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Carolina’s tennis team won its 3rd meet in 30 attempts and averaged an earlier loss to Georgia Southern Tuesday with a 7-2 win over the Eagles at Maxcy Gregg. USC played Clemson in a match yesterday and will play host to rugged North Carolina Friday at 3:15 p.m.

Southern had beaten Carolina 8-1 on March 2 in Statesboro and their loss to the Gamecocks was only their second loss all year. The only other team to beat the Eagles was Florida, which also defeated Carolina, in the Gator Classic.

North Carolina, 17-2, will bring to town one of the best teams in the South. USC has beaten the Tar Heels only once, a 5-4 decision in 1967 at Chapel Hill. UNC dumped the Gamecocks 9-0 last year.

Coach Ron Smarr attributed the victory to a better team effort, especially in doubles, where Carolina won all three matches. “We played much better today,” Smarr said. “I was pleased with every match today except for the number 1 singles. Even so, we’ll have to play even better to beat North Carolina.”

Smarr said that he was especially pleased with the play of P.D. Duke. The New Cameson, Conn. freshman won the number 6 singles from Drew Pitsman, 6-3, 6-3, and teamed with Steve Geller to down Danny Gladman and Chuck Cichese 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, in doubles action.

Dukes had been forced into more action than expected because of Brian Desanti’s injury and of Tom Craig’s suspension.

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**Spring Football**

**Defense Returns With Experience**

BY STEVE PARKER
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Last season, when his offensive team was piling up yardage and setting numerous records, Head Coach Paul Dietzel was forced to worry about a defense that surrendered almost as many points and yards.

Injuries forced Dietzel to play an extremely young defensive unit, using six freshman at one time against North Carolina State. Their inexperience showed, but Dietzel maintained they had talent and the experience they were gaining would prove invaluable for the upcoming season.

C. A. Wilson, one of the three seniors on the starting defense for next year, is pleased with the progress the defense has shown in spring football practice.

“Compared to last year around this time we are looking much better,” Wilson said “this team has a good attitude. The guys are really hustling in practice.”

Wilson said last season’s injuries were the major cause for the defense appearing so weak on occasion. “We had a good team last year, but with so many players getting hurt it was hard to get used to playing as a team,” he said.

But the injuries did enable the younger players to gain playing time and Wilson thinks this may help the upcoming team. “By the time these guys are sophomores they should be doing it,” the defensive back said. “Playing as freshman gave them an opportunity to adjust to college ball faster than they normally would have. There’s a big difference in high school and college ball.”

Five players who lettered as freshmen last year will return next year. Don Abraczinski, Al Carpenter and Steve Courson handled line positions, while Bruce Hoffman was a line backer and Jacy Adamski played in the secondary.

Wilson returns as the senior member of the secondary, along with two other starters from last year. Tom Zigetti and Henry Laws return with Wilson.

The defensive secondary received criticism last year, especially since it appeared vulnerable to the long pass, but Wilson thinks the unit was a good one.

“As members of the secondary we’re in a position where if we mess up you can see it immediately,” Wilson said. “If a lineman messes up it might mean five or ten yards, but if we make a mistake it can mean a touchdown. But I thought we did a pretty good job last year.”

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**Gamecocks**

**Place Second**

In State Golf

Carolina’s golf team finished second in the South Carolina Inter-collegiate match last weekend at Hampton. USC’s 694 score was 19 strokes behind Clemson’s 575 in the 36-hole match Friday and Saturday. Chip Allen and Rob Viner each had 148-stroke totals to lead Carolina.

This weekend Carolina is entered in the Houston Classic in Texas.