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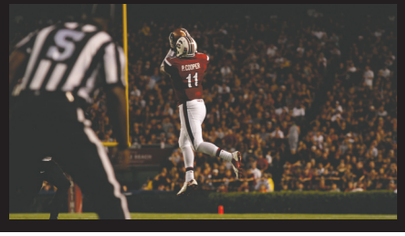

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Hitting the road

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South Carolina looks to capitalize on struggling Vanderbilt Commodores

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Gamecocks look to capitalize on struggling Vanderbilt team

For two teams tasked with replacing their starting quarterbacks this season, No. 14 South Carolina and Vanderbilt seem to be trending in opposite directions.

It took the Gamecocks (2-1, 1-1 SEC) exactly 11 minutes and 16 seconds to score their first offensive touchdown of the season.

Vanderbilt (1-2, 0-1 SEC), however, was held without an offensive touchdown in both of its first two games, and finally pulled through in the second quarter against Massachusetts last week, scoring on a touchdown run from one yard out.

When sophomore signal caller Patton Robinette broke the plane for the team's first offensive score of the season, the Commodores quartet of quarterbacks had accumulated 302 passing yards over nine quarters of football.

South Carolina's Dylan Thompson passed for 366 yards in his first game this year.

When Vanderbilt has worked its freshman quarterbacks into the game, it hasn't been pretty. True freshman Wade Freebeck has had half of his attempted passes picked off, while redshirt freshman Johnny McCrary has thrown two interceptions on three attempts.

The Commodores' first-year head coach, Derek Mason, has seen something he likes in Freebeck, who, according to Mason, will split time at the position with Robinette against the Gamecocks Saturday.

"Teams are going to have to prepare for two quarterbacks," Mason said during his radio call-in show this week. "We believe Wade is going to get better as he continues to play ... Patton Robinette is our leader, but Wade Freebeck is going to play."

The inefficiency of Vanderbilt's offense must be music to the ears of South

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Carolina's defense, a unit that has been progressing slowly but surely this year.

After opening the season in historically bad fashion, doing little to slow down East Carolina's Shane Carden show, but then holding off Georgia to secure a victory, the Commodores are a T-bone steak on the plate of the Gamecocks, a team hungry to prove itself in the SEC.

"Our confidence is building day by day," sophomore linebacker Skai Moore said. "We came out here, and we're banging today, getting after it. So, we're ready for Vandy."

South Carolina scored four touchdowns before the Commodores had much time to react in last season's matchup. After that point, the Gamecocks were outscored 25-7 and were just able to hang on for a 35-25 victory.

In the team's last visit to Nashville, South Carolina opened its 2012 season with a 17-13 win — a victory head coach Steve Spurrier hasn't forgotten.

"Two years ago, we barely squeaked by them," Spurrier said. "Shoot, they could have easily beat us that day. We had some good fortune to beat those guys 17-13."

But that was a much different Vanderbilt team.

The team's leading passer and receiver from a year ago are now either in the NFL or have graduated. Perhaps the most important missing link from a year ago is head coach James Franklin, who filled the head coaching vacancy at Penn State in the offseason.

Franklin inherited a Vanderbilt team that went 2-10 in 2010, and pushed the team to back-to-back nine-win seasons in 2012 and 2013. The Commodores won both their bowl games those years, and earned a spot in the AP poll at the end of the season.

Spurrier and the Gamecocks will head into Saturday's game cautious, knowing the challenges that any SEC East opponent brings to the table.

"I think half his recruiting class followed him to Penn State," Spurrier said of Franklin's departure. "But they're not a whole lot different. Their players play hard, play smart. They challenge you." ◇

Weekend calendar

Sept. 19 - 21, 2014

FRIDAY

COLUMBIA GREEK FESTIVAL
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 1931 Sumter Street
Thu through Sat, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Free
This weekend marks the Columbia Greek Festival's 28th year bringing the culture to South Carolina. In addition to the great food, the event offers music, food and the opprotunity to experience traditional greek culture. Admission to the festival is free.

CAROLINA CLASSIC
Volleyball Competition Center
Fri, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Free with CarolinaCard
The South Carolina volleyball team hosts the Carolina Classic this weekend, starting off the competition with a Friday doubleheader against Norfolk State and Eastern Kentucky. The Gamecocks are an unbeaten 3-0 at home this season and look to continue that run throughout the tournament.

BIG SOMETHING / BYOG
New Brookland Tavern, 122 State Street
Fri, 8:30 p.m., $8
BIG Something, a Burling, N.C. based alt-rock band, will take the stage Friday night at the New Brookland Tavern. Fusion jam rock group BYOG from Charleston, S.C.will open for BIG Something.

STEPHENSILLER TUNNEL TO TOWERS 5K RUN & WALK
Music Farm Columbia, 1022 Senate Street
Fri, 7 p.m., $25
This Friday's race will honor U.S. military veterans, including USC Student and Medal of Honor recipient Kyle Carpenter. The post-race celebration will feature musician Hunter Hayes. Admission to the race requires a race bib.

SATURDAY

ANNUAL S.C. LGBT PRIDE PARADE
Main Street
Sat, 12 p.m., Free
September marks the South Carolina Pride Parade's 25th anniversary of the LGBT community marching strong in Columbia's downtown. Featuring celebrity guests Deborah Cox and Lorrie Morgan, the parade will kick off a day-long celebration, followed by a festival from 1 to 10 p.m.

ROSEWOOD ARTS FESTIVAL
Rockaways Athletic Club, 2719 Rosewood Drive
Sat, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Free
This weekend's arts festival will showcase over 100 South Carolina-based artists specializing in everything from woodworking to painting. The event is open to the public and will feature performances from the SC Philharmonic Orchestra, Tonya Tyner and more.

FALL FESTIVAL AND PICKIN' PARTY
South Carolina State Museum, 301 Gervais Street
Sat, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Free
This all-day festival hosted by the South Carolina State Museum aims to kick off the fall season for everyone in town. Live music, art exhibits, award-winning barbeque and a fierce cornhole tournament will take downtown Saturday. Everything at the festival, including admission and activities, is free, aside from the food and beer.

CAROLINA CLASSIC
Volleyball Competition Center
Sat, 3 p.m., Free with CarolinaCard
The Gamecocks will wrap up their Carolina Classic schedule Saturday afternoon with a match against the in-state rival Citadel Bulldogs. The contest is South Carolina's last before the start of SEC season the following weekend.

SUNDAY

CIVIL RIGHTS SUNDAYS
The Nickelodeon Theatre, 1607 Main Street
Sun, 2 p.m., $1
Civil Rights Sundays is a new series the Nickelodeon theatre started to celebrate the 50-year anniversary Columbia's partnership with the African-American Civil Rights Movement. This Sunday the Nickelodeon will screen "The New Black," a documentary reflecting on the gay and African-American communities uniting to fight for civil rights.

A DAY OF PEACE
Conundrum Music Hall, 626 Meeting Street
Sun, 5 p.m., Donation of $3 or more
In honor of the annual International Day of Peace, Conundrum Music Hall will host an event with music, songs, poetry and prayer. Proceeds will go to non-profit organization Pathways to Peace.

DOLLAR SUNDAY AT HISTORIC COLUMBIA
Robert Mills House, 1616 Blanding Street
Sun, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., $1 for Richland and Lexington County Residents
Historic Columbia offers guided tours of different historical house museums each Sunday afternoon. Walk-ins are welcome, and tours begin at the Robert Mills house gift shop. ◇

In **Columbia:** Physical Fun

Courtesy of City Yoga

Too much time in front of the television rots your brain and gives you lower back issues later in life. Why not make an investment in your body and give some of these active and healthy activities a try? Whether your goal is a sick ollie or spiritual enlightenment, we've got you covered.

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Earlewood Park Disc Golf

With 18 holes and two par fives, the disc golf course at Earlewood Park is perfect for disc golf enthusiasts and amateur frolfers alike. The course is well-maintained, wooded and spacious, perfect for a relaxed round of the world's most circular golfing sport. Whether you're a beginner or an expert, Earlewood Park has something for you.

Owens Field Skate Park

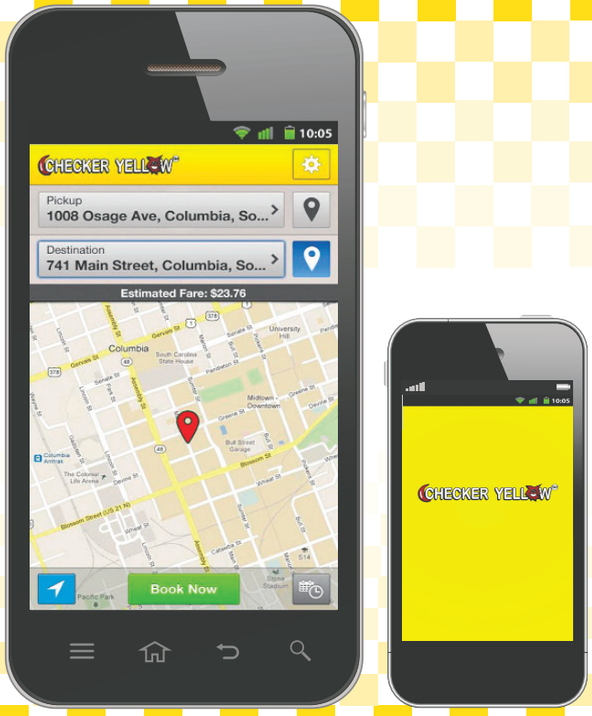
Skateboarding isn't just for the '90s — Owens Field Skate Park is the place to go if you want excitement on wheels. Whether it's their street-style rinks for skaters or their bowls for BMX riders, Owens Field is the perfect place to try out those sick tricks you've been working on. The skatepark is free, and they hold regular events, making it a one-stop destination for the skater.

City Yoga

Yoga is the ancient art of strengthening both the body and the spirit through meditative posing, and City Yoga is an excellent destination for finding your personal nirvana. They offer beginner classes, abs and back classes and the infamous hot yoga. In addition to their stacked class schedule, they focus on spiritual satisfaction and happiness, one of the core tenets of yoga.

Adventure Carolina Canoeing and Kayaking

Columbia has a river — wouldn't it be a waste not to use it? Canoeing and kayaking are some of the most exciting ways to ride down that beautiful blue, and Adventure Carolina has you covered for rentals. And they rent out all of the necessary gear to go with them, like lifejackets and helmets. If you want to go paddling bravely into the relatively modest rapids, Adventure Carolina has your back. ◇



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Gamecock Cuisine

Black Bean Co.

Fresh new restaurant strives to energize with quick, healthy dining options

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Black Bean Co. is a new arrival to the Vista foodscape with a novel approach. They call themselves an "Energy Food Restaurant," but what does that mean, exactly?

I sat down with Ellis Grossman, owner of Black Bean Co. and all around good guy to find out. As it is, the answer is simple: "energy food" keeps you running at maximum without wearing a hole in your wallet. When I asked how Black Bean began, Grossman's answer surprised me.

"When I was twenty-two, I worked at a Taco Bell," he said. (Grossman actually managed a string of the chain restaurants in and around South Carolina.)

"It was amazing to me that there weren't more healthy options that were fast and inexpensive," he said.

Enter: a health food drive-thru. Grossman took his know-how for fast food and farming and created a new business model around car-side health food.

Though the Gervais location doesn't feature a drive-thru window (you'll have to visit the James Island location for that), it's still a quick stop for people on the go. Or, if you're really in a pinch for time, you can order online and pick up in-store. They strive to serve every customer in under two minutes from order to table.

Grossman's goal with his food is to provide a complete nutritional package. Black Bean is big on portion control. Their aim is efficiency — they'll fill up your tank with high quality fuel. Everything served is prepared fresh daily. Grossman strives to ensure that all elements of an energizing meal are present in everything he makes. Take, for example, the Spring Street wrap (my personal favorite): chicken, turkey or tofu, topped with hummus, fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, homemade tzatziki sauce, sprouts and mixed greens. You want colors on your plate? You got 'em.

As he was showing me around the dining room, I noticed Grossman's shoes: dark brown Danskos with veggies painted across the toes. "These shoes have been all over the garden, in the kitchen, on the road," he said. "They've seen every part of the process."

And it really is quite a process.

In the beginning, Grossman grew all his own produce on Wadmalaw Island, south of Charleston. Now, Black Bean Co. is proud to say that 80 percent of its ingredients come from local farms. Grossman said he tried taking out-of-season items off the menu in order to keep the restaurant as local as he could, "but people just kept ordering."

In the end, he kept on items like the Strawberry Fields Salad, which uses berries from California. Now,

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Black Bean works with City Roots and Senn Brothers Produce to stock the Gervais location. Grossman's goal is to form a kind of "central house" from which other local restaurants can purchase produce in order to keep local farmers in business.

And for those of you who have your doubts about local food's tastiness — leave your worries at the door. There's nothing limited or bland about Black Bean's dishes. If anything, they're more varied than any menu I've seen around Columbia. For example, how many fast food places use watermelon radishes? That'd be none.

Grossman wants to feature "every ingredient in every bite" and let me tell you, he's done exactly that.

The Honey Turkey Bacon Club wrap is just as tasty as its name is long. Called a "Purge Energy Wrap" on the menu, the club features thinly sliced turkey, bits of turkey bacon, homegrown fresh tomatoes, crunchy sprouts, Black Bean's famous mixed greens, cheddar cheese shreds and homemade honey mustard. The sauce is light but sweet. And in between beautiful marbled slices of tomato are those crunchy bits of bacon that give the wrap a complex texture.

If you're craving something sweet to go with your meal, I recommend the homemade (notice the trend?) yogurt and granola. It's a cup of Greek yogurt with vanilla bean and local honey mixed in, topped with oats, dried cranberries and cherries, golden raisins and — I assure you — love. Grossman called it world famous, then grinned.

"Well, I shipped some to New Jersey once, and that's all it takes, I think," he said.

As I was eating, Grossman disappeared into the kitchen (also known as the Power Plant) only to emerge a few minutes later with a dust rag. He began to wipe down tables, push in chairs and converse with customers (who were, by that point, lined up out the front door). Grossman never stopped moving.

On my way out, I couldn't find him anywhere. I really wanted to let him know everything tasted great, but he was gone. Halfway through the parking lot, I looked up and there he was, pacing, on his phone, his white chef's coat bright in the sun. He raised a hand at me and I waved. No doubt, he was cooking up something else new. ◇

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If your internal monologue is getting a little dry and your friends from home have abandoned your group text, it might be time to reach out and make some friends. Here's how in six easy steps:

1. Put yourself out there

The best way to meet good friend candidates is by doing things you already like to do. Yes, this does mean possibly walking into a new environment by yourself, but you're probably not the only person traveling solo. Go to a new club and don't be afraid to talk to people — after all, you already have something in common. The same thing goes for your classes. Everyone in there is going through a similar experience, and you can use that as a conversation starter.

2. Identify your new buddy

Look around at people in your activies and classes. Be open and make sure you're talking to everyone around you. Don't judge people too early and take time to talk with a wide rage of people. Obviously, you will meet some people you don't click with, but at least that helps narrow down whom you want to be around.

3. Get to know them

Start asking questions. Don't get too personal too quickly, as you can come off a little creepy, but take an interest in their life and the things going on in it. If they tell you they love their English teacher, ask about how their essays are going.

4. Contact them

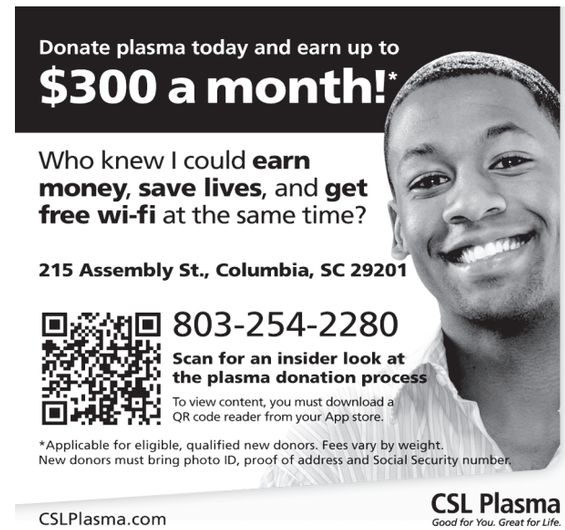
You may get into the pattern of talking to people only when you see them at weekly meetings or in class. Break out of that cycle by sending a text. It can be something silly like that you saw a movie you know they like on television.

5. Hang out with them

Engage in an outside activity. Go to an event or a movie or anything entertaining. Making memories with someone is a great way to solidify a friendship.

6. Be open with them

Communicate with them openly. Be honest and let them in on what you're feeling. Real friendships stem from trust, so trust your new friend and open up! ◇



Sounds *of the* Town

Grüzer charges into field

New doom metal supergroup of experienced musicians makes mark

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Courtesy of Susan Clayton

Doom metal band Grüzer was the band Jason Brown wanted all along — it just took him 15 years to realize.

After 15 years of friendship while they worked separately, the six band members were finally able to start playing at their full potential when they formed Grüzer nine months ago. As seasoned veterans in the music game, the six members weren't surprised when Grüzer's popularity skyrocketed in the local metal scene and beyond.

Making a name in the music community is a hard thing to do in just nine months, but for Brown, the success was a plan — it just took years of practice and dedication.

"We've all been wanting to [start a band] for a while. We know what we want to do and we know how we want to do it," said Brown. "This time, we're trying to do it the right way."

As they wait for their first official EP drop within the next couple of months, they're planning to continue doing what they they've gotten plenty of experience perfecting — performing.

From old school country music to sludge metal, their influences lay all across the musical spectrum. This diversity in musical backgrounds has given Grüzer depth to their sound, to the extent that the band identifies as metal some days and rock 'n' roll the next.

It's a different approach, but that's what helped them make their mark in such a short time.

"Some would call it metal music, some would call it rock 'n' roll music," Brown said. "I think that's what makes it cool — we can fit into so many different groups. We can play with so many different types of band and not stick out like a sore thumbs."

There's a long list of metal subgenres — black, sludge, thrash, etc. — but doom metal is what Grüzer calls home. They like their music "real slow and tuned low."

Most metal sub-genres fall under the same

Courtesy of Susan Clayton

umbrella despite their differences, but Brown said the fans don't. While the metal community is large as a whole, differing tastes create divides in the scene.

"There's a great scene [in Columbia], but there's lots of cliques within that scene," Brown said. "So, with this band we like to get everyone together and not be so cliquey."

To Brown, metal fans shouldn't focus on what makes them different; instead, they should look to what brought them together in the first place — their love for music.

This weekend, Grüzer will play alongside four diverse groups that will each bring something unique to New Brookland Tavern's stage Saturday night.

This weekend's bands vary from stoner rock to hardcore punk to doom metal, proving that shows like this one are what should bring the scene together, not pull it apart.

"It's gonna be great," Brown said. "We're just gonna blow the goddamn roof off the place." ◇

Destination: Culture

Five questions about Columbia's Cultural Passport answered

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Who:

You and One Columbia for Arts and History, an organization that works to promote public arts and the city's rich historical base. They're constantly connecting citizens to cultural events in and around Columbia. Basically, they're all about getting people out into the community.

What:

Their newest (and arguably most innovative) program to get citizens out and about taps into a well-known concept: the passport. But unlike the Department of State, One Columbia won't charge you for a book — the Cultural Passport is absolutely free. And if you're not into paper, you can download their app for iPhone.

When:

The program officially launched Sept. 18, 2014 at Gallery 80808. The program runs until next summer — plenty of time to collect stamps!

Where:

You can pick up a passport at the Rosewood Arts Festival, the Soda City Market on Main Street, or at the One Columbia office at 1219 Taylor Street weekdays between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

You can collect stamps in eight different categories — dance, history, literature, multicultural events, music, theatre and film, visual art and design and public art — at various events throughout the year. A list of these events can be found at One Columbia's website.

Courtesy of One Columbia

What's in it for me?

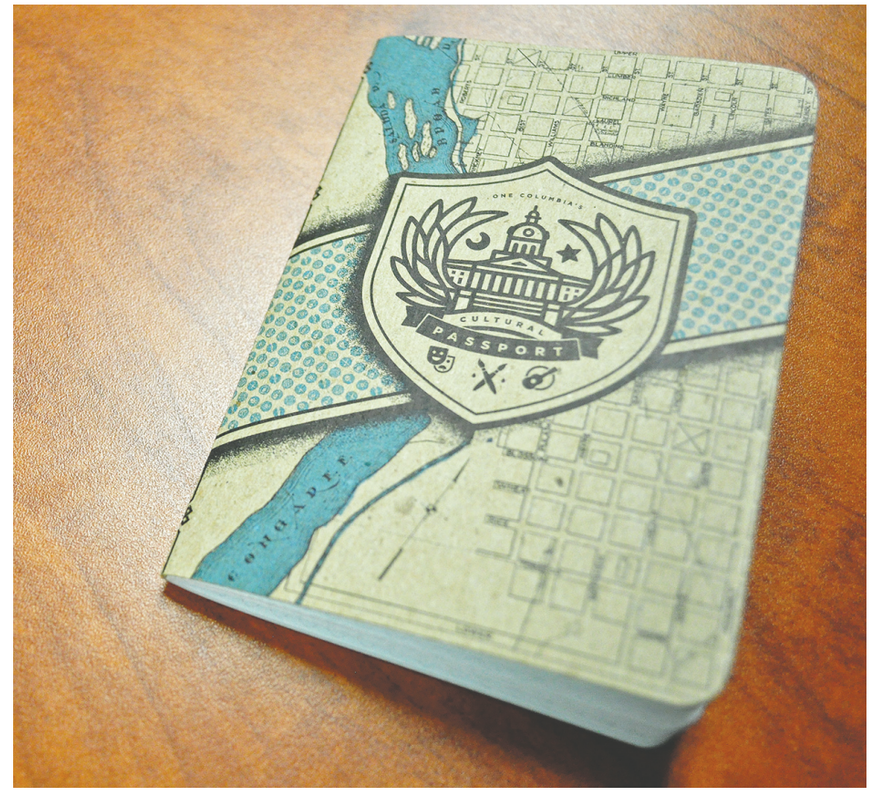
I'm so glad you asked. As you collect stamps across different categories, you reach different reward levels. The more events you attend, the larger your prize. And you can redeem your stamps at the One Columbia office (1219 Taylor Street).

Five stamps in two different disciplines — $5 voucher for a participating local restaurant

Ten stamps in four different disciplines — $10 voucher for a participating local restaurant

Fifteen stamps in six different disciplines — A cultural passport t-shirt

Twenty stamps across all eight different disciplines — Free passes to Columbia cultural events. ◇



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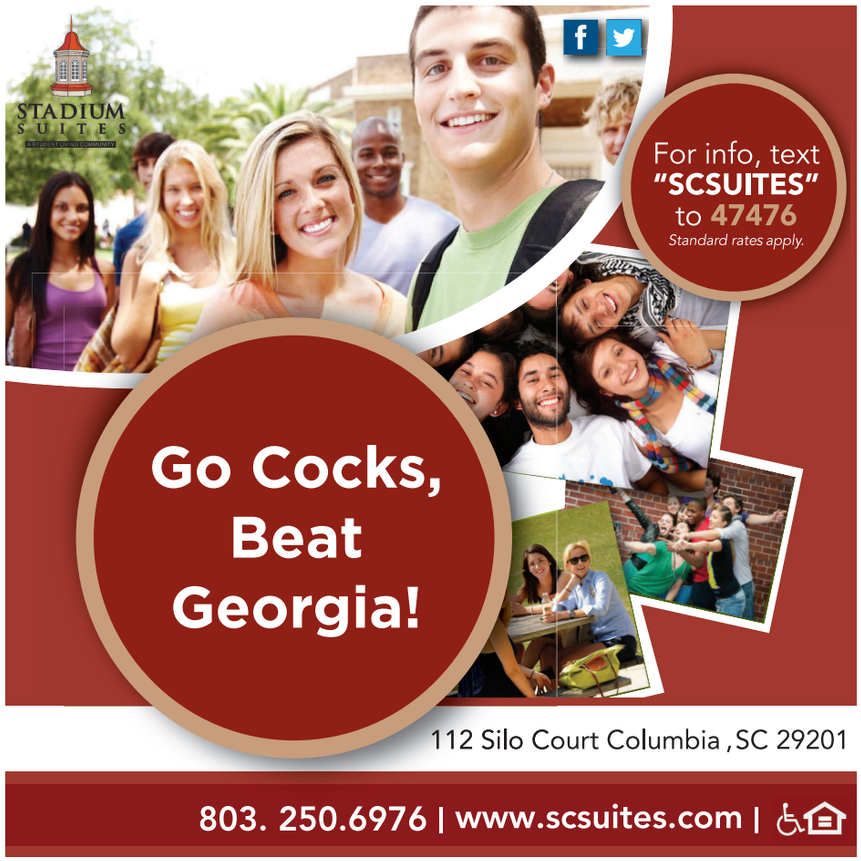

Cooper adds options to offense

South Carolina looks for statement win against Vanderbilt Saturday

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Before the season, South Carolina's offense was billed as the team's saving grace, slated to compensate for a patchwork defense and lead the Gamecocks to victory.

At times this year, the offense has done just that. But South Carolina hasn't managed to blow anybody out this season, and Saturday against Vanderbilt could be its chance to do just that.

"We didn't look too good when we were up there last time," redshirt senior quarterback Dylan Thompson said. "And we're trying to go up there and put on a good show."

There's no way to sugarcoat how the Commodores have looked through three games this season. They've been just plain bad.

Vanderbilt has allowed 109 points in its first three outings, good for 96th in the nation in total defense. And the Commodores' porous defensive unit could open the door for a breakout performance from any number of Gamecocks.

Thompson has quietly amassed the 16th-most passing yards in the country this year with 903, tacking on eight touchdowns in the process. But his eye-popping stats have been masked by the Gamecocks' tendency to take games down to the wire.

After the season-opening loss to Texas A&M and a relatively close battle with East Carolina, Thompson's critics came out of the woodworks to call for a change. The first-year starter sent many of those naysayers back from whence they came with a three-touchdown performance through the air last week against Georgia, but a statement win against Vanderbilt could propel Thompson back into the good graces of the fans completely.

Thompson could be primed a big night against Vanderbilt, but all signs point to South Carolina's part-time quarterback having a field day in Nashville.

Sophomore wide receiver Pharoh Cooper has seen action under center this year in the Gamecocks' version of the "wildcat" formation, all a part of a concerted effort to get the speedster the ball more often.

"He's an excellent runner with is, as we all know," head coach Steve Spurrier said. "We're still trying to find some ways to get the ball in his hands a little bit more."

With Cooper's combined rushing, receiving and returning stats, the all-purpose man has collected 150 yards total and two touchdowns this season.

"Pharoh's a good player. He can do a lot of things, and it's tough to do it at this level I think," Thompson said. "He could line up at quarterback, really at running back and then receiver too."

The South Carolina offense is filled with established position players. Thompson is the QB-1, Mike Davis and Brandon Wilds will share the load at running back and Shaq Roland, Nick Jones and Rory Anderson will catch the passes.

But Cooper brings a different element to the unit, and he could be exactly what South Carolina needs to turn in that elusive dominant performance against the Commodores.

And the way Thompson sees it, whichever way the Gamecocks manage to get the job done Saturday night, as long the scoreboard is tilted in South Carolina's favor in the end he'll be satisfied.

"If we've got the run the ball 60 times to win and I have 50 yards passing, and we win, I'm happy," he said. "At the end of the day we want to win the SEC East, and this is a big step towards doing that this week." ◇

AROUND THE SEC

Week four

Unranked opponents look to knock off conference elites

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Mississippi State at No. 8 LSU

For Dak Prescott and Mississippi State, this game means everything. It's a chance for a program-defining win that fans have been anxiously awaiting, which has nearly come to fruition more than once. And it's an opportunity for the Bulldogs to announce their presence in the most competitive division in college football and a chance to beat their rivals on their own turf for the first time since 1991. No pressure. There is a significant amount of trust in Prescott from players, coaches and fans alike that believe he's the one who could pull off an upset of this magnitude. So far the junior quarterback has accumulated 969 yards of total offense and 11 scores. He is also the Bulldogs' second-leading rusher. The LSU defense, which has been known to shut down duel-threat quarterbacks under head coach Les Miles, has posted two-consecutive shutouts for the first time since 1985, and has all the looks of another great unit for defensive coordinator John Chavis. For Mississippi State to have a chance in this game, Prescott must win the battle versus the LSU defense and keep plays alive with his legs.

Florida at No. 3 Alabama

When the Gators and the Crimson Tide take the field Saturday, no one will know what to expect. Which team will decide to show up for the Gators? Will it be the one that dismantled Eastern Michigan 65-0, putting up 655 yards in the process and looking like a completely dominant, well-rounded football team? Or will we see the one that limped out of the Swamp last week against Kentucky after surviving a 36-30 triple overtime thriller? The same goes for Alabama: Will the Tide prove that they're out to compete for an SEC title and take care of business against the Gators? Or will they revert back to their opening game form, a four-quarter struggle against an unranked team from the Big 12? Quarterback Blake Sims for Alabama will have a lot of say in the matter as he looks to earn his first big SEC win as the Crimson Tide's starter. So far this season, Sims has thrown for 646 yards and four touchdowns with a QBR of 89.6. The Tide looks to earn their record 23rd-consecutive victory in an SEC opener, while the Gators look to prove their relevance in this year's race. ◇

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Defense looks to perform against Vanderbilt

Commodores to use 2-quarterback attack against South Carolina

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Three games into the season, South Carolina's defense has yet to put together a dominating performance for an entire 60 minutes.

Saturday's matchup against Vanderbilt, a team that has been pedestrian on offense thus far, may be the contest in which the Gamecock defense takes control.

"It's good to take baby steps in the right direction, but we need to take a leap," secondary coach Grady Brown said. "We need to play well and put something on tape, get ready to move forward and just play consistent."

The Gamecocks have looked slightly better on defense each week, most recently coming up huge several times against a Todd Gurley-led Georgia offense.

It's hard to say the Gamecocks contained Gurley and a stacked Georgia backfield after the Bulldogs' star gained 131 of the team's 217 rushing yards. Rather, the defense made a few plays in the passing game that propelled South Carolina to a victory that included a forced intentional grounding penalty and redshirt sophomore Gerald Dixon's deflection that forced a field goal attempt during Georgia's last offensive possession.

Head coach Steve Spurrier said before going against the Bulldogs, the Gamecock defense needs to get off the field on third down, and he continued to push the point after the game.

In terms of percentage, it was the best performance yet for South Carolina on third down, allowing the Bulldogs to convert on just five of 12 opportunities.

However, there were still major lapses in crucial moments — most notably a third-and-16 at the end of the third quarter, when the Gamecocks were trying to keep Georgia at a distance. Gurley looked like he would be stopped initially, then reversed field to pull off an improbable 17-yard gain, proving that the defense still has plenty of room for improvement.

South Carolina is a heavy favorite against Vanderbilt and cannot let those same plays happen if it wants to prevent the Commodores from hanging around in the game.

Vanderbilt is averaging a less-than-mediocre 14.7 points per game. The Commodores managed one touchdown in a 37-7 loss against Temple, but it came on the defensive end. It wasn't until the third game against Massachusetts where Vanderbilt finally scored its first offensive touchdown.

The Commodores' situation at quarterback is a bit of a mess. Sophomore Patton Robinette is slated to start, but there has been talk all week of Vanderbilt using a two quarterback system on Saturday.

The uncertainty at Vanderbilt's quarterback position may benefit a young Gamecock secondary, but Brown is not having his players focus on who will be under center.

"Honestly, with where we are as a secondary, I'm not sure we can be overly concerned with who's playing at quarterback," Brown said. "We need to be concerned about taking care of our assignments."

The Gamecocks are last in the SEC in rushing defense, allowing 518 yards through three games on 5.3 yards per carry. Vanderbilt's Ralph Webb will look to add more damage as he leads the Commodores with 281 yards on 58 carries. South Carolina defensive line coach Deke Adams said the main point of emphasis for his line is stopping the run — then they'll worry about getting to the quarterback.

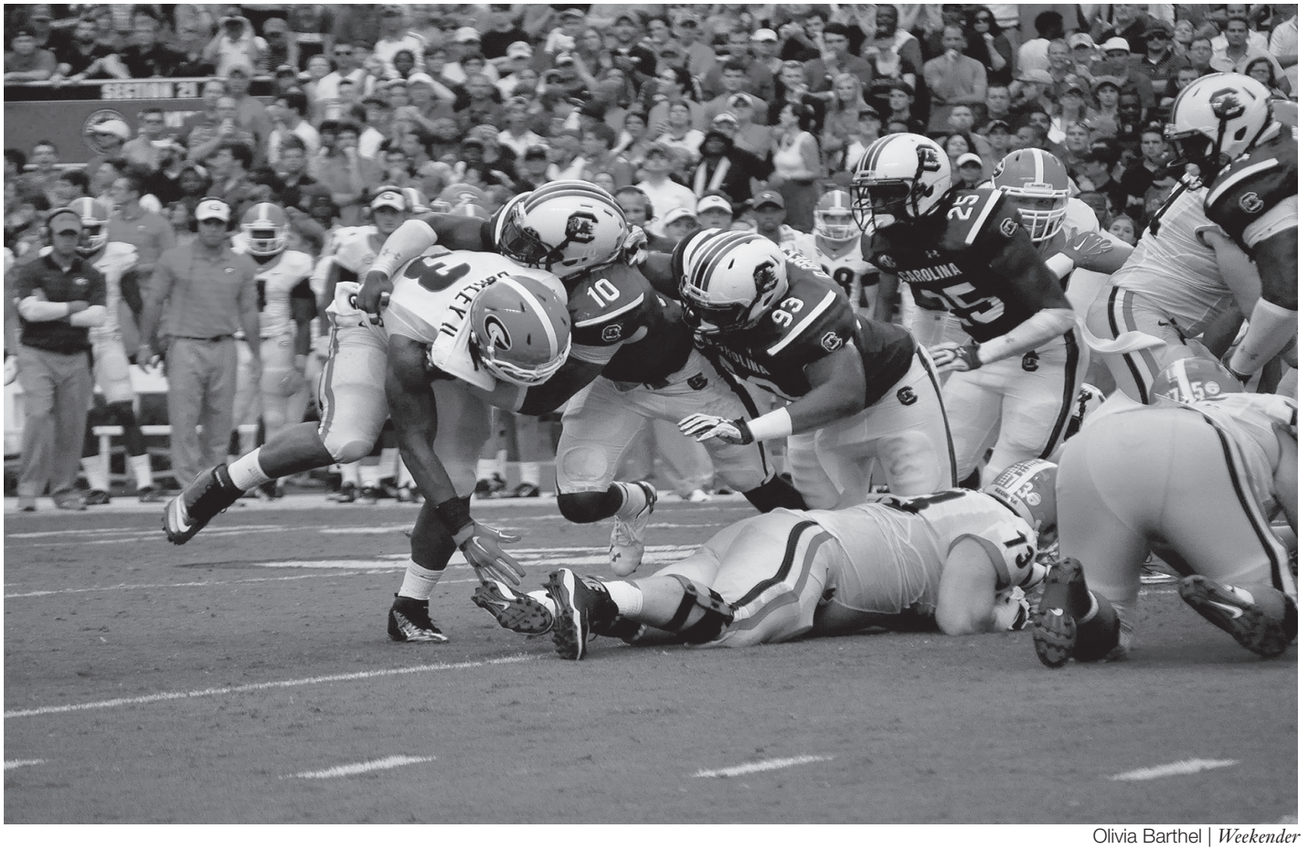
Sophomore linebacker Skai Moore seems to be the player that is keeping those rush defense statistics from being worse. Moore did not seem phased by tackling Gurley.

"I'm pretty confident in my ability to make tackles on anybody and bring down whoever I go against," Moore said.

Moore made comments on the secondary's progression, including young players like freshman Al Harris Jr and redshirt sophomore Rico McWilliams at cornerback, saying it takes time to get comfortable, but that both of them are starting to get the hang of it.

Dixon felt similarly to Moore about the youth in the defensive backfield.

"We knew we had young defensive backs when we first started so we knew we were going to have to start slowly," Dixon said. "But, I feel like we grew to a stronger team after we took a loss the first week." ◇



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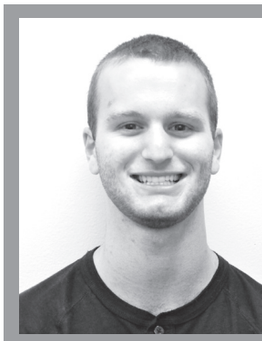

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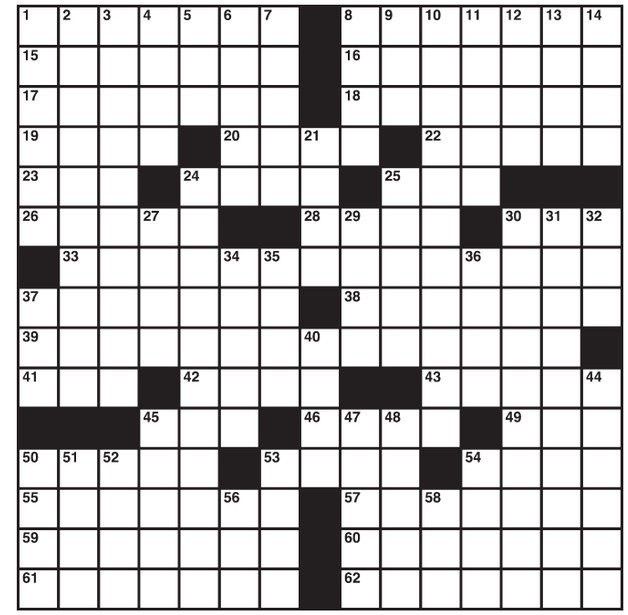

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23 Blue Note's parent co.
24 Diddly
25 BYU, e.g.
26 What gets Obama started?
28 Reaction at the gas pump
30 Juillet is in it
33 Ancient inhabitant of Western Europe
37 Cite
38 Diddly
39 1997 Spacey/Crowe movie
41 Around-the-world journalist
42 __ country
43 Pelé's given name
45 Like many dicts.
46 Naturalist on California's state quarter
49 Sold-out letters
50 Thrifty rival
53 Red states?: Abbr.
54 Sylvia of jazz
55 Tommy's forte
57 Follower of the Bushido code
59 Western port named for a fur tycoon
60 Trendy
61 Time to relax
62 Crowd annoyance

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2 Youngest Oscar winner
3 Relevance
4 Old Testament twin
5 Org. that added "Explosives" to its name in 2003
6 Center of the Minoan civilization
7 Large sea duck
8 Meet deal
9 Young beaver
10 Hot air
11 __ law
12 Some seaside retreats
13 Spanakopita need
14 Inbox, sometimes
21 Early alcázar castle resident
24 Variance issuer, often
25 "Bei Mir Bist Du __": 1930s song
27 Enemy of un ratón
29 "The Best of the Alternative Press" magazine, familiarly
30 International Washington neighborhood
31 Custom
32 Tolkien creature
34 Help with
35 Chisholm Trail city
36 Installed, as brick
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40 Mil. honors
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47 Latin bears
48 "That __": signoff
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