

The Tigers gave up three fumbles, but their miscues usually came at less opportune moments.

Both offenses had some prolific passing.

Wolfpack quarterback Terry Jordan completed 22 of 26 passes for 221 yards. DeChane Cameron led the Tigers with 182 yards passing, hitting 14 of 26 attempts.

But a big difference was found in Clemson running back Ronald Williams. He finished with 95 yards on 26 carries, 87 yards coming in the second half.

The Tigers, trailing 14-9 at halftime, struck early in the third quarter when Cameron hit Derrick Witherspoon on a 56-yard pass, Clemson's longest pass play of the season. That set up a 14-yard touchdown pass to Terry Smith and Cameron ran for the two-point conversion to put the Tigers up 17-14.

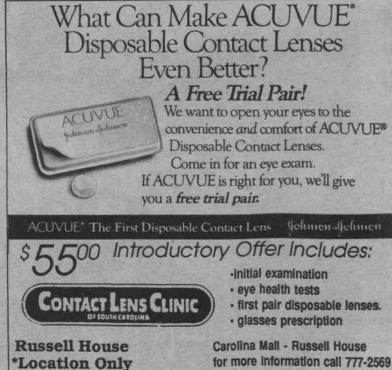
Clemson's John Johnson blocked David Hartman's 23-yard field-goal attempt in the third quarter, but Tony Kennedy fumbled on the next play and N.C. State was able to get in position for a 22-yarder by Hartman to tie the score at 17-17.

In the first quarter, Clemson used its running game to march 59 yards and set up a 38-yard Chris Gardocki field goal with 10:11 left.

N.C. State struck back quickly when Charles Davenport, a backup quarterback playing split end, made his first catch of the season on a pass from Jordan and raced 60 yards down the sideline for a touchdown and a 7-3 Wolfpack lead.

Jordan's passing set up Davenport's second touchdown on a 19-yard reverse. That 86-yard drive was the longest of the season against Clemson.

In the second quarter, Greg Manior fumbled and Clemson's Dexter Davis ran the ball back for a 52-yard touchdown. An attempted two-point conversion pass from Jordan to Terry Smith fell incomplete and the Tigers trailed 14-9.



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The Citadel loss drops USC to 4-2 on the season, while The Citadel improves to 4-3.

The schedule gets no easier for USC in the coming weeks. The Gamecocks travel to Raleigh to meet N.C. State on Saturday before returning home to face nationally ranked Florida State Nov. 3.

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