

Foy Schottenheimer deserved better

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1991 Pro Bowl. So Schottenheimer instills his schemes, and after a rough 0-5 start his team pulls off an impressive 8-3 run to end the season and looks poised to be a threat next season. And, hell, they did it with Tony Banks as their starting quarterback. But Snyder, who has always been in love with the Gators head coach, fires the 12th winningest coach of all time to bring in Spurrier. You have to wonder, is Spurrier really the answer? At his news conference announcing his resignation from Florida, the genius is telling everyone how he wants to coach for a pro team. But then he says he doesn't want

to put in long hours of work because he isn't that kind of coach. Apparently, a little hard work would cramp his style. When asked about the salary cap, he said, "Well, I really don't know much about all that, so I figure I'll let someone else handle it."

Brilliant, Steve. You sound like the hard-working individual the NFL needs. Boot out a hard worker because you suddenly figured you'd grace the NFL with your presence.

But how can you really hate Spurrier? We at Carolina have known for years that he's an idiot. This just goes to show you that Snyder is a bigger one.

Perhaps what's so perplexing about this whole situation is that Spurrier will suddenly be the highest-paid coach in the league. He'll have a 5-year contract worth \$5 million a year. An unproven coach will get paid

more than Steve Mariucci, Bill Cowher and Jon Gruden. Someone explain that one to me. But then I guess that would be explaining Snyder.

The bottom line: Owners like Snyder need to learn to respect the game of football, baseball or whatever game they're in. Just because you're a fan doesn't make you an expert. But, as with all coaching situations, only time will tell how this turns out.

Of course, I can't help but think how this parallels the career of a former SEC basketball coach, whose team was dominant for a decade.

But when Rick Pitino left the college ranks to coach the Celtics, he couldn't cut it. And now he's back where he started, while Boston has three years it will never get back.

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Spurrier Ex-Gator coach enters big league

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Schottenheimer in an effort to prove he could be a hands-off owner.

"It was my belief that our way

would have been the most successful way," Schottenheimer said. "It was the cornerstone of my decision to come here, that I would in fact have the ability to determine exactly who would comprise our roster."

Spurrier's contract surpasses the previous NFL high of \$4 million a year Mike Holmgren receives as Seattle's coach and general manager.

Spurrier abruptly resigned from Florida on Jan. 4 and said he wanted to see if his elaborate offensive system could work in the NFL. He went 122-27-1 in his 12 seasons with the Gators, winning six SEC titles and one national championship. His only professional coaching experience came with the Tampa Bay Bandits of the defunct USFL from 1983-85.

Basketball Perimeter players must be sharp

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Juniors Larry Satchell and Alonzo Lane will help pull some weight up front; however, being undersized in the post will not help against the likes of Rolando Howell, Marius Petravicus and Tony Kitchings, USC's leaders in field goal percentage.

With a solid inside game, Carolina must look to establish a comparable outside touch to fend off the pesky Razorback guards. Odom was somewhat

displeased about the backcourt's recent play, noting, "we have to begin to lean on [the perimeter players] a little to establish a better offense."

Bradley leads the Gamecocks in scoring with 14.3 points per game, and Lucas is third with 10.5, but they must improve their recent output. Over the last two games, they are a combined 17 of 50 from the field. Similarly, USC's Chuck Eidson is in a bit of a slump, only shooting a combined 3-for-16 against Florida and Kentucky.

USC's perimeter play will be crucial tonight, considering how well their Arkansas counterparts are faring. "Arkansas' depth is so im-

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USC HEAD COACH

pressive because they can go 12 players deep," Odom said. "They are playing with a lot of confidence. It will be a difficult assignment to play [Arkansas], but every game in this conference is a difficult one."

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BASKETBALL STANDINGS



Kelly Morrone, right, prepares to make her move in a recent game against Vanderbilt. With a win Thursday against Tennessee, Morrone and the Lady Gamecocks would be in first place in the SEC. PHOTO BY ROBERT GRUEN

Women's SEC Standings

All statistics are current as of Jan. 16

EASTERN DIVISION	CONF.	OVERALL
South Carolina	4-0	16-1
Tennessee	3-0	14-1
Vanderbilt	2-1	16-3
Florida	2-2	12-5
Georgia	1-2	12-3
Kentucky	1-3	8-8

WESTERN DIVISION	CONF.	OVERALL
Mississippi State	3-1	12-5
Auburn	1-2	13-3
Alabama	1-2	11-5
Louisiana State	1-2	8-6
Ole Miss	1-2	9-7
Arkansas	0-3	9-6

Men's SEC Standings

All statistics are current as of Jan. 16

EASTERN DIVISION	CONF.	OVERALL
Florida	3-0	14-1
Georgia	3-0	14-2
Kentucky	2-2	11-4
Tennessee	1-2	6-8
South Carolina	0-2	10-5
Vanderbilt	0-3	10-6

WESTERN DIVISION	CONF.	OVERALL
Alabama	2-1	14-3
Arkansas	2-1	10-5
Ole Miss	2-2	13-4
Louisiana State	1-1	11-4
Auburn	1-2	9-5
Mississippi State	1-2	14-3

This Week's SEC Schedule:

TENNESSEE(14-1) AT SOUTH CAROLINA (16-1)
Georgia(12-3) at Auburn (13-3)
Kentucky (8-8) at Arkansas (9-6)
LSU (8-6) at Ole Miss (9-7)
Vanderbilt(16-3) at Alabama (11-5)
Kentucky(8-8) at South Carolina(16-1)

This Week's SEC Schedule:

SOUTH CAROLINA(10-5) AT ARKANSAS (10-5)
LSU(11-4) at Florida (14-1)
Tennessee (6-8) at Mississippi State (14-3)
Auburn (9-5) at Vanderbilt (10-6)
Alabama(14-3) at Georgia(14-3)
Vanderbilt (10-6) at South Carolina(10-5)



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Spring, 2002

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A \$10 fee and signed waiver are required before taking part in any group exercise sessions. Participants need to bring a valid USC Columbia ID with a Spring, 2002 sticker to each class to show proof of registration. To register and pay, stop by the Campus Recreation Office, 202 Blatt PE Center. Brochures with session descriptions are available at the Campus Recreation front desk.

Group Exercise Schedule

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

7:30-8:10 AM		YOGA		YOGA			
Noon - 1:00 PM	Step Express	Power Hour	Step Express	Power Hour	Step Express	Instructor's Choice	Instructor's Choice
1:05-2:05 PM	Faculty Staff Fitness		Faculty Staff Fitness	Faculty Staff Fitness			
1:00-4:00 PM			Women on Weights <i>Meets in PE Center Lower Weight Room</i>	Women on Weights			
3:00-4:00 PM	Cardio Combo	Step Combo	Cardio Combo	Step Combo	Cardio Combo		
4:05-4:20 PM	Ab Express	Ab Express	Ab Express	Ab Express	Ab Express	Ab Express	Ab Express
4:30-5:30 PM	Step & Sculpt	Step Express	Step & Sculpt	Step Express	Pilates	Instructor's Choice	Instructor's Choice
5:30-6:30 PM	Water Exercise	Water Exercise	Water Exercise	Water Exercise			
5:30-6:30 PM		YOGA <i>Meets in BA Building 2nd Floor</i>		YOGA <i>Meets in BA Building 2nd Floor</i>			
5:45-6:45 PM	Step Combo	Body Sculpting	Step & Sculpt	Body Sculpting			YOGA
7:00-8:00 PM	YOGA	YOGA	Step	Step & Sculpt			
8:15-9:15 PM	Anything Goes	Kickboxing	Self Defense	Kickboxing			

USC's 4th Annual

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Monday, January 21, 2002

The King Holiday and Service Act signed by President Clinton in 1994, designates the King Holiday to be an occasion for community service and interracial cooperation. The King Holiday serves as a powerful vehicle for transporting our good intentions into meaningful actions. USC challenges you to bring his dreams to reality by participating in the Fourth Annual MLK Day of Service. To register or for more information, contact the Office of Community Service Programs at 777-5780.

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Events for Monday January, 21st, 2002:

- 9:30 - 10:00 am Registration at Russell House University Union, 2nd floor lobby
- 10:00 - 10:30 am Rally
- 10:30 - 2:00 pm Service