USC victory a nightmare to Cavaliers
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The scene reminded one of a second-rate horror film. The rain poured down. Then, without any forewarning, there was a crack, and the lights were out. It was like a nightmare. For Virginia.

"That was one strange football game," head coach Paul Dietzel said following USC's 34-14 victory. "It has to be the longest game in the history of the sport. I've been coaching for more years than I care to remember, and I've never had the lights go out on me."

The game was largely a comedy of errors on Virginia's part. The Cavaliers lost four fumbles, had three passes intercepted and had a punt blocked that resulted in a Carolina touchdown. But Dietzel was still not overjoyed with the Gamecocks' performance.

"I suppose that you have to have games where you win when you don't even look good. We really didn't look all that good, I don't quite know what to say. The offense looked terrible. When we get a good break, we scored. We had some great kicking and some bad kicking. I think we must have kicked 75 times out there tonight."

Following a 20 minute delay due to the power failure, USC's first score came on the first of Virginia's miscues. On the Cavaliers' first play from scrimmage, speedy back Kent Merritt fumbled at the UVA 23. Five plays later, Tommy Simmons drove in from the seven. After Tommy Bell converted, USC had a lead it never relinquished.

Dick Harris then provided the spark, grabbing a Billy Maxwell punt on the opening play of the second stanza and racing 40 yards untouched for Carolina's second touchdown.

After Tyler Hellams stole a Harrison Davis pass at the Virginia 40, Robbie Davis dove the team for the score, going the final 12 yards himself.

As the third quarter opened, Dietzel put a new punt defense into use. The plan worked effectively, as middleguard Pat Kahout broke through the center of the Cavalier line to block Maxwell's attempt from the nine. Tackle John LeHeup recovered in the end zone, as Carolina opened a 27-0 lead.

"We planned to block the punt," the Carolina mentor revealed, "We installed a special middle rush. We really wanted to block the first punt. But if you don't get the punt, you get the punter. So we decided to wait and go for it at a more appropriate time."

Third team quarterback Tommy Rhodes engineered (Continued on page 7)

Tracking him down

'We just beat ourselves' says defected UVa coach

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The Cavaliers play last Saturday night left Head coach Don Lawrence far from satisfied, as Virginia took its fourth loss of the season in the hands of Carolina.

"We just beat ourselves," said Lawrence summing it up. "Basically what it was, we just gave the game away. When you give four touchdowns away you're going to get beat."

Before the game, Lawrence had praised Carolina's defense comparing it with Michigan's, which he had faced earlier saying "as far as the quickness is concerned there is no comparison." Afterwards, however, the Cavalier coach hesitated to compare.

"It's hard to say whether Carolina's defense is as good as others we've faced, because our execution was so bad. We made a lot of mistakes, and I don't know whether it was Carolina's defense causing them or us, but when you turn the ball over that much, you're going to get beat. We just didn't execute well."

"I thought our defense played well a number of times," said Lawrence. "They had pressure on them at all times, and when you're under pressure you're going to make mistakes."

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