New Starters Highlight USC's Spring Game

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Carolina's football team, with three freshmen in the starting line-up, will conclude its Spring football season in the annual Garnet-Black game Friday night at 7:30 in Williams-Brice Stadium.

Quarterback Jeff Grantz, split end Jim Collins and cornerback Henry Laws, all members of last fall's freshman team, have earned first team status this spring and head a team with numerous other first-time starters.

Several players have made position switches this spring and will be playing with the Garnet squad, the first string. Bill Cregar has moved to linebacker from running back, Tom Zipperly from corner back to running back, Darrell Austin from defensive tackle to offensive tackle and Andy LeHeup from quarterback to defensive end.

The Garnet squad will be coached by offensive coordinator Bob Gatling, who has been instrumental in implementing the new veer offense this spring. Defensive coordinator Lamar Leechman will coach the Black team. Paul Dietzel will watch the contest from the press box.

Offensively the Garnet team will have Jimmy Privette at center, Rick Anthony and Jerry Witherspoon at the guards, Dave Cash and Austin at the tackles and Marty Woolbright at right end. Jay Lynn Hodgin is one running back and Zipperly and Tommy Amrein will share the other running back spot. Collins and Eddie Mulrow are the outside receivers with freshman Grantz the quarterback.

Dietzel, who says this spring has been the best any of his Carolina teams have experienced, is especially enthusiastic at the play of the offensive line, considered by many as the team's weak point last fall.

"Rick Anthony is probably having the best spring of any of the interior linemen," Dietzel says. "And Marty Woolbright is blocking better than he has in his life. He's a good target for the quarterback, too."

Defensively the Garnet team will be weakened by injuries to middle guard Dana Carpenter and tackle Roger Toy. Carpenter will especially be missed since he has been one of the leaders of the defense for two years.

The Garnet defense will have LeHeup and Bob Roe at the ends, Monty Matthews and Andy Leventis at tackles and Leon Whitecavage at middle guard, replacing Carpenter.

Bill Cregar will be the strong side linebacker while Tony Pepper and Phil Wallace will alternate at the weak side spot.

Track Team Represents USC In Drake Relays

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Ten members of the track team will make a trip to compete in the Drake Relays at Des Moines, Iowa. The team will be represented in five events, the two-mile relay, the mile relay, the 120-high hurdles, the high jump, and 880-meter open run.

In the two-mile relay Wayne Thomas will take the place of Bob Dempsey, who was dropped from the team for disciplinary reasons. He will be joined by Don Brown, John Brown, and anchor man Mike Shelley.

Coach Bill McClure said, "If we can stay close to the lead without Dempsey we could battle for first. We could possibly better the school record (7:33.8)."

In the mile relay the Gamecocks will run with Jim Small, Milton Reid, Paul McLeod, and Shelley. In the 120-high hurdles—Billy Novo will represent Carolina. Novo has qualified for the NCAA's for the fourth straight year in the high hurdles.

Ron Adams will participate in both events, the 880-meter run, which will field two foreign Olympians, USC will be represented by redshirt Jim Schaper.

As for the prospects in the Drake Relays, McClure said, "In the mile relay we could come out in the top four or fifth."

With only four more meets to compete in, McClure is optimistic for next year. He said, "We have only two seniors and having Schaper back next year will add both in a physical and mental way."

The two seniors mentioned are hurdler, Novo and this year's Most Valuable Track Performer, Jim Small.

McClure said, "Two important factors also affected the team's performance of this year. These are, the late snow in the spring and my late return from Munich last fall." McClure also said the team as a whole had some good points and some low points.

In the future the Gamecocks will travel to Knoxville on May 12, go to an invitational meet at Tallahassee, May 19, and compete in the U.S. Track and Field Preliminary Meet at Wichita, June 1 and 2. The team will end the season June 7-9 at Baton Rouge, La. in the NCAA Championships.

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