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“This is a very discouraging day today for us at the sheriff’s department.”
— Sheriff Leon Lott speaks out after five deputies were arrested for tax fraud

“I’m sorry the government’s so f----d up. If I get to be president, white men in male-only clubs are going to do great in my presidency.”
— Comments from Sen. Lindsey Graham as he privately addressed campaign donors in Charleston, leaked by two anonymous attendees
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Behind Enemy Lines: Tennessee travels to South Carolina looking for 1st SEC win of season

Troy Provost-Heron’s Friday Forecast

Q: If Justin Worley can’t go Saturday due to his shoulder sore, how prepared do you think Josh Dobbs is to step in?

A: I just want to start off by saying that I’d be shocked if Justin Worley took to the field. Two times this week, the coaches have stated that he wouldn’t be able to go if the same were to be played on that day, which does not bode well for his chances. With that said, Josh Dobbs is fully capable of stepping into the starting quarterback role. He had a terrific game — 19-32 passing with 192 yards and two touchdowns — four of which he didn’t start.

Q: Tennessee is a goodsecurity team with a lot of close games and fallen short in just about every one of them. But to get that win last year in the SEC title game last year with South Carolina, makes me lean a little toward the Vols in this contest.

A: That was a huge for this program, and coming into this prediction, I’ll (non-confidently) say they finish with six victories and make it to a bowl game.

Q: Who are some lesser-known Volunteers that South Carolina fans should be on the lookout for Saturday?

A: On the defensive end, the one unknown player to watch is freshman defensive end Derek Barnett. The kid has been a beast throughout the season and has wrecked havoc on opposing offenses all year. He put his year into perspective, during his freshman year at USC, Jadeveon Clowney recorded 16 tackles — 12 for loss — and eight sacks. Eight games into his career, Barnett has amassed 44 tackles, 11 of which are for a loss, and four sacks. In other words, he’s good. On offense, there are a heard of new faces, so you’ll want to be on the lookout out for a lot of guys, but one guy in particular is running back Jalen Hurd. The freshman, who was a four-star recruit coming out of high school, has quickly become the Vols’ biggest offensive threat, rushing for 473 yards in eight games — four of which he didn’t start.

Prediction: Tennessee wins, 20-17. Josh Dobbs under center might be one of the most unique things in this game in 1869. But Tennessee is a good team and although they’ll have a totally different mindset than they did in last week’s loss at Auburn.

At 4-4, the Gamecocks still need to win two of their last four games to become bowl eligible. This weekend at home against Tennessee would be a good place to start, with games at Florida and Clemson still left to play. A bowl game is an even letter expectation for the Volunteers. Tennessee will be playing, for all intents and purposes, with its back against the wall Saturday. The Vols’ situation dictates they have to win three of their last four games against South Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri and Vanderbilt.

As South Carolina proved again in Jordan-Hare Stadium a week ago, the Gamecocks don’t fare well when the score is close at the end. In the team’s three losses following the Texas A&M debacle, South Carolina has yet to lose by more than one score.

Last year’s two-point loss at Tennessee in which the Gamecocks sacrificed a fourth-quarter lead served as a sort of omen for things to come this season.

In the current state of the program, South Carolina has no reason to expect a blowout victory against the Volunteers. And the Gamecocks could be in for another test of their fortitude come the fourth quarter Saturday night.

“We try to learn from it and you try not to repeat the same mistakes that occurred in the last game,” Spurrier said. “Hopefully we can move on and try to have a go at Tennessee here Saturday night.”
This Week, the Carolina Band commemorates the 50th anniversary of The Beatles first performance on the Ed Sullivan Show with:

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The topic of what bowl game the Gamecocks (4-4, 2-4 SEC) will participate in made its rounds through Columbia’s airwaves this week, but the defense might not allow them to even reach that point.

Getting two more wins to become bowl eligible won’t be easy with a South Carolina defense that is tied for last in the SEC with 32.8 points allowed per game and second-to-last in the conference with 438 total yards allowed per game.

This particular game may be another tough one for defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward’s bunch since one of its best players, sophomore linebacker Skai Moore, is doubtful with an ankle injury.

Additionally, Ward and company are up against an uncertain situation regarding who will line up as Tennessee’s quarterback.

Volunteers head coach Butch Jones hasn’t named a starter yet, as Justin Worley is still battling a shoulder injury. The senior missed Tennessee’s loss to Alabama last week and sophomore Joshua Dobbs stepped in to the tune of 192 total passing yards and two touchdowns along with 75 rushing yards.

Worley has practiced this week, but is still having trouble with velocity, so anything can happen from him playing to him getting shut down for the season.

“You know it’s different, when they change and put No. 11 (Dobbs) back there. He’s a different type of quarterback. He’s a running quarterback,” defensive line coach Deke Adams said. “That changes things a lot, but we’re prepared. We know some of the things we have problems with and we know what we feel like we’re going to see.”

Something has got to give between South Carolina’s defense and the Tennessee offense, with the Volunteers at second-to-last in the SEC in both rushing offense (104.9 yards per game) and points (23.9 per game).

It’s important to note, however, that the Volunteers haven’t seen this weak of a defense in any of their other matchups with power conference teams. The closest resemblance to South Carolina’s defense for Tennessee was when it faced Georgia. Worley helped the Vols’ offense play one of their best games in a 35-32 loss, so this team has the ability to put up good offensive numbers.

Another important consideration is that Dobbs is more of a mobile quarterback than a Worley-type, who is more of a pocket-passer. As seen in the losses against Auburn and Texas A&M, the Gamecocks do not fare too well against dual-threat options under center.

Even with all the struggles against the run, South Carolina players believe that their mistakes, which have not been fixed for eight games, can still be corrected.

“I feel like it’s correctable because it’s all an assignment thing,” redshirt sophomore linebacker Marquise Roberts said. “Once we get all eleven players doing their job, we’re pretty good.”

The problem is getting all 11 players on the same page seems to only happen 50 percent of the time according to Roberts and other defensive members.

Tennessee’s talented true freshman running back Jalen Hurd has only one 100-yard game thus far, but will look for that breakout performance against South Carolina.

And if the Volunteers somehow find trouble running the ball, they can look to a big, 6-foot-4 target in sophomore receiver Marquez North. But, the Gamecock faithful don’t even want to think about the player who caught a 39-yard pass with one hand to help set up Tennessee’s game-winning field goal against them last year.

To help throw off any Volunteer passing success, the Gamecocks will need to bring some pressure.

Although, maybe fans shouldn’t kid themselves since the garnet-and-black have managed just eight sacks in eight games, good for last in the SEC as well as a tie for 118th in the nation.

The losses of Jadeveon Clowney and Kelcy Quarles along the defensive line have proved to be as critical as advertised.

Yet, this Gamecock defensive group refuses to give up with four games remaining, perhaps five games if things start to improve.

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Steve Spurrier remains its harshest critic.

“Our offense didn’t have that good of a game. You guys think we had a good game just because we got five touchdowns,” he said. “Hell, we had a chance to score eight touchdowns.”

And, though Spurrier was adamant that last week’s loss was a team loss, he also noted that the Gamecocks’ red zone offense was “the worst we’ve had around here in a long time.”

The red zone offense began and ended with the team’s signal caller, especially when he throws two interceptions when the team is just a few yards from punching it in.

Senior quarterback Dylan Thompson has usually been first to accept blame for his mistakes this season, and has also been first to redirect praise away from him, altering it in the direction of his teammates.

“Hopefully we’ll be better [this week],” Thompson said about the offense. “We missed some chances, as everyone knows, so put up more points. I feel like we probably should have scored 50. I made mistakes down there.”

Finding success against Tennessee’s defense will almost assuredly be a tougher task than against Auburn.

Senior linebacker A.J. Johnson broke Tennessee’s record for most assisted tackles in a career two weeks ago against Ole Miss when he shattered Andy Spurrier’s record of 193. Johnson recorded five assisted tackles against Alabama last week and moved his career total to 199. His eight total tackles against the Crimson Tide is actually his lowest of the season.

“They got a linebacker, No. 45, I think leads the SEC in tackles. He is all over the place making tackles,” Spurrier said. “It was amazing. We watched one play, he blinned on the left side, the running back broke a run and he ran him down about 40 yards down the field.”

Johnson is the SEC’s leading tackle with 73 combined tackles. He also has one and a half sacks, an interception and two forced fumbles on the season.

The Gamecocks feature a trio of offensive playmakers near the top of several SEC categories also.

Thompson is second in the league with 2,241 passing yards, junior running back Mike Davis is fifth with 710 rushing yards and sophomore wide receiver Pharoh Cooper is the SEC’s third-leading receiver with 553 yards.
Offense looks for balance vs. Tennessee

South Carolina coming off 416-yard passing performance at Auburn

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Against Furman two weeks ago, South Carolina ran for 267 yards, its second-highest rushing total of the season. Then, the next week, the Gamecocks threw for 416 yards, while rushing for a modest 119 yards.

Finding consistency in the offense is one of many things South Carolina has failed to do well this season. It can be examined alongside its deficiencies on defense and placed next to the team’s tumultuous turnover rate when exploring just what exactly has gone wrong this year.

Granted, in Furman’s case, the Gamecocks didn’t need to keep throwing the football. They were already up big at halftime. All South Carolina needed to do was milk the clock and go home.

And against Auburn, South Carolina found itself in a shootout, and putting up points in a hurry was a priority. Passing the ball took precedence over pounding the ball down the Tigers’ throats. That’s understandable.

But lately, it seems as though when the passing game thrives, the running game suffers. And when the running game thrives, the passing game suffers — as evidenced by the Kentucky game, when South Carolina racked up 500 total yards, but barely etched over 200 passing yards.

Even after watching his offense play arguably its best game of the season last week, head coach
Atlas Road Crew

Southern rock band returns to Cola, reflects on journey there and back

Be careful who you party with, because you might end up starting a successful rock band with them — at least that was the case for drummer Patrick Drohan and the rest of Atlas Road Crew. After their “friends of friends of friends” came together to rock out, something clicked among the five members and they’ve been playing ever since. After meeting at USC, the group stuck together through graduation in 2012 and are now rising stars from Columbia’s music scene.

Just a few months ago, Drohan and the rest of the band kicked off their spring touring season by playing in the company of another Columbia-based group, Road Crew. The Blowfish was the push ARC needed to pick up some momentum and make waves in the area.

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I know — Halloween snuck up on me, too. Between midterms and fall break, October passed almost unnoticed. Maybe you’re hosting a party. Friday night, maybe you’re supposed to bring a snack to your weekend function. Maybe you forgot all about it. Oops.

Don’t worry, because this week, Gamecock Cuisine is staying home. We’ve got three last-minute Halloween sweets to satisfy the trick-or-treater in you.

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How to: Carve a Pumpkin

With fall break right around the corner, some of you will be traveling home to spend the week perched on your parents’ couch or catching up with old friends. Or perhaps you will be right here in Columbia, planning your Halloween costume or enjoying your break catching up on some Z’s. No matter what you’re doing or where you are, pumpkin carving is a great way to get into the Halloween spirit and spend your break doing fun, holiday festivities.

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2. Make a lid!
   - Cut a hole out of the top around the stem if you will be using a candle, or cut a whole out of the bottom if you will be using electric Christmas lights. The hole should be big enough for you to reach your hand into.

3. Scoop it out!
   - That’s right, time to get dirty. Now you must scoop out all of the seeds and gooey flesh inside of the pumpkin. You can use your hand or any scraping utensil.

4. Make a face!
   - Now’s the fun part! Draw a face or design an image onto your pumpkin. You can use stencils or just be original. Next, use a small knife to cut the shapes and designs out.

5. Put some light in it!
   - You are almost done! Now place your candles or your light into the pumpkin. Put the lid back on and voilà!

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**Saturday**

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Five Points Galleries, sponsors of Harlem artist Grisane Street
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**ART BAR AGORA VII**
Art Bar, 1211 Park St.
Sat, 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., Outdoor Art Market Free / Indoor event $6

**Sunday**

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Tapp’s Arts Center, 1646 Main St.
Fri, 5 p.m. to Midnight, Free
Hosted by Happenin’ Home, Tapp’s Art Center is celebrating this Friday with a spooky dance party. In Tapp’s own Skyline Room, the event will feature house, puppets and more — attendees are encouraged to come in costume.

SATURDAY

DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL
Five Points Fountain, corner of Harden and Greene Streets
Fri, 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Free
Hosted by Palmetto Luna Arts, Columbia will be celebrating the Mexican tradition “Day of the Dead” with arts and crafts, cultural activities and a live mariachi band. The festival will feature an altar that encourages attendees to light a candle or bring a memento in honor of a loved one.

ART BAR AGORA VII
Art Bar, 1211 Park St.
Sat, 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., Free
In honor of the Day of the Dead, Art Bar is hosting a showcase complete with art, music and food this Saturday night. It includes an outdoor art market with over 20 artists. The event is open to those of all ages, but anyone over 21 is permitted to the concert inside, featuring seven bands.

SUNDAY

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How to: Carve a Pumpkin

With fall break right around the corner, some of you will be traveling home to spend the week perched on your parents’ couch or catching up with old friends. Or perhaps you will be right here in Columbia, planning your Halloween costume or enjoying your break catching up on some Z’s. No matter what you’re doing or where you are, pumpkin carving is a great way to get into the Halloween spirit and spend your break doing fun, holiday festivities.

What you will need: A Pumpkin, Candles or Lights, Knives, Permanent Marker

1. Pick a Pumpkin
   - It can be big, fat, skinny or small. Buy any type of pumpkin you want! This is your creation. People often go for the biggest, roundest pumpkin in the store, but irregular shapes and sizes can give your jack-o’-lantern personality!

2. Make a lid!
   - Cut a hole out of the top around the stem if you will be using a candle, or cut a whole out of the bottom if you will be using electric Christmas lights. The hole should be big enough for you to reach your hand into.

3. Scoop it out!
   - That’s right, time to get dirty. Now you must scoop out all of the seeds and gooey flesh inside of the pumpkin. You can use your hand or any scraping utensil.

4. Make a face!
   - Now the fun part! Draw a face or design an image onto your pumpkin. You can use stencils or just be original. Next, use a small knife to cut the shapes and designs out.

5. Put some light in it!
   - You are almost done! Now place your candles or your light into the pumpkin. Put the lid back on and voilà!

You have created your own jack-o’-lantern! Place it on the porch, in your dorm room — sans candle of course — or in the hallway so everyone can see your beautiful masterpiece.
I know — Halloween snuck up on me, too. Between midterms and fall break, October passed almost unnoticed. Maybe you’re hosting a party Friday night, maybe you’re supposed to bring a snack to your weekend function. Maybe you forgot all about it. Oops.

Don’t worry, because this week, Gamecock Cuisine is staying home. We’ve got three last-minute Halloween sweets to satisfy the trick-or-treater in you.

“That’s the biggest thrill of it all — people are willing to pay their hard earned money to see you perform”
Southern rock band returns to Cola, reflects on journey there and back

Be careful who you party with, because you might end up starting a successful rock band with them — at least that was the case for drummer Patrick Drohan and the rest of Atlas Road Crew.

After their “friends of friends of friends” came together to rock out, something clicked among the five members and they’ve been playing ever since. After meeting at USC, the group stuck together through graduation in 2012 and are now rising stars from Columbia’s music scene.

Jam band tendencies and southern rock roots come together to create the Atlas Road sound. They combine an old school sound with a young and heartfelt delivery, resulting in high energy, harmonica-infused songs with a wide appeal.

They’ve been playing ever since. After meeting at USC, the group stuck together through graduation in 2012. They’re one of the top bands on the rise in the Southeast — midsize venue. After spending his college years here, he’s thrilled about performing at Columbia’s newest — and only — people are willing to pay their hard earned money to see you perform, not just at a festival or drunk at a bar and you happen to be playing there.”

Although they came from humble beginnings, ARC have come a long way since after-class jam sessions on campus — people are willing to pay their hard earned money to see you perform, not just at a festival or drunk at a bar and you happen to be playing there.”

Just like every other music fan in the midlands, Drohan is riveted on journey there and back

Trick-or-Treats

This one is pretty straightforward. It’s strawberries and chocolate. You can either go the easy route and buy pre-dipped hertts, or melt your own white chocolate at home. Option A is more expensive and option B is trickier to make.

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with tinfoil or parchment paper. Arrange pretzel sticks in rows across the sheet.
2. Melt the white chocolate chips in a double boiler using a low temperature setting. (Pro tip: never try to melt chocolate in the microwave. You'll ruin it.)
3. Get creative with your worms. Poke a few into the top, stick some out around one tablespoon, to ensure the chocolate stays creamy and workable.
4. While still warm, press candy eyes into chocolate.
5. Chill in the fridge for 30 minutes, then cut into bars, or break into brittle.
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Spooky Toffee-Pretzel Bars

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1. Bake cupcakes according to package directions and allow to cool before icing. Make sure to leave one uniced. (If you elect to buy pre-made cupcakes, see if the bakery will sell you one that’s uniced — save yourself some trouble for step two.)
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Graveyard Dainties

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2. Crumble a cooked, uniced cupcake into a bowl. Dip the top of the iced cupcake into the crumbs. Roll them around to ensure full coverage. (Note: for larger batches of cupcakes, it may take two or three cupcakes’ worth of crumbs.)
3. Get creative with your worms. Poke a few into the top, stick some out the sides. Oh better yet, get your guests to decorate their own.
Offense looks for balance vs. Tennessee

South Carolina coming off of 416-yard passing performance at Auburn

David Roberts | © DAVIDJAYROBERTS

Against Furman two weeks ago, South Carolina ran for 267 yards, its second-highest rushing total of the season.

Then, the next week, the Gamecocks threw for 416 yards, while rushing for a modest 119 yards.

Finding consistency in the offense is one of many things South Carolina has failed to do well this season. It can be examined alongside its deficiencies on defense and placed next to the team’s tumultuous turnover rate when exploring just what exactly has gone wrong this year.

Granted, in Furman’s case, the Gamecocks didn’t need to keep throwing the football. They were already up big at halftime. All South Carolina needed to do was milk the clock and go home.

And against Auburn, South Carolina found itself in a shootout, and putting up points in a hurry was a priority. Passing the ball took precedence over pounding the ball down the Tigers’ throats. That’s understandable.

But lately, it seems as though when the passing game thrives, the running game suffers. And when the running game thrives, the passing game suffers — as evidenced by the Kentucky game, when South Carolina racked up 500 total yards, but barely etched over 200 passing yards.

Even after watching his offense play arguably its best game of the season last week, head coach
Steve Spurrier remains its harshest critic. “Our offense didn’t have that good of a game. You guys think we had a good game just because we got five touchdowns,” he said. “Hell, we had a chance to score eight touchdowns.”

And, though Spurrier was adamant that last week’s loss was a team loss, he also noted that the Gamecocks’ red zone offense was “the worst we’ve had around here in a long time.”

The red zone offense begins and ends with the team’s signal caller, especially when he throws two interceptions when the team is just a few yards from punching it in.

Senior quarterback Dylan Thompson has usually been first to accept blame for his mistakes this season, and has also been first to redirect praise away from him, altering it in the direction of his teammates.

“Hopefully we’ll be better this week,” Thompson said about the offense. “We missed some chances, as everyone knows, so put up more points. I feel like we probably should have scored 50: I made mistakes down there.”

Finding success against Tennessee’s defense will almost assuredly be a tougher task than against Auburn.

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Getting two more wins to become bowl eligible won’t be easy with a South Carolina defense that is tied for last in the SEC with 32.8 points allowed per game and second-to-last in the conference with 438 total yards allowed per game.

This particular game may be another tough one for defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward’s bunch since one of its best players, sophomore linebacker Skai Moore, is doubtful with an ankle injury.

Additionally, Ward and company are up against an uncertain situation regarding who will line up as Tennessee’s quarterback.

Volunteers head coach Butch Jones hasn’t named a starter yet, as Justin Worley is still battling a shoulder injury. The senior missed Tennessee’s loss to Alabama last week and sophomore Joshua Dobbs stepped in to the tune of 192 total passing yards and two touchdowns along with 75 rushing yards.

Worley has practiced this week, but is still having trouble with velocity, so anything can happen from him playing to him getting shut down for the season.

“We know it’s different, when they change and put No. 11 (Dobbs) back there. He’s a different type of quarterback. He’s a running quarterback, a different style of game,” defensive line coach Deke Adams said. “That changes things a lot, but we’re prepared. We know some of the things they do, we have problems with and we know what we feel like we’re going to see.”

Something has got to give between South Carolina’s defense and the Tennessee offense, with the Volunteers at second-to-last in the SEC in both rushing offense (104.9 yards per game) and points (23.9 per game).

It’s important to note, however, that the Volunteers haven’t seen this weak of a defense in any of their other matchups with power conference teams. The closest resemblance to South Carolina’s defense for Tennessee was when it faced Georgia. Worley helped the Vols’ offense play one of their best games in a 35-32 loss, so this team has the ability to put up good offensive numbers.

Another important consideration is that Dobbs is more of a mobile quarterback than a Worley-type, who is more of a pocket-passer. As seen in the losses against Auburn and Texas A&M, the Gamecocks do not fare too well against dual-threat options under center.

Even with all the struggles against the run, South Carolina players believe that their mistakes, which have not been fixed for eight games, can still be corrected.

“I feel like it’s correctable because it’s all an assignment thing,” redshirt sophomore linebacker Marquis Roberts said. “Once we get all eleven players doing their job, we’re pretty good.”

The problem is getting all 11 players on the same page seems to only happen 10 percent of the time according to Roberts and other defensive members.

Tennessee’s talented true freshman running back Jalen Hurd has only one 100-yard game thus far, but will look for that breakthrough performance against South Carolina.

And if the Volunteers somehow find trouble running the ball, they can look to a big, 6-foot-4 target in sophomore receiver Marquez North. But, the Gamecock faithful don’t even want to think about the player who caught a 39-yard pass with one hand to help set up Tennessee’s game-winning field goal against them last year.

To help throw off any Volunteer passing success, the Gamecocks will need to bring some pressure. Although, maybe fans shouldn’t kid themselves since the garnet-and-black have managed just eight sacks in eight games, good for last in the SEC as well as a tie for 118th in the nation.

The losses of Jadeveon Clowney and Kelcy Quarles along the defensive line have proved to be as critical as advertised.

Yet, this Gamecock defensive group refuses to give up with four games remaining, perhaps five games if things start to improve.

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Tanner Abel

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Tennessee is probably a year or two away from being a legitimate contender in the SEC East. Not only have they looked better in each of Rocky Johnson's two years, but when you look around the Eastern division you can see the change happening. Florida is currently on a downward, Georgia — while still good — hasn't been the same dominating Bulldogs and South Carolina is in the midst of a down year. The overall competition in the SEC East, along with UGA's improvements, makes the Volunteers' future in the division a bright one.

Who are some lesser-known Volunteers that South Carolina fans should be on the lookout for Saturday?

South Carolina keeps itself out of the SEC title game last year with an upset loss to Tennessee at Neyland Stadium. How much confidence do you think that gives the Volunteers in this year's meeting?

It gives them a tremendous amount of confidence, just because that's the game they thought they could compete and win. For years, Tennessee has had a bunch of close games and fallen short in just about every one of them. But to get that win last year was huge for this program, and coming into this game, it gives them a bar to strive for against a Gamecock team that isn't as strong as it has been in past years. Tennessee has four games left, all in the SEC, to win three more games and become bowl eligible. Do you think it happens?

A: If you told me this was the scenario before the season, I wouldn't have said yes. But with Kentucky being much improved, that possibly gets muddled a bit. The Vols get the benefit of playing Missouri at home, which helps their chances, but with the exception of Vandy, all of the rest of the teams on their schedule are tune-ups at best. But if I'm being put out to pasture, I would confidently say they finish with six victories and make it to a bowl game.

At 4-4, the Gamecocks still need to win two of their last four games to become bowl eligible. This weekend at home against Tennessee would be a good place to start, with games at Florida and Clemson still left to play. A bowl game is an even loftier expectation for the Volunteers. Tennessee will be playing, for all intents and purposes, with its back against the wall Saturday. The Vols' situation dictates they have to win three of their last four games against South Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri and Vanderbilt.

But as the Gamecocks fight for their bowl-season lives against Tennessee team doing the same, they'll have a totally different mindset than they did last week's loss at Auburn.

Entering that game, Spurrier said he'd need every trick in the book to compete with the top-five team on the other side of the field. And he used every last one.

South Carolina attempted six fourth-down conversions, recovered an onside kick and made a mockery of just about every convention that's been established since Rutgers and Princeton played the first college football game in 1869.

Tennessee is certainly not Auburn, and Spurrier said he plans to cut down on the tomfoolery this weekend. "That was just what we thought we had to do to win the game last week," he said. "That was the plan last week. That's not the plan this week."

As South Carolina proved again in Jordan-Hare Stadium a week ago, the Gamecocks don't fare well when the score is close at the end. In the team's three losses following the Texas A&M debacle, South Carolina has yet to lose by more than one score.

Last year's two-point loss at Tennessee in which the Gamecocks sacrificed a fourth-quarter lead served as a sort of omen for things to come this season.

In the current state of the program, South Carolina has no reason to expect a blowout victory against the Volunteers. And the Gamecocks could be in for another test of their fortitude come the fourth-quarter Saturday night.

"You try to learn from it and you try not to repeat the same mistakes that occurred in the last game," Spurrier said. "Hopefully we can move on... and try to have a go at Tennessee here Saturday night."
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