

## Football

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fense," Lou Holtz said. "He's throwing the ball well and has good touch with his passes. He's learning to trust his reads and learning to trust his receivers. He only put the ball in danger once last week."

Skip Holtz said his father was spending most of this week in practice with the defensive unit — a sign of respect for Vandy's offense but also a testament to the strides the USC offense has made recently.

"We've been productive, and we're starting to gel on offense," Skip Holtz said.

USC fullback Andrew Pinnock is the wild card going into Nashville. The senior received the majority of the team's carries through the first three games, but after fumbling twice in the Georgia loss, he didn't touch the ball once against Temple.

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USC FOOTBALL HEAD COACH

Johnson expects to see Pinnock back in his regular role.

"He is a big, talented football player and hard to tackle, and I expect to see him in the game," Johnson said. "He has been a good player for them, and I'm sure they are trying to get him straightened out on a few things and will have him ready to go this weekend."

Pinnock has run for 100 yards in a game just twice in his collegiate career — both times against the Commodores. Pinnock rushed for 106 yards and a touchdown in last season's meeting.

Saturday's game at Vanderbilt Stadium will kick off at 7 p.m. The game will be televised only through pay-per-view.

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## Rothenberg

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There's much more to say about these sports disasters and collisions, but you'd have to watch it for yourself to grasp the entire scope of it. I'd hate to say I delight in other people's misery, but if people like me didn't, there wouldn't be a desire for reality-type TV shows.

Perhaps my sense of humor can be much too base for my own good. Yet, these are the shows one can watch over and over again and still wonder how some guy didn't get killed doing something crazy.

ESPN can learn a thing or two from TLC about what makes good sports programming.

Maybe then we'd see "SportsCenter Collisions and Crackups," as if watching those weren't so bad already.

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## SPORTS CHALLENGE

### THE CHALLENGE:

The Gamecock's readers and staff test their sports knowledge with predictions of the weekend's games. (Rankings are from the Associated Press.)

	Kyle Almond Sports Editor (25-15)	Matt Rothenberg Asst. Sports Editor (29-11)	Chris Foy Defending Champion (25-15)	Mary Hartney Editor in Chief (24-16)	Katie Smith Head Designer (17-23)	Craig Ray Reader of the Week (25-15)
Alabama at Arkansas	Alabama	Arkansas	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
Mississippi St. at 22 LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
Syracuse at Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Syracuse	Auburn
Kentucky at 7 Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
23 Oregon St. at 18 So. Cal	So. Cal	So. Cal	So. Cal	So. Cal	Oregon St.	Oregon St.
20 Nebraska at 19 Iowa St.	Iowa St.	Iowa St.	Nebraska	Nebraska	Iowa St.	Nebraska
Minnesota at Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
Air Force at Utah	Utah	Air Force	Utah	Air Force	Utah	Utah
Toledo at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Toledo	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Toledo	Pittsburgh
USC at Vanderbilt	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
	31-17	41-20	42-24	36-18	46-17	31-17

**LAST WEEK'S WINNER:** Chris Foy (8-2) — Foy edges Rothenberg with the tiebreaker, but the assistant sports editor extends his lead to a season-high four games. Foy had USC scoring 35 points against Temple, one better than Rothenberg's 34. Both predicted Temple to score 14 points.

Because of a relatively easy schedule last week, there was very little separation among the participants. Almond and reader of the week Brandon Simmons were right behind the leaders at 7-3. Hartney and Candi Hauglum, The Gamecock's staff member of the week, went 6-4.

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