The South Carolina defense has taken massive strides in the team’s first season under Will Muschamp, as the Gamecocks have yet to allow more than 28 points in a game this year after giving up an average of 27.5 in 2015.

The personnel is largely the same, and Muschamp wasn’t too high on his secondary coming into the season, though the defensive backs have been a massive part of the team’s success. So what’s been different?

If you ask the new head coach, the answer is simple.

“Going into the year, we needed to play really good on third down. We’ve been average on third down,” Muschamp said. “We needed to play really good in the red zone. We’ve played outstanding red zone defense, and we’ve gotten turnovers.”

The Gamecocks have been fairly average on third down, ranking No. 73 in the nation coming into Saturday, allowing a 39.8 percent conversion rate.

However, the Gamecocks have excelled in Muschamp’s other two key areas, yielding no points on 10 of 13 opponent red zone trips and forcing 20 turnovers this season.

The rejuvenated pass rush has played a big part in the turnovers, as the Gamecocks have amassed 20 sacks in 2016, matching their 2015 total and well surpassing 2014’s mark of 14.

The improved defensive productivity has allowed the Gamecocks’ knack for recovering turnovers to improve defensive productivity.
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- Underclassmen Summer Opportunities Session 4 p.m. in DeSaussure 228A
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- Flu Clinic 10 a.m. on Davis Field II
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November 8
- No classes for Election Day

Over 100 wild hogs killed at national park in population control efforts

Federal trappers have killed more than 100 wild hogs at Congaree National Park in the past year, The State reports. The new program in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture aims to keep pigs from bothering visitors and eradicating rare plants at the park after years of struggling with a growing population. The hogs are mainly caught by trappers with enclosures and then shot and disposed of.

— Compiled by Brittany Franceschina, Senior News Writer

Write-in school board candidate campaigns against incumbent

A former Lexington-Richland District 5 School Board member has mounted a write-in campaign in an attempt to win a spot on the school board, WIS reports. The incumbent school board member, Robert Gantt, is seeking a fifth re-election and is the only one running who is on the ballot. Last month, Kim Murphy was removed from ballots because of disputes about her residency.

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Marine recruit dies at Parris Island

According to officials, a Marine recruit at Parris Island died Friday, WIS reports. This is the second recruit fatality at Parris Island this year and occurred only a week after a different recruit was injured there. A statement from Capt. Greg Carroll reports the recruit was found unconscious in his bed, while the recruit who fell two stories inside a building last week remains in critical condition.

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Thompson said that while she was pregnant with her son, she had a yoga class at USC as well as two summer classes on the top floor of the mathematics building. It was hot, and she was exhausted and hormonal, she said, but her instructors were nice and even sent her gifts since they could not attend a baby shower. Thompson’s teachers at USC were graduate student Jaree Hudson for math, Angela Still for yoga, lecturer Stephen Slice for economics and Shannon McCatchen, Darla Moore School of Business faculty advisor, for accounting.

“So, I’ve actually run into a lot more of really kind, accepting teachers than just [Ryan] ... It made it a lot easier to be happy and excited about it,” Thompson said of juggling school work and childcare. “It’s very easy to be fearful that everything’s going to stop and change, and so I kind of decided that I was going to be positive about it no matter what.”

The in-class reactions to little Isaiah were positive. Thompson is one of only two women in her math class, and while she thinks the class might have been “shocked” at first, they were ultimately pleased with the baby’s presence. “He wasn’t stinky and annoying and loud like everyone would imagine,” Thompson said. “It was sweet and cute. He just slept the whole time.”

Thompson has brought baby Magiacomo to class several times since that day and even said the people ask where he is when she doesn’t bring him.

“When Thompson brings her son to class, Ryan allows everyone to ‘get out their ‘oohs’ and ‘ahhs’ before class begins. ‘I’ll put him in, like, Star Wars-themed stuff and my class is super nerdy so we love that,’ Thompson said. ‘And we’ll kind of get it all out and talk about how cute he is, and then we’ll get to the math right after that.’”

Thompson says that her son is well-behaved and very “engaged,” and she thinks he’s going to be smart. She also said that after she’d posted a photo of Ryan holding Isaiah in class, the expected people to like it and respond to it, but did not expect it to go viral. She called Ryan and asked if she needed to take it down — she was not even supposed to have her phone out — but Ryan said people had already called her about it and that she did not mind.

What stuck with Thompson in her situation was how supportive and accepting people were. She said she would never forget how kind her instructors had been to her.
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Atmosphere
If you step off the curb in front of The Horseshoe and walk about 100 steps, you'll see a little two-story house that has been converted into a coffee shop called Cool Beans Coffee Co. The place is always buzzing with people doing their own thing, with the smell of coffee filling every corner.

The coffee shop is currently owned by Kitty Mirsaidov, a 2000 graduate of the Darla Moore School of Business, who tries to make Cool Beans feel like a home away from home. Residents can come relax and enjoy.

“Hey people to feel like the world is out there,” Mirsaidov said, “and they come into Cool Beans and it’s a different world, and we just want people to feel like they’re coming home.”

When you walk in, you’ll have to go up the stairs to order yourself a drink, but there will be plenty of arts to look at on your way. Some of the pieces are even for sale. If you just want some food or a place to brew, you simply order at the counter/donut shop and cozy up in one of the chairs in the main room.

Amrit Patel, a second-year global supply chain operations management and finance student, said he really liked the vibe, mentioning, “The music is nothing too exciting, but it definitely keeps me focused, so I really enjoy that.”

Amit Patel, a fourth-year African-American studies and media arts student, commented on the vibe saying, “It’s so chill, it’s like indie coffee shop except everyone comes here. It’s unanimously quiet, but also busy.”

Byrd, however, also mentioned that the shop is where it’s the least busy, which is a rarity in the constant hustle and bustle of Cool Beans.

Coffee, Drinks, Etc.
If you’re not a fancy coffee junkie and like good food, Cool Beans is the place for you. Not every cup of coffee is made perfectly proportioned, and often times you can find ground at the bottom of your cup, but seasonal drinks and flavored drinks of any kind are pretty good.

The food also tastes wonderful and doesn’t break the bank. The breakfast bowl is a “prototype” for the channel. Trump himself denied a “prototype” for the channel. Trump himself denied

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Review

‘Doctor Strange’ presents exciting new visuals, interesting storyline

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“Doctor Strange”

Release Date: Nov 4
Director: Scott Derrickson
Production Company: Marvel Studios
Duration: 115 minutes

Benedict Cumberbatch plays Stephen Strange in Marvel’s newest film.

At this point it’s really no question whether or not a Marvel movie will be good, but how good it will be. “Doctor Strange,” the 14th film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, is the first origin movie from Marvel since 2015’s “Ant-Man.” Although it still sticks close to the basic Marvel “formula,” it is certainly a different cinematic spectacle than you’ve seen before.

Many will argue that the central protagonist, Benedict Cumberbatch, who plays Stephen Strange, is too similar to Robert Downey Jr.’s portrayal of Tony Stark in “Iron Man.” It is true that they share some characteristics, but this may be on purpose since Downey’s last movie is rumored to be “Infinity War,” and they might be setting up a replacement for his beloved character.

One thing that cannot be argued is how well Cumberbatch plays Strange, whose arrogance is shared with another character played by Cumberbatch, Sherlock Holmes. The supporting cast does a pretty good job bringing personality to the mystical world that the audience is eventually dropped into. Unfortunately, Mads Mikkelsen, who plays Kaecilius, is just another on a list of talented actors that make for unremarkable and underdeveloped villains in Marvel movies.

Moving into the negative aspects of the movie, I think it is pretty clear that the pacing for this movie is just a bit off. The first act does a good job at introducing Strange’s personality and characteristics, while Act II focuses on the education and accumulation of his mystical powers.

Unfortunately, a rather large portion of time is taken out of the movie, as it becomes unclear just how long Strange has been away. The other part of the problem is that once Act III starts, it is practically nonstop. It’s quite a bit of fun, but I caught myself wondering if it was already at the conclusion because it seemed to run together after Strange gains his abilities.

The other issue was the forced levity that intruded upon very good scenes. This might be subjective, but I believe Marvel has caged itself into always having funny one-liners of dialogue, environmental gags.

In the case of “Doctor Strange,” the humor occasionally feels oddly out of place. After the third gag with The Cloak of Levitation, you’ll know what I mean. It’s undoubtedly funny, but also makes any sort of gravity of the situation or danger practically nonexistent. I’ll end on what is arguably the best thing about the movie. First, you should know that “Doctor Strange” comics were very popular in the 1960s with hippies. As the American youth became more interested in Eastern mysticism, the colorful and philosophical world of “Doctor Strange” spoke to them. The visuals in this film will make you feel just like they did when they first jumped into the psychedelic comic pages.

When Strange first learns of magic, the film takes you with him on his journey, and it’s hard not to be awe of the weirdness on screen. When Strange learns to cast spells and bond reality, the cinematography is kicked up another level, and the ensuing madness is unlike anything you’ve seen on screen before.

It’s incredible that a movie about Strange came out, but this is another example of the brave new world that we are all part of when it comes to superhero movies. Unfortunately, the film is marred with pacing that is common with origin stories as well as a number of jokes that didn’t match the tone.

Yet, by and large, “Doctor Strange” is an entertaining and deeply philosophical movie if examined deeply enough. If you’re a Marvel fan, you’re already going to see this movie. However, if you are curious about what sort of spectacle could be put on, or if you are just interested in the cast, “Doctor Strange” should not disappoint. “Doctor Strange” comics are filled with vivid colors and action brought to life by the cast and creative team.

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Prepare to launch a personal project. Friends help you see further. Share and enjoy these into your game. Turn objections into agreement through gentle persuasion.

**Leo**

Listen to your partner’s suggestions. They see something that you don’t. Get persuaded to a new view, and share. It might reveal what you’re learning. It could get romantic.

**Virgo**

Nurture your health with good food, exercise and rest. There’s plenty of work, and it will go easier after recharging batteries. Trust your own good sense.

**Libra**

Slow down and enjoy the view. Avoid mistakes by classifying instructions. Take a break, and go play. Celebrate and have fun with people you love.

**Scorpio**

Pay attention to household matters. Clean, organize and beautify your space. Rediscover something of value you had in a “safe place.” Enjoy family time.

**Sagittarius**

Take charge of a project. Communication unclogs doors that seemed permanently stuck. Talk with your team. Listen and put in corrections. Remain open to new ideas.

**Capricorn**

Get cooking, and make something for your family. Your past work speaks well for you. Use the grapevine to find connections. Positive personalities. Pay bills with bills.

**Aquarius**

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**Pisces**

You’ve been under pressure with deadlines yet. Decrease stress with rest, loving pets, peace and exercise. Envision your plan.
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Ryan Lawson

The South Carolina basketball team made a few halftime adjustments to pull away from Newberry in a 105-89 exhibition win over the Wolves. The Gamecocks faced full court pressure from Newberry the whole game. Newberry benefitted from South Carolina's sloppy play early in the game, capitalizing on turnovers to score 36 points in the first half. The Wolves were constantly rotating multiple times after five-man substitutions, giving five guards on the floor the entire game. Newberry caused problems for South Carolina in transition. The Gamecocks were playing with two big men. A second half surge by the Gamecocks allowed them to pull away and carry a substantial lead after the break. South Carolina cracked its defense early in the second half and scored the half on a 29-13 run. The Gamecocks controlled the game from there, evening it up 18.

Thornwell leads the way

South Carolina's A'ja Wilson was the best player on the court against Newberry. Thornwell had game-highs in points, rebounds, assists and blocks with a line of 14-14-9-5. He was a constant for the Gamecocks offense, constantly finding points whenever a drought was looming. Head coach Frank Martin was quick to praise the senior.

"Sidinour is a heck of a player," Martin said. "Sidinour is an indiscernible leader. Sin does more coaching on the court than I do, and that's a credit to him." Halftime adjustment

The Gamecocks made an adjustment on the offensive side of the court. Halftime allowed them to build a big lead. More patience on offense allowed South Carolina to pull away.

"Our offense, we had guys trying to dribble in double teams, we turned it over and then we were shooting three from the front, that's all that we want you to do," Martin said.

"As halftime, I said, 'Guys, keep the ball in the basket and throw it to the basket and then the ball.' They've got a bunch of little guys, throw it to him. Get some easier looks for everybody. Run some offense," he said.

The adjustment worked out well. More players grew into the game, and improved ball movement created better scoring opportunities. Sophomore guard Jordan Dister benefitted the most from the change of play, scoring 15 of his 17 points in the second half.

Mixed performance on defense

South Carolina gave up 89 points to Newberry. The Wolves shot the ball well from the three-point line with 18 made shots. Because of their lack of size, they only hit 15 shots from inside the arc. South Carolina had energy on the floor and contested most of the Wolves' shots, but because of their lack of size, it allowed them to drive for easy shots.

"We have to do a better job of guarding the ball and taking care of the ball, drive it from you five places," Martin said. "And the way he subbed, it's not the same guy driving you. It's a new guy every single time."

South Carolina did manage to dominate the fast break, out-rebounding Newberry 22-13. The Gamecocks also managed to stay in transition for the full game, sending the Wolves to the line for seven free throws.

Next up

The Gamecocks open the regular season Friday night at 6:30 p.m. when they host Louisiana Tech.
Missouri's final drive, as the Gamecocks were up straight game. Chris Lammons, who was ejected for the second been depleted. in the last two games as his defensive backfield has in coverage when necessary, a strategy he has used play gives Muschamp the ability to drop eight.

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Path to SEC title remains intact for Gamecocks

Saban is the sole survivor of that group. His domination extends beyond the scoreboard. Saban has not encountered his rival, he has replaced them. Jim McElwain took over at Florida in 2015, but before leading the Gamecocks to a second last season, he served as Saban's offensive coordinator and quarterback coach.

Two more recent hiring his South Carolina's Will Muschamp and Georgia's Kirby Smart were also Saban's understudies. So instead of an oligarchy, we are now experiencing a state of the league's power is concentrated in a single family, with Muschamp, Smart and McElwain functioning as part of a phalanx of leading underclassmen to Saban. All have graced him with their all-conference and the Crimson Tide are currently riding a 21- 

Playing this game at Neyland Stadium will benefit Tennessee greatly, as Kentucky hasn't excelled outside of Lexington this season, getting blown out in back-to-back losses, and LSU will likely be favored to win this one.

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Missouri is likely the SEC's worst team, and the Tigers will have to travel to Knoxville, so the chance of a loss seems relatively slim. This is still the least likely of all the necessary pieces, but Vanderbilt could conceivably knock off Tennessee. There's no doubt the Vols are more talented, but they likely won't have anything to play for at this point in the season. On the other hand, the Commodores look to have the most to prove.

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