

Clemson Matches A&M in Youth, Inexperience, Record

Teams Meet for First Time Saturday in Hills of South Carolina

When Texas A&M and Clemson meet for the first time in history Saturday in South Carolina, they will field remarkably similar teams.

Both are young, inexperienced and both have identical 1-2 records thus far this season.

The Tigers have a new coach in Red Parker who came from the Citadel where he compiled a 39-34 record in seven years. For his debut year at Clemson he is faced with inexperience and youth at

most positions.

Both the offense and defense were stripped of their past heroes by graduation. Gone are three of the four top rushers, the leading pass receiver and three starters in the secondary.

Parker, however, came rolling in this spring and brought with him a veer offense which is called "The Tiger Triple." Usually a coach has to come in to rebuild and the first thing he looks for is a quarterback. Parker had no such problem.

He has three capable signal-callers for the Big Red Machine in Ken Pengitore, Mark Fellers and Mike O'Cain.

Pengitore had the most impressive spring and the senior handled the quarterback duties last season. But Fellers, a junior did a better job of moving his unit in the Orange-White spring game. O'Cain, a sophomore, came up from the javee unit and showed some impressive credentials in the spring drills.

Parker cites his most pressing offensive problem is a deficiency in the running back area. Senior Smiley Sanders started last year, but missed spring drills because of baseball. And Chuck Huntley and O. J. Tyler are the only other two who have even carried the

ball in varsity competition.

Redshirt sophomore George Bosse and senior Leon Fabers, a converted defensive back, will battle for the top spot at quick back with Fabers holding the slight edge at present.

Sophomore Leon Hope, a line-backer as a freshman last season, was the bright offensive star in the spring and he is listed as a starter ahead of redshirt sophomore Marvin Anderson and Huntley at strong back. Also, Ferrum JC transfer Toni Mathews might figure into the starting unit.

Clemson's strong point offensively is its receiving corps. Parker has proven players and bright newcomers at these positions.

Seniors Gordy Bengel, a two-year starter, David Sasser and Bob Shell, along with junior Jerry Davis, are capable veterans to fill the two split receiver posts. They will be challenged by sophomores Craig Brantle and Rickey Bustle and JC transfer Jim Lanzendoen.

Senior Karl Andreas and sophomore Bennie Cunningham could be two of the premier tight ends in the ACC. Each blocks and catches well.

Junior letterman Curt Buttermore and Maret Cobb both are prime candidates for starting tackle spots but will have stiff competition with sophomores

Chipper Davis, Brank Bethea and JC transfer Ed Homonoff.

Junior Ken Peebles has moved from a starting tackle position to guard and probably will team with sophomore Gary Alexander on the other side. Senior Art Brissacher, Al Murray and sophomore Guy Lombardo and Wayne Neely are prospects.

Defense was Parker's area of greatest concern in the spring because of inexperience. But defensive ends isn't a weak spot. Seniors Jeff Stocks and Bob Jones and juniors Tom Boozer, Tim Blackwelder and Guy Gehret and sophomore Dave Hughston fill those two positions adequately.

Senior Bruce Decock is the only

defensive tackle with any playing time. Parker feels sophomore G. Galloway, junior Dan McBride, sophs David LeBel and George Hyams and freshman Harry Fulwood will have to come through and provide backup strength or challenge for the starting posts.

He has quality but no quantity at linebacker, in junior Jimmy Williamson, senior Mike Buckner and sophomores Frank Wise and Jay Kreis. Willie Anderson and Mark Boynton will battle for the noseguard post.

In the weakened secondary, senior Marion Reeves and sophomore Lynn Carson loom as the corner favorites with Jim Ness, a returning starter, back at rover.

Sophomore Peanut Martin is destined for stardom at a safety and Ricky Brown and sophomore Mark Lee, Tom Marsik and Tony Rouse will fight for a starting safety position.

"Our immediate goal is to have a winning season. And we better believe that we can do it. I wouldn't want anyone on the squad who believed otherwise," says Parker.

"Right now, we feel there are two or three positions that might require some freshmen help. And from the credentials of some of our signees, we feel as though we have a few prospects who appear to be varsity material this fall," he concluded.

Handball, Tennis Courts Reservations to be Required

A reservations system will go into effect Monday for use of the university's handball and tennis courts, announced Dr. Carl W. Landiss, head of the Health and Physical Education Department.

Landiss said the reservations system, along with the department's new policy to restrict recreational facilities to students, faculty and staff, was necessitated by the heavy demand resulting from increased enrollment.

Available hours for reserving handball courts in DeWare Field House are: Monday-Thursday — 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 4 to 10 p.m.; Friday—12:15 to 1:15 and 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday—1 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 2 to 8 p.m.

Tennis courts are available for reservation from 6 to 8 p.m.

Reservations will be for one-

hour time blocks, Landiss said.

Handball courts 1 and 11 and tennis courts 11 and 12 will be "challenge" courts and not available for reservations, Landiss added, explaining they will operate under rules posted at the courts.

Reservations must be made before 3 p.m. on the day of play and can be made no more than one working day in advance.

University identification cards are required for use of the tennis courts, swimming pools, handball courts and other recreational facilities in DeWare Field House and G. Rollie White Coliseum. If used by dependents, the dependents must be accompanied by the sponsoring student or faculty-staff member at all facilities except the swimming pools.

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Size Unimportant On Kickoff Returns

The smaller they are, the harder they run.

That seems to be the rule of thumb among Southwest Conference kickoff return specialists, three of whom are making strong bids for the national leadership.

James Sykes, the Rice freshman who returned one 99 yards for a touchdown against Montana, had a 96-yarder against LSU last Saturday night to push his average to 42.0 yards on eight returns. Texas A&M's Carl Roaches scored on a 100-yard return of the opening kickoff against Boston College and is now averaging 31.6 yards on seven returns. And finally, defending SWC kickoff-return champ Lawrence Williams of Texas Tech has hauled eight for a 31.6-yard mean.

They all have a few things in common — each has scored a touchdown on a return, they're all underclassmen and they prove that size doesn't mean that much in their line. Freshman Sykes is 5-11 and 180, the bruiser of the trio. Sophomore Roaches is the runt at 5-8 and 165, while junior Williams goes 5-11 and 175.

Texas fullback Roosevelt Leaks

took a big lead in his bid to become the first sophomore to repeat as the rushing champion since Texas' Chris Gilbert claimed three straight in 1966-68. Leaks is now rushing at 121.0 yards per game, well ahead of runner-up Wayne Morris of SMU (99.7). Last year, Leaks became the third straight sophomore to win the title and Morris is a sophomore this year—so the race may not be settled yet. In third place at 92.3 yards per game is Alvin Maxson, the 1971 rushing champ.

SMU continued to provide the heavy team offensive punch. The Mustangs have been little short of sensational on the ground through their three victories this season. In those three outings, SMU has posted the best, second best and fourth best rushing totals in the school's history—767 yards in 59 seasons.

The old record of 376 yards was set in 1945. The Mustangs broke it with 134 yards against Santa Clara in their opener, almost matched it with 370 yards against Oregon State last week, and then broke it for the second time in three weeks Saturday by ripping Virginia Tech for 510 yards.

GAMES	BATT PICKS							
	Guest Picker	Ted Boriskie	Rod Speer	Kevin Coffey	Mike Rice	T. C. Gallucci	Louie Nolzem	
A&M at Clemson	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	
TCU at Arkansas	TCU	TCU	Arkansas	Arkansas	TCU	Arkansas	Arkansas	
Wake Forest at Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	
Houston at San Diego St.	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	
Missouri at SMU	Missouri	Missouri	SMU	SMU	Missouri	SMU	Missouri	
Tex. Tech at Okla. St.	Okla. St.	Okla. St.	Okla. St.	Okla. St.	Okla. St.	Okla. St.	Tech	
Georgia at Alabama	'Bama	'Bama	'Bama	'Bama	'Bama	'Bama	Georgia	
Miami at Oklahoma	OU	OU	OU	OU	Miami	OU	OU	
Florida St. at Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	
Cowboys at Washington	Cowboys	Cowboys	Wash.	Cowboys	Wash.	Cowboys	Cowboys	
Last Week	7-3	7-3	7-3	7-3	6-4	6-4	6-4	
Season Record	24-6	24-6	23-7	22-8	21-9	21-9	18-12	
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