A changing of the guard has occurred among quarterbacks

A new generation of elite quarterbacks is infiltrating the upper echelons of the National Football League. The days when consummate drop-back passer legends were king are ending. There was a time when drop-back passers such as Roger Staubach and Terry Bradshaw were the most exciting quarterbacks in football. That time has ended.

The best pocket passers today, such as Joe Montana, Dan Marino, Jim Everett and Jim Kelly are certainly exciting but a wash. They can be comparison to the fifth one got from watching Randell Cunningham, John Elway and, at times, Warren Moon run and pass circles around the defense. The new age quarterbacks of the 1980s are ones never fished for. They are quarterbacks that can run as well as pass. Their ability to run makes their passing games that much better.

Defenses are constantly bewildered, just as a defensive lineman is to record a sack, one must split the tackle and run for an easy first down. Defense often have to resort to using their free safety to be a watchdog on the quarterback in case he struggles, which leaves one-on-one coverage on most of the receivers. Cunningham's Eagles, Elway's Broncos and Moon's Oilers have all met with general success over the last few years. It isn't just coincidence; these teams are good.

Cunningham and Elway have an innate ability, because of their superb athleticism, to absolutely dominate a football game. Moonies also has this ability, but he is the exception to the rule of pocket passers. Montana could have this ability, too, but nearly has a chance to show it because of his lack of a supporting cast.

The pass of the pass-on- 

down quarterback can be seen filtering into college football, too. Two of the nation's best and most success- ful, college quarterbacks can run the ball as well as pass it. West Virginia's Major Harris and Penn State's Michael Eitel.

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East Carolina is one of four teams on USC's schedule that has a new head coach in their first year.

USC's own first-year head coach Sparky Woods has already faced, and defeated, one of the new- comers — Georgia head coach Ray Goff.

The transition that comes with such a large shift in some teams. And if this was Wall Street, college football coaches might be ex- pected to be trading insider information.

—jerry, like the fact that Goff blinded as his defensive coordinator a man for whom he once worked right here at USC, former USC head coach Richard Burt.

—and inside information — Goff also hired a person who knows as much about USC players as USC's current staff does — Frank Ogol, the inside linebackers' coach and who left former head coach Joe Morrison's staff to head 'twixt three informal coaches and to coach the offensive line.

The inside information didn't seem to help Georgia out much as the Bulldogs lost to the Game- 
cocks, 24-20.

Maybe that's because Gamecock defensive coordinator Will Muschamp, who is responsible for USC's of- fensive line, is a former head coach at Georgia in 1984, he knows almost every aspect of the game and some of the players, also.

Woods has to face the Gamecock staff as well.

This week's almost the same thing is going on. USC will know a lot about the