NCSU Game Season's Key

spot occupied by sophomore Frank Harper who averaged over 60 yards a game last year.

Coach Mills may find that it is difficult to adjust to being a loser in the southeast after being a winner in the west. There seems to be no other possibilities in store for the Deacs as they should finish in the cellar of the ACC. The Wake team should manage at least two victories but if October 6, it'll be time for black crepe and flowers when \( \textstyle \frac{2}{3} \) of the team may be graduated.

We see the Gamecocks as ten-point victors on the road against Texas.

William-Brice Stadium

October 20

A team that was last year decimated by injury, Ohio University should fare only slightly better than their 38 record.

Bill Gary was the nation's eighth ranked rusher as a sophomore but that was in 1970 and he hasn't been healthy since. Sharing the offensive duties with Gary will be Rich Bevly who led the MAC in total offense last year.

On the defensive side the Bobcats appear a little stronger. Two members of their secondary Greg Lieb and Ken Castrin were combined for one 175 stops last year. But it appears that they were just about the only one works since their opponents averaged 240 yards per game rushing, leaving most of the tackles to the secondary.

The Gamecocks winninc game of the campaign and their second against the MAC when they beat Ohio U by fifteen points.

William-Brice Stadium

October 27

All good things must come to an end and that saying certainly doesn't bypass win streaks. The Bengal Tigers of Louisiana University come to Columbia on October 27 and will leave victors by three points.

The Tigers only return two starters from last year's offensive squad, but things like graduation have never hurt them before and shouldn't this year. The big question mark for them this year will be at quarterback, but Mike Miley or Billy Broussard should come through for them.

The big man on the LSU squad this year seems to be on defense in the person of linebacker Warren Capone. The Bengal PR office is already touting Capone as the best ever to wear a Tiger uniform.

If LSU can come up with a signal caller and if they can get by their opener against Colorado without being too apart they should finish the season 7-5.

William-Brice Stadium

November 3

If Lou Holtz of North Carolina State can pull his defense together the Wolfpack should be on their way to another ACC title and possibly another bowl bid.

Bruce Shaw is back at quarterback and his main target this year should be Don Buckey, brother of last year's Peach Bowl hero Dave who may miss this year's back-up quarterback role due to an eye problem.

Holtz says "As goes the defense, so goes the Wolfpack." This is probably one of the most honest assessments made by a coach in the pre-season. State's year should parallel last year but for the fact that this year they have replaced Syracuse with Nebraska.

The Wolfpack and the Gamecocks square off in Columbia and it should be an even contest. We'd give the edge to the pack if it weren't for the fact that the game is played here, but since it is the game has to be a toss-up.

William-Brice Stadium

November 10

If Roscoe Bates can get the Appalachian State Wishbone offense moving against Carolina he is a miracle worker.

Jim Brakefield's Mountaineers are a good team but they just are not yet in a class with the bigger schools.

Enough said about the Mountaineers. USC should win by at least 21 but there is always that element of surprise that can make close contests out of potential routs.

Campbell Stadium

Tallahassee

November 17

Perhaps the biggest understatement of the year comes from Mike Jones: "We lost some talented people." With Huff gone FSU fans should see a good deal more of running back Hodges Mitchell. Even though he missed two games last season Mitchell rushed for a school record 944 yards. Aiding Mitchell will be Mike Davison who averaged 4.7 yards per carry last year.

Jones was a winner last year and just missed out on going to the Peach Bowl when the Seminoles lost to the Gamecocks. It could be a different story this year. Though FSU does not look nearly as strong as they have in the past and they may have a depth problem.

The Gamecock picks Carolina in a squeaker over Florida State by the same margin as last year: three points.

William-Brice Stadium

November 24 (1:30 p.m.)

Things may be rocky for Clemson this year. "Red" Parker is a little too optimistic when he cautions opponents to bring lunches to this year's games in anticipation of a long afternoon.

Smiley Sanders is back to try to improve on his 400 yards rushing of last season. Sanders will be challenged at tailback by sophomore O.J. Tyler but after trouble as they face Georgia, these two, the Riger backfield is Georgia Tech, and a fairly strenuous Texas A&M.

In the annual big bash in the back, quarterback Ken Pengitore Cockpit the Gamecocks will come might be forced to the air more away the victors by a touchdown. To wrap it up, the Gamecocks should finish the season with a best interest as the Tiger signal very respectable 7-3-1 caller only completed 55 passes last record. Maybe you'll smile again in year out of about 130 attempts for December, P.D. a lackluster 42 percent.