GCSS: USC over Memphis State

For the first time in who knows how long, the Gamecock Soothsayer could proudly strut around the campus. The outside agitators who had crucified the poor prognosticator had suddenly vanished, waiting for another chance to attack the resident ristaker. It was the third time in 14 games that the GCSS had picked USC correctly.

Last week, 38-0-1, 309; for the season, 38-28-3, 756. To say nothing of how the averages have suffered from such upsets as Army over Georgia Tech, Colorado over Ohio State and Tulsa over Arkansas.

Carolina showed North Carolina State just how an offense was supposed to be run; that is, on the ground. The vaunted Wolfpack defensive line crumbled in the face of Chuck Mims, Billy Ray Rice and Tommy Simmons, while Gamecock quarterbacks completed 12-19 passes.

On the other hand, Memphis State could very well be one of the most underrated teams in the South. A big offensive line and a fine runner in Paul Gowan should make this game close. USC 14, Memphis State 10.

Notre Dame and Michigan State tangle in a nationally televised tradition. Shades of the 10-14 years of a few years ago may be gone, and Notre Dame may have just squeaked by Purdue, but the Irish should win. Notre Dame 24, Michigan State 17.

Bear Bryant is still on the prowl, as he searches for win number 203. Mississippi is Archie Manning-lesu, while Bama has quite a runner in Johnny Musso. Alabama 33, Mississippi 14.

Ask Woody Hayes how good Mississippi State is. Or ask Louisiana State. And after this weekend, ask Kansas State. To top it off, the Buffs have been on the road and are home now. Colorado 28, Kansas State 7.

And now for the upset of the week. Penn State has rolled over its last two opponents, while Air Force has played tough football to eke out a couple of squeakers. But Brian Beam and Company will fly the Falcons over the Lions. Air Force 34, Penn State 22.

Alabama upset Southern Cal in the opener. Oklahoma may upset the Trojans again. Then again, maybe it won't be so much of an upset. Even though the Sooners may be looking forward to Texas next week, but not looking far enough ahead. Oklahoma 21, Southern Cal 20.

Texas is once again running all over their opponents; literally. The Oregon Ducks may stand in the way early, but look out after that. They will be down from there on out. Texas 42, Oregon 7.

After a close 10-9 defeat at the hands of Auburn, Tennessee will rekindle a fire with Florida that blew up two years ago when Doug Dieickey left the Vol's to coach at the Gamecocks. Feelings may still be strong. One thing for sure, Tennessee 36, Florida 20.

Despite a loss to Colorado last week, Ohio State will be up for this week against unpredictable California. There can only be one sure prediction: Ohio State 24, California 12.

Duke's Steve Jones was recently injured in a car accident, and will be unable to play against Stanford Saturday. Leave the rest to the Indians' Don Bunce. He's starting to make Stanford fans forget about Jim the Heisman Trophy Winner. Stanford 30, Duke 21.

The others:

EST: Missouri 21, Army 12; Princeton 21, Columbia 9; Yale 20, Colgate 12; Harvard 21, Northeastern 10; Penn 20, Brown 12; Dartmouth 22, Holy Cross 14; Boston University 30, Temple 10; Pittsburgh 20, West Virginia 18.

MIDWEST: Washington 31, Illinois 7; Syracuse 21, Indiana 17; Michigan 44, Navy 19; Minnesota 20, Kansas 12; Purdue 14, Iowa 19; Northwestern 22, Wisconsin 30; Southern Illinois 20, Wichita State 3.

SOUTH: Auburn 33, Kentucky 3; Georgia 28, Mississippi State 7; Georgia Tech 21, Clemson 7; LSU 20, Rice 16; Wake Forest 30, Maryland 28, North Carolina 30, North Carolina State 6; Tulane 27, William and Mary 22; Florida State 20, Virginia Tech 7; Idaho 17, East Carolina 9; Furman 21, WMU 7; Vanderbilt 20, Virginia 16; Boston College 34, Richmond 17.

SOUTHWEST: Texas Tech 17, Arizona 13; Arkansas 39, TCU 14; Southern Methodist 17.

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