Quarterback battle highlights Spring Game

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South Carolina closed the book on an intriguing and transitional spring with the annual Garnet and Black Spring Game Saturday, in which the Black team won 10-8 in front of 22,580 spectators at Williams-Brice Stadium.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Michael Scarnecchia tossed the game-winning touchdown pass to redshirt freshman Terry Googer with 26 seconds left.

Starting anew after a 7-6 2014 season, South Carolina is in the process of replacing former starting quarterback Dylan Thompson and facing a new defense under now co-defensive coordinator Jon Hoke.

Saturday’s game served as an opportunity for several Gamecocks to make a statement as South Carolina continues to search for players to step up on both sides of the ball.

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Police investigate shooting after wounded man found in Bi-Lo parking lot

A 10-year-old Elgin man has been arrested and charged with felony DUI following the death of a Columbia woman in a three-car accident Saturday afternoon, according to The State.

Arthur Ross Torres fled the scene following the collision, according to the Columbia Police Department. Torres initially rear-ended a car which then hit a third car being driven by Roxina Howell Mack.

Mack, 61, of Columbia died due to blunt force trauma caused by the accident, according to Richland County Corner Gary Waters. Torres has since been charged with felony DUI involving death, habitual offender: third offense, hit and run involving death, habitual offender: first offense, hit and run attended vehicle, second offense.

COLUMBIA: 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Police are looking for answers in regards to a man who was shot in the parking lot of Bi-Lo on the 900 block of Two Notch Road on Saturday, WLTX reported.

According to Sargent Kevin Lawrence of the Richland County Sheriff's Department, a man was found with a gunshot wound at the Bi-Lo. Police, however, believe the man was shot somewhere in the vicinity of the 1900 block of Woodfield Drive, rather than outside the supermarket.

The victim was transported to the hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries. Police believe there is some form of relationship between the shooter and victim.

— James Stewart, Assistant News Editor

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Equal Pay Day," is sponsored by USC’s Career Center and “You can afford to Study Abroad” on Thursday is sponsored by the Study Abroad office. All the events offered throughout the week are free and open to students. On top of the week of learning about financial literacy, SSC also provides one-on-one consultations to students on a regular basis through their Financial Literacy program. The consultations deal with topics such as money management, building and managing credit, debit management, financial planning for study abroad, student loan and repayment education and moving off-campus issues.

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Several emojis are now available in various skin tones.

The moment we've been waiting for is finally here. Racial diversity has been introduced to the Emoji keyboard.

That's right, folks — your beloved Emojis now have access to five additional skin tones. While we can't change the original faces (the smiley and kissy faces are still the default yellow), the hand gestures, the family members and even the bikers, dancers and swimmers can be a range of different hair and skin colors.

(Head over to Settings > General > Software Update) to upgrade your Emoji keyboard.

By simply holding your finger over one of the changeable faces, you can access all of your emojis without any separate keyboard.

After clicking your choice, that face becomes the default in case you'd like to use it again.

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It's not like these faces will ever look exactly like you or your friends — after all, they're just emoticons, minuscule and over-exaggerated facial expressions. But it's nice to see that Apple is trying to be more inclusive.

We still have the man with a turban, the Japanese construction worker, and the man wearing the Gua Pi Mao hat. But now you can change their skin tone. The keyboard also features new family demographics (parents can be hetero- or homosexual, and there can be one or two children, boys or girls) and several rows of international flags. The company even rearranged the promotional items on the objects and symbols section — the desktop Mac screen, the updated iPhone and even an Apple Watch Emoji have been added.

Aside from these additions, the update includes a new layout for the user. There are now five rows of Emojis available at once, and you can scroll through the entire Emoji keyboard without having to click through the sections listed at the bottom. It's easier to see and more organized.

Apple has clearly taken this upgrade above and beyond, and it's almost scary to think what they'll think of next. Emojis aren't as popular as they were a few years ago, but it's nice to see that Apple is trying to be more inclusive. We definitely lead the way.

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### Female-led bands shine under the radar

Over the last few years, the music scene has blown up with a number of female-fronted acts.

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In an industry that often bends more towards accessibility rather than experimentation, it’s amazing to see that women are getting equally represented on the more experimental side of pop music. Though these female-fronted acts are certainly an example of this recent revolution in the music scene.

FKA twigs may know her as that girl who’s dating Robert Pattinson, but she’s so much more than that. Tahliah Barnett, or Formerly Known As twigs, is a vocal artist based out of the United Kingdom. At the tail end of August, Barnett released her full length LP. Barnett has done previous work with artists such as Beyoncé and Jessie J and released her own EP “EP 2” in 2013. FKA twigs blends R&B infused electronica instrumentation with synth loops, ukulele on the spot, and her own percussive vocals. While her discography doesn’t have too many “upbeat bangers,” FKA twigs is a refreshing face in the realm of more experimental pop. Tracks to listen to are “Papa Was a Rollin’,” “Lights On,” “True Blue,” “Moth,” “See,” “Water Fountain,” “Two Weeks,” and “P促销.”

“An Evening of One Acts” delights casual audiences

When picturing an opera, one would expect soft focus, a sophisticated setting and a formally dressed audience.

However, when entering the School of Music recital hall to watch “An Evening of One Acts,” spectators experience something completely different.

Before the performance even began, performers were talking, laughing and warming up right there in stage. They were unpacking boxes of props, reading costume and moving benches and tables from one side of the stage to the other.

Students were dressed in comfortable clothing, as was the audience.

Ellen Douglas Schlafcer, the director of opera studies, said the opera program began performing one-act operas, like “Firebird Motel” and “At the Boat’s Head” when she first came to the program in 2004.

She says they have done one-act play almost every year since then.

“One of the things I wanted to do when I came here was put an emphasis on American music and American one-act actors,” Schlafcer said. “But our director program has grown substantially since then and we haven’t been able to stay away from that.”

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The unrecorded stage directions included props being constantly moved, stacked and traded without stumbling or running in to each other. It looked as if everything were rehearsed move-by-move.

Second-year Lawrence Long said that was because most of the performers have worked together before and some of them even hang out outside of the operas.

“We’re a big family at Opera at USC,” Long said. “We have a great director, and the school of music is a great community, and we all just love each other. We’re just a giant family here.”

Many of the performers credited their great performance to Schlaefer, but she believes the credit should go to them.

“We’re a team,” Schlaefer said. “The energy is terrific, and we understand that what we do is collaborative and that all the parts have to work together. They are energetic, wonderful, talented, young people that are invested far beyond the performance aspect.

“They are kind to credit me, but I am not the one up on that stage.”

Sylvan Esso is a collaborative project between vocalist Amelia Meath and producer Nick Sanborn. Sylvan Esso is heavily electronic, this electropop duo pairs slow, soothing melodies with echoey, looped effects. The juxtaposition of Sanborn’s rougher, distinct beats to Meath’s almost angelic vocals make for such a synchronized combination. Tracks to listen to “H.S.K.T,” “Coffin” and “Play It Right.”

The Sylvan Esso duo combines the vocals of Amelia Meath and Nick Sanborn’s beats.
Diverse emojis beneficial

In the wake of a recent student conduct incident, President Pastides has issued a call for unity in the “Carolina family” to “reflect on our values and tell the world what we believe.” Mr. Pastides, I have a different conclusion.

The idea of the “Carolina family” shares no meaningful values. The university is an artificial construct of a unified system of beliefs. Every student who graduates and leaves Carolina after the fragmented curriculum and the Carolinian Creed itself.

The university has abandoned the link of education and virtue. What was once a unified curriculum oriented toward the permanent, higher things through a study of philosophy, ancient languages and the literature and history of antiquity has dissolved into a collection of specialized fields tacked loosely together by the “Carolina Cores,” which builds down the age-old subjects that have composed the liberal arts curriculum to categories such as “Global Citizenship and Multicultural,” and so on. A phrase as “Effective, Engaged and Persuasive Communication.”

Atypical public institution of higher learning, the university would have more appropriately been deemed a “multiverse” in which the unity of the liberal arts has been largely abandoned. It is a world in favor of utilitarian training. This makes its motto quite ironic when it states “In virtue to its students, it does not longer permit the pursuit. Instead it trains them how to achieve a manageable sporty venue, yet it grants Bachelor of Arts degrees to students who know nothing of having an ethical pact — is hollow as a result. It will not change the university no longer makes an ethical pact — is hollow as a result. 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Professional obstacles and Persistent efforts eventually get through. Read the manual. Take frequent nature breaks to recharge your spirit. Advise a responsible person to keep at it. Listen and learn. An older person sends love.

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Take it easy ... slow and steady wins the race. Consider potential problems before acting. Plan, and then revise to include forgotten resources. Logical problems can be solved. Avoid provoking jealousy. Keep your word and give respect.

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Keep practicing. Get to breakthroughs by breaking down. Fail and then show up. Love ones are there for you. Follow through, even if you don’t feel like it. Get expert assistance and coaching. Remember the rules. Scorpion.

**Sagittarius**  
Practice healthy diet and exercise routines. Engage in an open conversation. Clean up your core values and knowledge. Commitment to the budget.

**Capricorn**  
Delays could stall your progress. Forward progress is possible. Write intimate secrets and consider sharing them.

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**Sandstorm**  
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South Carolina finished up spring practice in the second round of the annual Garnet and Black game. The spring game was the Gamecocks’ sixth closest to the start of the 2015 season, and in the opinion of the Gamecocks, it will have several questions to answer.

One concept is the departure of the starting quarterback. Pharoh Cooper, South Carolina’s top two receivers and rushing leader, is no longer at the position, so head coach Steve Spurrier will need to find players to step up in order for the Gamecocks to perform at a high level on offense.

A guy who could potentially rise to that occasion and become a valuable complement to Cooper is redshirt freshman Deebo Samuel. Samuel played well throughout the spring, according to the South Carolina coaching staff. He was the Gamecocks’ top two receivers and rushing leader, and he seemed pleased overall with the play of his defense on Saturday, as the Gamecocks forced two turnovers, despite keeping things very simple from a schematic standpoint.

“Thought the defense looked good playing just two coverages,” Spurrier said. “There were some mistakes.”

Now for the first practice with his full team in Columbia. Meike is happy with the way South Carolina has progressed since he arrived in January. “We’ve got a long way to go, but we’re going to get better,” Meike said. “I think we improved and kept improving over the past few weeks.”

Overall, Meike was glad with how things have gone in Spring practice, and there were no serious injuries.

“Teuvo’s not going to be here for a little bit, but there’s some good hustle out there,” Meike said. “There were no serious injuries.”

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Obviously, much more needs to be done with Samuel this upcoming season, especially with Cooper, redshirt senior Shawn Jeffrey, who is only returning South Carolina wideout and former Gamecocks quarterback, will need to find someone to replace him. But the Aiken, South Carolina, native last only 0.5 innings as Florida earned four runs of his own.

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