USC looking better, says Dietzel

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"I think we've got better right now than we were last year," said USC head football coach Paul Dietzel after Saturday's intrasquad scrimmage, which pitted the offensive units against the defensive squads.

"The defense had been beating the fire out of the offense but today the number one offense moved the ball with some consistency against our top defense. And we have a fine defense," noted Dietzel.

The scrimmage was held in conjunction with the seventh annual spring clinic, in which area high school coaches were invited to USC to exchange coaching ideas with the Carolina staff. The Gamecocks have been practicing for three weeks now, and will continue for another two weeks, ending in the intrasquad game in Carolina Stadium, Saturday, April 29.

Dietzel said as Carolina opened spring practice that he expected problems in his backfields, both offensive and defensive.

Directing that first offensive unit was 6-5, 210 pound Bill Troup, who transferred from Virginia and had to sit out the last campaign. "Troup has a real good arm, directs the team well, and has done a fine job," said Dietzel.

Starting at last years injury-ridden position, running back, were a couple of rising sophomores, Jay Hodglin at fullback and Bill Cregar at tailback. Providing support were Randy Spinks, Tom Amrein, Dyke Dolly and Bosie White. All are rising sophomores except White, who is a second semester freshman. "One of our real pluses this spring has been our young people at running back," continued Dietzel.

The defensive perimeter, hampered by the loss of all four of last season's starters, will also be manned by young and inexperienced players. "We've got young people back there, but they're good young people. Both our halfbacks are up from the freshman team. Both C.A. Wilson and Tom Zipperly were offensive players on that team, but have adjusted well to defense. They could be good ones." Alex Dolson, a red-shirt sophomore, was listed the number one rover back, while Neville Files, the only defensive back to have seen varsity action, was at safety.

Tracksters sweep three hurdle events

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the school mark of 21.6.

With Milton Reid running the fastest leg, 47.5, the Carolina mile relay team ran 3:13.0 to establish a new school mark. In addition to Reid, Jim Schaper, Paul McLeod and Bob Dempsey handled the baton in the record-setting race. "They need 3:11 to qualify for the nationals," Coach Bill McClure said of the mile relay foursome, "and they are capable of doing it. Maybe they won't make it on Wednesday (the South Carolina Intercollege Championships) because of the competition in other events, but they should have a chance to do it against East Carolina on Sunday."

While running their best time of the year, the USC 440 relay team of Guy Hornsby, Small, Keith Eidson and Reid won their race in 41.8.

Carolina swept three hurdle events - the 440, 110 high hurdles and the 440 intermediate hurdles. Dempsey, McLeod and Dan Lebsock finished 1-2-3 in the 440, with Dempsey leading the way in 48.4.

Nico, Joe Mc Culloch and Brian Nemeth blitzed UNC in the high hurdles, Nico winning in 14.4.

Later, Nico, Mc Culloch and Wayne Phillips shut the Tar Heels out in the intermediates as Nico got the win with a 53.4 clocking.

The other Gamecock first on the track came in the 100 where Reid was the winner in 9.7.

Even though he did not win, Jim Schaper turned in his fastest time ever in the half-mile, 1:49.3. North Carolina's Tony Waldrop won the race in 1:48.8. By breaking 1:50 Schaper qualifies for the NCAA's in June. Mike Sheley ran 1:51 to take third in the 440.

Other place winners for USC in track events were Red Dalton, second in the steeplechase, Wayne Thomas, third in the mile, Keith Eidson, third in the 440 and Jack Miller, who had his career best of 9:12 in finishing third in the two-mile.

Broom and javelin thrower Tom Chapman accounted for USC's three wins in field events. Broom won the discus at 150-9, and the shot at 52-41/2, and Chapman took the javelin with a career best of 209-5.

Rich Sorin, in the shot and discus, and R. Rader, in the long and triple jumps, each accounted for two second place finishes. Rader jumped 47-11 in the triple for a personal record.

Mike Cawley, javelin, Bruce Stuart, high jump, and Bill Bryan, pole vault, all took seconds, while Hornsby, long jump, Dave McKee, pole vault, and Stuart, triple jump, finished third in their events.

USC's next meet will be Wednesday when they host the State Collegiate Meet at 7:00. They will then entertain East Carolina at Saturday night in a dual meet.