

Gamecocks seeking a return to form against The Citadel

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Sports Editor

The Gamecocks face a formidable opponent tonight as The Citadel Bulldogs take on USC in a 7 p.m. game at Sarge Frye Field. The Bulldogs (31-16-1) have won 28 of their last 38 games and are the league leader of the Southern Conference.

The Citadel has several starters returning from the most successful Bulldogs' team in history. After winning the Southern Conference and NCAA Atlantic Region Championship in 1990, The Citadel competed in the College World Series, finished with a 46-14 record and were ranked sixth in the nation.

With a combined team earned run average of 3.22, pitching is definitely The Citadel's forte. Its team ERA is the 10th best in the nation.

The ace of the staff is senior Brad Stowell (7-0, 2.49 ERA). The veteran righthander is the "go-to"

guy for Bulldog head coach Chal Port when Port needs a win. The scouting report on Stowell cites a good curveball, a fastball with good movement but occasional control problems.

"When he's on, he is one of the top pitchers in the Southern Conference," Port said. "(He) works hard and is a good leader."

Pitcher Ken Britt is the hardest thrower for The Citadel. Boasting a record of 6-4 and a 2.60 ERA, the junior from Blythewood leads the team in strikeouts (63) and in innings pitched (76.3). In addition to his fastball, Britt is noted for his curve, slider, split-finger pitch and great control.

Reliever Hank Kraft (5-2, 8 saves, 1.36 ERA) is the resident stopper for The Citadel. Kraft's repertoire includes a fastball, curve, slider and changeup.

Port says of Kraft, "(he) is a tough competitor who loves to be on the mound when the game is on the line."

The Bulldogs' batting lineup

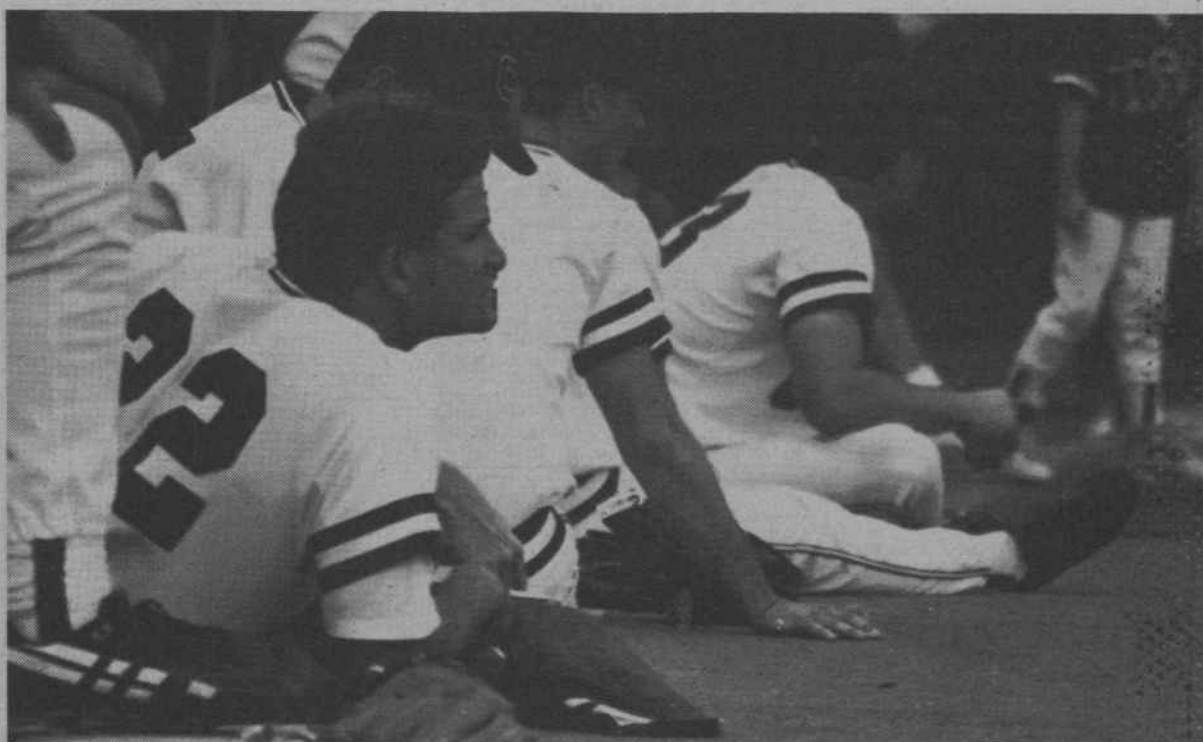
features speed, power and consistency.

Batting leadoff for the Bulldogs is fleet second baseman Dan McDonnell. The junior leads The Citadel in on base percentage (.476) and is always a threat to steal on the basepaths. McDonnell has stolen 26 bases this season.

Toting the big lumber for the Bulldogs is first baseman Chris Lemonis (6 home runs, 39 RBIs) and third baseman Tony Skole (42 RBIs, 1 HR). In addition to being a proven clutch hitter, Skole is a two-sport star who played free safety on the football team.

The most consistent hitter for The Citadel is center fielder Jason Rychlick. The senior from Spartanburg leads the Bulldogs in hits with 58. Rychlick is also a superb defensive player who is known for his strong arm.

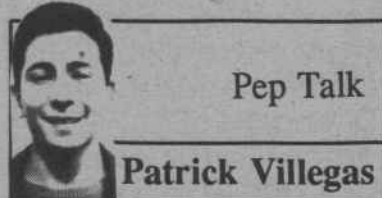
The Citadel-USC game will be covered via radio on WVOC 560 AM with coverage beginning at 6:50 p.m. Admission is free to all USC students with a valid ID card.



Renee Meyer/The Gamecock

The Gamecocks hope to do more than watch tonight when they take on The Citadel Bulldogs at 7 p.m. at Sarge Frye Field.

Cowboys own '91 NFL Draft, Foreman too slow for title belt



Pep Talk

Patrick Villegas

The Dallas Cowboys have finally made believers believe. With Sunday's 1991 NFL Draft, the Cowboys have possibly made the best draft in the history of its franchise.

By trading up its 11th pick to New England for the number one pick in the draft, Jimmy Johnson and the Cowboys stole Outland Trophy winner and future All-Pro Russell Maryland from the grips of the Los Angeles Rams, and proved the Norte Dame's Raghbi Ismail is nothing more than an overrated speedster that isn't worth the gobs of money the Toronto Argonauts have given him.

The Cowpokes also drafted a fine receiver in Tennessee's Alvin Harper and collected tons of draft picks (literally) by trading down its 14th draft pick through New England, Washington and Detroit for five extra draft picks. (Believe me, you wouldn't want me to explain how they did this!)

With the hoards of draft picks in

the third, fourth and fifth rounds, Dallas not only saves plenty of dough, but will also stock up on a much needed offensive line, a backup quarterback, and a defensive line.

Beware! The Cowboys might just climb up to the level of legendary "Dirty Dozen" team fielded by Tom Landry that saw 12 rookies help carry Dallas to a Super Bowl appearance.

In other notes ... I love and admire former heavyweight champion George Foreman, but never again will Foreman regain his title. After his 12-round spar with champ Evander Holyfield Saturday night, Foreman showed me that he could take and endure any punches thrown his way. The only thing is Foreman doesn't have the ability to throw a quick punch needed to beat a heavyweight champion. I believe Foreman could spend 10 minutes straight in the ring with 'Iron' Mike Tyson and come out without a bruise or a hint of being knocked out, but he will never ever land a single solid punch to stun Tyson to the floor.

Did anyone hear the commentary on the Foreman-Holyfield "Battle of the Ages" championship fight? It had to be the worst piece

of sports broadcasting since Terry Bradshaw covered CBS football games. Bring back Larry Merchant, or better yet, the great Howard Cosell.

... Hey, now that Larry Holmes has returned to the boxing circuit, maybe we could see Holmes and Foreman slug it out. How does "Battle of the Dead" sound?

... The Chicago White Sox deserve their current home blues. Losing their first three ballgames in the new and improved Comiskey Park is very satisfying to a town that has no respect for Americana. I'm no baseball purist or anything, but tearing down the old Comiskey Park is a disgrace to the town of Chicago and to American baseball. If any ballpark needs to be torn down, my first vote goes to Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium. Heck, at least the smell in Atlanta will improve.

... My pick for the NBA Finals? I can see San Antonio and the magic of David Robinson overcoming the Los Angeles Lakers in the West, while Air Jordan and the Bulls fly past the Celtics (who, by the way, will fall early in the playoffs) to capture the East. Please don't hurt me for this one!

Clemens hires a lip-reader to appeal league suspension

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens, who mystifies batters with his pitches, brought a lip-reader to decipher his speech as he appealed his five-game suspension before commissioner Fay Vincent on Friday.

Deborah Copeland, a deaf woman who works with the New York Society for the Deaf and is director of the program for deaf students at Lehman College, testified about what Clemens said to umpire Terry Cooney during the second inning of Game 4 of this past year's American League playoffs.

"She provided interesting and I think useful testimony," Vincent said.

AL president Bobby Brown suspended Clemens and fined him \$10,000 in a decision issued Nov. 20. Clemens appealed and Brown upheld his original decision on April 2, saying the penalties were issued because Clemens shoved umpire Jim Evans in order to get closer to Cooney during the argument that followed the ejection.

Clemens then appealed to Vincent, preventing the penalties from being enforced pending a decision by the commissioner.

"I feel confident we've stated our case and our facts to the commissioner," Clemens said after the

five-hour hearing.

Boston's two-time American League Cy Young Award winner has gotten off to an incredible start, allowing one run and 12 hits in 25 innings. He has struck out 27 and walked one.

Clemens, agent Randy Hendricks and two lawyers from the Major League Baseball Players Association showed three videotapes to Vincent: the CBS national feed, a slow-motion isolation tape of Clemens and the isolation tape speeded to real time.

In Brown's decision, he said not all of Clemens' words were decipherable on the videotapes. That's when the pitcher's lawyers brought in the lip-reader.

"We have science. We have technology. We have graphic evidence," said Eugene Orza, associate-general counsel of the players' union. "All that says, Roger Clemens did not do what they said."

Vincent said he hopes to render a decision next week, but said it would be difficult for him to read all the material before Clemens' next scheduled start, a Tuesday game against Toronto at Fenway Park.

Vincent, who attended the game but was not close enough to hear what went on, said he could decrease or increase the penalties if he chose to.

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