

# Sports

## South Carolina against Kentucky: SEC game of the weak?

### SPORTIN' FOOL by TIM THORSEN

The Gamecocks travel to Lexington, Ky., Saturday to challenge the Kentucky Wildcats. The colossal confrontation between the unranked Wildcats and the just-plain-rank Gamecocks is being touted as the SEC Game of the Week, or is that Game of the Weak? If this is the best the SEC has to offer, then I say long live the Metro Conference.

Manon Rheume became the first woman Wednesday to play in one of the major four team sports. I was thinking if she can throw a football,

maybe we should offer her a scholarship. Even if she can't throw, who cares? We need some kind of gimmick to put people in the stands, and frankly, watching us get our butts kicked by some of the best teams in the nation is getting kind of old.

At the beginning of the week, the L.A. Dodgeballers had committed 169 errors. That is 50 more than the second-worst fielding team in the league, Philadelphia. This year the hands-of-stone crew has managed seven three-error games, three four-error games, two five-error games, a six-error game, and a seven-error game. Rookie outfielder Billy Ashley said "Our work habits and defensive drills are great, I don't know what happens in the game." Well, Billy, first of all, you and your hideous team can do drills

until your pathetic no baseball-catching hands fall off, and you will still be awful. Second, what happens in the game is, quite frankly, your team stinks! My brother's little league team could give you a run for your money, which is the one thing the Dodgeballers have more of than errors, as far as defensive prowess is concerned.

And how about the worst of the worst, Jose Awfulman, I mean Offerman. The latest joke, "How do you spell Offerman? One O, two F's and about 40 E's."

This week's "Bonehead of the Week" goes to an unidentified Clemson University student. No, not just because she goes to Moo U., where all dirt roads, by the way, lead. No, this idiot gets the honor for stupidity above and beyond that of any regular Tiger. At the

Clemson/Florida State game, she screamed so loud and long that she blew a hole in her lung. Seriously! Not even I can make up something this brain-dead.

Honorable Mention goes to San Francisco Giants pitcher Trevor Wilson's doctor. It seems Mr. Wilson was having routine surgery to remove a cyst from one of his ribs. Instead, the doctor took out parts of two completely healthy ribs. By the way, the doctor has since retired, I have been assured. No kidding!

Sunday afternoon, the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Denver Broncos 30-0. Word is, Sparky still hasn't figured out how Philadelphia had enough time to kick 10 field goals.

How 'bout those Seattle Mariners. After going on about a

50-game losing streak, the owners finally decided to do something about it. So, "We are changing the logo, colors, and uniforms to signify an overall change in this organization, Daniel-son" Chief Executive Officer Mister Miyagi said. He added that "each player must also paint the fence and wax-on, wax-off his car all summer." As well as the Gamecocks have done after changing to black uniforms, Seattle will be lucky to win a game next year.

Tampa Bay coach Sam Wyche had two stereo speakers on the sideline for Wednesday's practice. The purpose was to simulate the booing and noise the Bucs will be subjected to Sunday in their game with the Lions. This has given the Fool a terrific idea. As a special offer to Coach Wyche, I will tape the fans at the next Gamecock home game

and send him the tape. If the Gamecocks are still winless come October 17, the game with Mississippi State should have booing that registers right up there with the sound of a supersonic jet taking off. That, or Coach Wyche could stage practice outside Williams-Brice stadium the 17th. Of course, if he does this, he'll have to watch out for the masses of people as they exit the stadium after the first quarter.

Finally, congrats to the Green Bay Packers for actually winning a game. Of course, considering they beat the Bengals, they really don't deserve that much praise. But they did manage to lose the label "Worst franchise in professional sports". The new owners are the 0-3, hopelessly pathetic Phoenix Cardinals.

## Clemson vs. Ga. Tech highlights weekend slate

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREVIEW by ANDREW BORGERT

Last weekend's bevy of top-notch football games have left most fans' heads spinning. This weekend's slate is not as eye-popping as

past weekends but should still keep most football junkies satisfied. The top match-up features our old friend Clemson and Georgia Tech. Tech is still trying to figure out what hit them when they played Virginia last Saturday.

Clemson has had a week off since their heartbreaking loss to Florida State.

Both teams will be fired up for the game, seeing as a loss would all but eliminate either of them from the ACC championship picture. Look for the Tigers to regain their roar in Atlanta as long as their offense manages to take some of the pressure off the defense to keep them in the game.

The big game in the SEC this week has Ole Miss playing at Georgia. After starting out the season with two big wins against Auburn and Tulane, the Rebels got a wake-up call from Vanderbilt in their 31-9 loss. Georgia got a measure of revenge after their loss to Tennessee two weeks ago when they beat Cal State Fullerton. They will also have their way with Ole Miss.

Michigan will be playing Houston and has quarterback Elvis Grbac returning from a leg injury

that forced him to miss last week's game, against Oklahoma State. Of course his back-up did a more than adequate job, setting a school record for completions in the game. Houston looked impressive in its win over Illinois, but the Cougars do not have enough strength on the defensive line to slow down the Wolverines' running attack.

Out West, the big game will be UCLA vs. San Diego State. The Aztecs want to prove they are the best team in California. They certainly have the best running back, Marshall Faulk. UCLA breathed a big sigh of relief after last Saturday's victory over BYU. The Bruins' starting quarterback Wayne Cook blew out his knee earlier in the week and they had to start freshman Rob Walker in his place. Walker did a fine job and will be starting for the Bruins the rest of the year. Their overall talent is too good for San Diego State and they will prevail.

North Carolina will be playing host to North Carolina State. This is probably the biggest game between these two teams that they have played in a long time. North Carolina features a bruising running attack led by Natrone Means. State was demolished by Florida State and is ripe to be beaten again. Look for the Heels to remain unbeaten.

Finally, Colorado will be playing against Iowa at home. The Buffs were lucky to get out of Minnesota with a win. Iowa is in the middle of a brutal early schedule. Coy Detmer, Ty's little brother, is off to a good start for Colorado and should propel them to a victory.



Wright Mitchell, shown here against East Carolina, looks to pass the Gamecocks past the Wildcats Saturday.

Stephanie Newlin/The Gamecock

## USC goes on the road to battle Wildcats

By TONY SANTORI  
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Coach Sparky Woods' winless Gamecock football team travels to Lexington, Ky., this weekend to take on the University of Kentucky Wildcats.

This is to be USC's first road trip of the season after a three-game homestand.

Carolina comes into action this week after a heartbreaking loss to East Carolina this past weekend. USC kicker Marty Simpson, who had already made four field goals in the game, could not convert on two opportunities in the final 15 seconds as one attempt was blocked and the other sailed wide to the right.

Simpson's performance Saturday was one of many solid individual efforts turned in by Gamecock players. Junior fullback Rob Deboer led the rushing attack by picking up 88 yards on 15 car-

ries, and senior quarterback Wright Mitchell was steady, contributing 132 yards through the air on 12 completions in 19 attempts.

The individual successes of these players were main contributions to USC's season-high 361-yard total offensive output versus the Pirates. The 20-point outburst was also Carolina's high-water mark for the campaign and is another reason for optimism this week against the 'Cats.

For the Gamecock defense, the spotlight switches from last week's focus on the backfield to the line this week as UK features its new "Stack-I" offensive set to challenge USC's front three.

After months of secrecy, Offensive Coordinator Rick Rhoades unveiled his unusual offensive scheme in Kentucky's season opener against Central Michigan earlier in the month. In their first three games this season

applying the ground-oriented attack, the Wildcats have racked up an average of 182 yards per contest with an average of 4.3 yards per carry; over 50 yards more per game and nearly a yard per attempt more than last year at this stage of the season.

Despite their new-found running proficiency, the Kentucky passing game has yet to suffer much in the statistics department with both yardage per game and completion rates, maintaining their 1991 standards.

Most of the credit for Wildcat success can be attributed to the play of quarterback Robert "Pookie" Jones. The talented sophomore signal caller runs the complicated triple-option offense and leads UK in both passing yardage and rushing yardage. Through three games Jones has run 44 times for 128 yards and two touchdowns, and has rifled 21

completions in 39 attempts for 302 yards and one TD.

Sophomore tailback Donnie Redd is sure to see action this weekend after gaining 104 yards on only seven carries in his first starting assignment against Indiana last week.

The Gamecocks and Wildcats have met on the gridiron three times previously with the first meeting taking place in 1937. The two squads have each won once and a tied once in 1978 in Columbia as both teams scored 14 points. Kentucky was victorious in the '37 contest, 27-7. Carolina won the most recent contest in 1981, 28-14 in Lexington.

Kickoff time for this SEC Eastern Division match is scheduled for 12:40 p.m. and will be televised by Jefferson-Pilot Sports as their SEC Game of the Week. In Columbia, the game can be seen on WIS.

## NFL week four: Let the byes begin!

### NFL WEEKEND by ROB RODUSKY

Week 4 in the National Football League is the first week teams get a bye. This is a great welcome for some teams while others are hoping this layoff will not stop them from smoking through opponents.

The Phoenix Cardinals, injury-prone quarterback Timm Rosenbach in particular, are very thankful for the week off. Other teams, not to mention fantasy league players, are not so thankful for the bye. For example, the NFC East leading Dallas Cowboys and the Philadelphia Eagles have been eating up their competition and hope the week off does not make them flat.

The most exciting game of the week will pit the San Francisco 49ers against the New Orleans Saints in the battle for first in the NFC West this Sunday evening. This game is a battle for first place and it is at home for the Saints. Look for the ferocious Saints

defense to stop Jerry Rice and company.

In the NFC Central, Tampa Bay Buccaneers Head Coach Sam Wyche is looking to stereotypes to help his team. After last weeks' problems with noise in the Metrodome, Wyche hopes cranking up speakers in practice with screaming, whistling, booing fans will help his team. Maybe he should try stacking those stereotypes in front of Detroit's endzone to stop Barry Sanders. Detroit should roll.

Chicago Bears Head Coach Mike Ditka's new attitude is probably great for his heart. But it will not be good for his team if he does not get a little bit of his old self back and start raising hell on the sidelines. If this does not happen this week, look for the Atlanta Falcons to win in Soldier Field.

This week looks like the one in which the New York Jets finally crack into the win column against the Los Angeles Rams— unless, of course, Jets Head Coach Bruce Coslett guarantees a victory.

Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre said during last week's come-from-behind victory over the Cincinnati Bengals, "I felt like I took a laxative." This week he is going to feel like he took a beating. And he will. The Pittsburgh Steelers

defense should invade Lambeau Field and stay one of the few unbeaten teams in the league.

I pity the poor Cleveland Browns. Denver coming off a huge loss to the Philadelphia Eagles and John Elway coming off an atrocious game. Don't expect those fools in the "Dawg Pound" to be doing much barking on Sunday. Don't worry about a 'Drive' again. Denver wins.

Those poor San Diego Chargers have to travel to Houston's 'House of Pain' this week. So what if they are good against the run. Houston quarterback Warren Moon should easily get the 123 passing yards he needs to reach 50,000 for his career. Chargers stay winless.

If you want to feel sorry for a team, take the New England Patriots. They must play host to the awesome Buffalo Bills. Here's the big statistic: New England has scored six points while Buffalo has scored 112.

This week's Monday nighter will be on par with last week's game in terms of intensity. The Los Angeles Raiders are hoping to finally win a game while the Kansas City Chiefs hope a victory will keep them on pace with Denver. While the Raiders have the best Monday night record ever, don't expect them to win this game.

### BEAT THIS!

#### Gamecock Sports Staff Predictions

Kentucky vs. South Carolina	Kentucky	23-17
Georgia Tech vs. Clemson	Clemson	13-10
Michigan vs. Houston	Michigan	42-16
North Carolina vs. NC State	NC State	21-13
UCLA vs. San Diego State	UCLA	31-28
Georgia vs. Mississippi	Georgia	30-26
Notre Dame vs. Purdue	Notre Dame	42-7
Chicago vs. Atlanta	Chicago	14-7
New Orleans vs. San Francisco	New Orleans	16-13
Cincinnati vs. Minnesota	Cincinnati	24-20

## Female goalie takes to the ice for Tampa Bay

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Manon Rheume, goaltender for the Tampa Bay Lightning's ice hockey team, is the first woman to compete in one of the four major professional team sports.

Rheume played 20 minutes and

gave up two goals in her first appearance in the National Hockey League.

"I think that she played very well in her first NHL game" Lightning General Manager Phil Esposito said.

She only played in the first period and left with the game tied at

2-2.

"I would grade her 7.5 out of 10," Esposito said.

The 20-year-old goaltender joins a small group of female athletes, like Ann Meyers and Nancy Lieberman, who have participated on a major league team.