Clemson-Carolina Enter Phase Two

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For many South Carolinians the football season of USC and Clemson are divided into two parts—the ten games which precede the Clemson-Carolina game and the Clemson-Carolina game itself.

Phase one of both school's seasons ended last Saturday and phase two occurs Saturday afternoon when the Tigers and the Gamecocks meet in USC's Williams-Brice Stadium for the 71st game in the yearly classic confrontation.

This phase, priced two of both school's seasons will decide the relative success of the preceding part of the year.

Clemson is 5-0 and a victory by the Tigers would give Clemson's rookie Coach Red Parker a winning campaign. The effect that would have on future recruitment is obvious—Parker's program is already superior to that of Clemson's recent coaches but a win Saturday would enable him to label his program a winning one.

Carolina also has obvious reasons for added incentive. Victory over Clemson is a necessity if the Gamecocks are to entertain any hope of obtaining a Peach Bowl berth following the regular season.

If USC falls to Clemson, the outcome of Dec. 1's Georgia-Georgia Tech game is meaningless for Gamecocks. But if USC wins and Georgia loses, Carolina will make an appearance as the host team on Dec. 28 in the Peach Bowl. Regardless of the preceding half of the year, there's always an aura of excitement which follows this traditional battle between South Carolina's two in-state rivals.

This year's version of the game should prove more exciting than those of recent years. USC's 4:4 race is a definite improvement over the 4:4 mark Carolina had last year entering the game. Clemson's break-even record represents marked improvement over the 3-7 slate last season.

Explosive offenses have been featured by both USC and Clemson. The two veer-offensive attacks have been especially impressive in recent outings.

Clemson put two excellent back-to-back offensive shows before Maryland detailed the Tiger express last week, 28-13 at Clemson. Before that setback, Clemson scored 35 and 37 points in wins over Wake Forest and North Carolina. Carolina has scored less than 20 points only twice this year, with Miami of Ohio and Houston stifling the Gamecocks the second and third weeks of the year. Carolina has a string of two straight victories, 35-14 over Appalachian State and 52-12 over Florida state.

Defense has been the weakness of both schools, although neither defensive unit is actually weak. USC's defense has proved erratic several times, but numerous injuries has had much to do with that. Clemson has allowed teams to score 29 or more points. Despite the questionable state of the two defenses, USC Coach Paul Dietzel doesn't foresee a high-scoring game. "I haven't seen too many high-scoring games between traditional rivals. I do think it will be a fur-flying affair."

The nature of that remark indicates the optimism of Dietzel, of course. Dietzel would much rather see fur lying on the carpet of his elaborate stadium late Saturday afternoon than chicken feathers.

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Women Swimmers Win First Contest

USC's women's swim team had two relay teams finish in NCAA qualifying times as it won its first meet of the season over Emory 88-42 in Atlanta last Saturday. Both the 200yard medley and 400-yard freestyle relay teams USC Letterman Honor Carolina Football Squad

The eighth annual banquet sponsored by the USC Association of Lettermen to honor the Carolina football squad will be held Tuesday night, Nov. 27 in Columbia's Hotel Wade Hampton.

Tickets are $10 each and may be purchased at the University ticket office, at a number of other Columbia locations, or from members of the Association of Lettersmen. Coach Paul Dietzel will announce the list of varsity lettermen for the 1973 season during the banquet, and a number of other awards will be made. These include the Garnett and Black Spur awards to the top defensive and offensive linemen, respectively. The Steve Wadiak Award will go to the most valuable player of 1973, the Rex Enright Award will be presented to the 1973 permanent team captain. There will also be academic awards to the top upperclassmen and top freshmen, and an award to the top scout squad player.

The banquet will begin at 7 p.m.

swim in qualifying times for the national championship meet. The medley time was 2:06.5 while the freestyle time was 4:15.8. Eight individuals won races for the Gamecocks, in addition to the two relay teams. Winnie Dunnelly won three races—the 100, 200 and 400-yard freestyle races.

Members of the winning medley relay team were Jackie Jordan, Allison Gieze, B.Z. Gieze and Jane Searcy. Jordan and B.Z. Gieze were also on the winning freestyle team and Jordan was an individual winner in the 50-yard butterfly and Gieze in the 50-yard fly.

The other members of the freestyle team were Jeni Ackerman, who also won the 100-yard backstroke and Barbara Hellier. USC's other individual winner was Sandy Gochenour, who won the one-meter diving competition.

The women's team's next meet will be Jan. 30 at home against Columbia College.

Pointless Classics

There have been 31 shutouts in the 31-game old Clemson-Carolina series. Clemson has shutout the Gamecocks 19 times while USC has managed to blank the Tigers just 10 times. Two other games have resulted in scoreless ties. The last shutout in the series was in 1959 when a Bluebonnet Bowl-bound Clemson team shackled Carolina 27-0.

Neither Carolina nor Clemson has shutout an opponent this season. Clemson has limited two teams to under 10 points. Every Gamecock opponent has scored at least 12 points, with NC State's 56 points being the most allowed.