

Sports

Why Dallas will win



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Meanwhile, Jim Kelly has killed the quarterback controversy with his performance against Miami in the AFC Championship, and he still has the "Thurmanator" Thurman Thomas to hand off and pass to. Kelly also has players such as James Lofton, Don Beebe and the resurgent Andre Reed.

Despite all these staggering facts, I believe the Cowboys top-ranked defense will be able to put pressure on Kelly with guys like Charles Haley, Russell Maryland and Tony Casillas. In addition, if the secondary performs the way they did against John Taylor, Jerry Rice and Mike Sherrard, the results will prove to be more than adequate against the pass.

As for the run, Thomas is a formidable opponent, but the Cowboys have been a force against the run all year, and they showcased their dominance against Ricky Watters and the 49er front line.

In addition, the Cowboy offense will probably have a tough time early in the game against the Bills' "Fearsome Foursome" of Bruce Smith, Shane Conlan, Cornelius Bennett and Darryl Talley.

I feel, however, that the Cowboys' running attack, led by Emmitt Smith, will eventually be able to wear down the Bills' front line as they did against San Francisco. The Cowboys' passing attack also isn't too shabby, as Troy Aikman is coming off the best game of his life against the 49ers.

Michael Irvin should wreak havoc in the Bills' secondary along with Alvin Harper and Kelvin Martin. The sure-handed Jay Novachek will be very much involved in crucial situations, as will Darryl Johnston.

To sum up, I believe Super Bowl XXVII will be much like Super Bowl XXV, when the Bills lost to the New York Giants by a point. In the end, the youth of Dallas will overcome the experience and determination of the Bills. If this occurs, Bills fans may want to push to make the AFC and NFC two separate leagues again.

My prediction: Dallas 27, Buffalo 17.

As you may recall, a few weeks before the long-awaited Christmas break, I made a rather bold statement that the Dallas Cowboys would be the next National Football League Champions after Super Bowl XXVII.

Well, call me crazy, but Dallas' young riders are still my pick to replace the Washington Redskins on football's highest throne.

First, there was a high noon hanging against the Philadelphia Eagles, then the mine caved in on the 49ers and now it's time to lasso the Buffalo Bills.

Now, I admit that I am a bit biased toward the Cowboys because I have been an avid fan since the days when men such as Danny White, Ed "Too-Tall" Jones, Randy White and Tony Dorsett roamed the field in silver and blue.

Football fans on campus and back at my home in Bristol, Va., however, keep telling me, "No, not yet, Jay. They are still a year or two away." But it's like Paul Zimmerman of Sports Illustrated said, "I would rather be a year early than a year late," and I don't believe I'm early, although the Bills will be tough on the Cowboys in Pasadena on Jan. 31.

The Bills are a team that scares me, although I believe that the Cowboys are one of the best teams in the league, along with the San Francisco 49ers. The Bills are worthy opponents for the Cowboys, who have made a record six appearances in the Super Bowl.

The Bills are hungry, healthy and, most importantly, angry. Buffalo does not want to make NFL history by losing three Super Bowls in a row, and they certainly do not want to lose to a bunch of upstart youths. Plus, the Bills' defense is healthy.

Newton to resign Search begins, students react

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The reassignment of Steve Newton would seemingly solve one problem for the USC basketball program, but his departure at season's end leaves a void that must be quickly and effectively filled.

With recruiting time coming up, it is important for Carolina to find a coach who has a good record with the NCAA Infractions Committee and can generate interest in Gamecock basketball among recruits, both locally and nationally.

According to a report published earlier by The State, Bobby Cremins of Georgia Tech and Mike Jarvis of George Washington are among the top candidates to fill the position.

Cremins, known for his ability to recruit well throughout the country, would be a great choice. His ties to the Frank McGuire years at Carolina make him the logical replacement. However, Cremins has built Georgia Tech into a national power and his emotional ties to the Yellow Jackets might once again prevent him from coming to Columbia.

Jarvis is not so well-known. He has built the Colonials up from an Atlantic 10 doormat into a conference contender. His recruiting has brought some potential NBA-quality players into the school.

THE NEWTON REPORT

Season	School	Overall			League		
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
1985-86	Murray State	17	12	.586	8	6	.571
1986-87	Murray State	13	15	.464	6	8	.429
1987-88	Murray State	22	9	.712	13	1	.929
1988-89	Murray State	19	11	.633	10	2	.833
1989-90	Murray State	21	9	.700	10	2	.833
1990-91	Murray State	24	9	.727	10	2	.833
1991-92	South Carolina	11	17	.393	3	13	.188
Totals		127	82	.608	60	34	.638

Steve Newton has a seven year record as a head coach. He served nine years as an assistant coach and seven years as an associate head coach before his first head coaching job at Murray State University in Kentucky.

Source: USC Athletics

Importantly, he has a clean slate with the NCAA, which is key for the new coach.

While at Southern Cal, Athletics Director Mike McGee made it a point to hire minorities for athletic department positions. Among them was George Raveling, at the time the only black basketball coach in the PAC-10.

His record since then has been impressive. Jarvis, also a black head coach, would be the first African-American to become a head coach at USC.

McGee could not be reached for comment.

However, South Carolina's Sports Information Director Kerry Tharp said the search for a replacement has probably not begun in earnest.

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"I think it's too early for him (McGee) to develop a criteria for a prospective coach," Tharp said. "I think it's too early for McGee to have anything definite."

Student reaction to the reassignment has been mixed. However, most agree that a coaching change was needed in the program.

Mike Chidester, a freshman majoring in sports administration, said, "Apparently they (USC's Administration) thought it was bad enough to dismiss the coach. Maybe now they can get someone in to clean it up and bring in better recruits."

F.K. Funderburke, an interna-

tional studies senior, thought the university should have taken a different approach.

"If he broke the rules, he should have been fired. No question," said Funderburke.

Concurring with Funderburke was Jason Gathman, a junior majoring in sports administration.

"I think it's good for the university to run a clean program. He (Newton) had to know about Barnes living in the Roost," Gathman said. "He's coach of the team, and he knows what's going on. The integrity of the team starts at the top."

Gathman was referring to Cortez Barnes, a former USC recruit, who lived for a time in The Roost, the school's athletic dormitory. This was a violation of NCAA policy.

Despite committing this and other various violations, Newton's teams at South Carolina had a losing record. These two factors combined to surprise one student.

Freshman Vince Perma said, "If we're going to cheat, then we should at least win. I find it hard to believe that we cheated and were not victorious."

Upon the conclusion of the season for the Gamecock basketball team, a new head coach will be hired. In the meantime, fans will have to take a "wait and see" attitude.

Auburn sinks Lady Gamecocks, 145-93

By MARK NEWGENT
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The Lady Gamecocks swimming and diving team didn't receive a warm welcome on their trip to Auburn last Saturday. The Tigers blew them out of the water for a 145-93 victory.

The South Carolina women were led by senior captain Anne Marie Wozniak, who gained the two highest Carolina finishes of the day. Wozniak took second place in the 200-yard freestyle (1:56.13) and another second place in the 100-yard butterfly (58.31).

The only other Gamecock swim-

mer to place higher than third was freshman Michelle McCarthy, who took second place in the 100-yard backstroke.

Second place was also the best the Lady Gamecocks could muster in the diving competition. Sophomore Vivian Alberty was edged out in both the 3-meter and

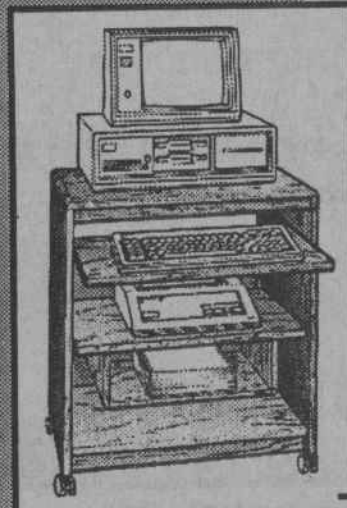
1-meter competitions by Auburn's Marina Smith.

South Carolina plays Virginia Tech and Georgia on the road Jan. 23 and 30, respectively. The next home meets will be on Feb. 6 and the SEC Championships on Feb. 17.

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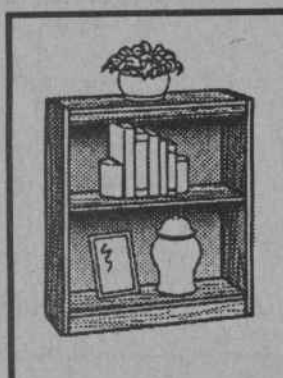
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