Gamecocks Will Be Spirited

Appalachian State–Nov. 8–Columbia
The Mountaineers have never beat USC, but they have always played like they could. 1975 will be no different.

Jim Bracefield's club posted a 6-5 record last season but heavy graduation losses on both sides of the line will hurt the Mountaineers' goal of a Southern Conference championship. They lost 15 starters in all.

Wake Forest–Nov. 15–Columbia
Chuck Mills was glad to play Purman to conclude the season last fall. Until that time his Deacons had not tasted victory, but the 16-10 upset could carry over into this season.

Thirty-eight lettermen return. Fourteen starters will need to be replaced. It could be a good day for the Gamecocks Nov. 15.

Clemson–Nov. 22–Columbia
It is difficult to understand why most pre-season publications have rated Clemson to finish fourth in the ACC. Few teams will score more than ten points on the Tigers in 1975.

Red Parker has 28 defensive lettermen returning, eight were starters. However, the Tigers lost eight on offense, but with the return of All-American Bennie Cunningham, fullback Ken Callicut and the addition of Stan Rome at quarterback, it seems likely that the Tigers will challenge for the ACC crown in 1975.

The big question mark is obvious: Who will be taking the snap from center? Mark Fellers has graduated and his heir Mike O'Cain is too inconsistent. Should "Red" find a quarterback, the Tigers could be in the "Top 20" sometime during the season. They have their chance against Alabama early in the season.

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