

Alexander's role is small in big win

Corey Alexander's contributions may have been small, but they helped his University of South Carolina football team come up big in his and his current coach's biggest road win in three years.

The Gamecocks shocked a host Georgia defense guarding against the run in the late stages of Saturday night's match-up between two teams ranked among the nation's top-25 with a touchdown pass in the final 1:22, leading the higher-ranked guests to a critical, 14-9 Southeastern Conference win.

The victory improved South Carolina's record to the 2-0 mark and, in the process, bumped it to the new 18th-ranked spot in the Associated Press media college football poll and into 20th in the USA today/ESPN coaches' poll. USC entered the game ranked 21st in both. Georgia was 25th but dropped out of both polls this week.

Alexander, playing as a scatback wide receiver/tailback combination, wasn't called on for any running plays, but he did get a handle on one pass reception, it covering six yards. It was through the airways where the

Cocks made most of their headway picking up 193 yards for the game while rushing for only 43.

South Carolina, one of the storybook comeback programs a year ago with an 8-4 record and a bowl appearance after going winless the previous year, went ahead for good on quarterback Phil Petty's touchdown strike to Brian Scott, who stole the pass from a potential Bulldogs defender, with just over a minute left in regulation.

It allowed the Gamecocks to battle back from a 9-7 deficit rendered on a Georgia field goal with a little over three minutes left to play.

South Carolina drove 66 yards in nine plays to earn the first prominent victory away from home of current head coach Lou Holtz's three-year tenure. It is Alexander's second full season as a member of the Gamecocks program after playing at the junior college level his freshman and sophomore seasons.

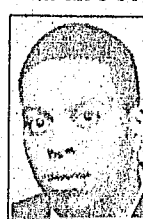
It was also just the sixth time in 29

visits to Georgia's home field since 1900 that South Carolina has come up on the winning end. It did allow the Gamecocks to beat the Bulldogs in each of Alexander's games against the latter. USC won at home, 21-10, in his junior year.

The game was also televised nationally on ESPN.

Alexander, considered among the fastest players on the Gamecocks, was a highly-recruited back out of Mooreville Senior High after leading the state in rushing his senior season. He is also the all-time, single-season and career rushing and scoring leader in Blue Devils history. He was named to play in both the Shrine Bowl and East-West All-Star game following that final prep season in which he ran for 2,710 yards, boosted by a single-game school record of 335 yards. His better than 13 yards-per-carry standard also ranks as the best ever in school history.

South Carolina is back home this weekend in its fan-friendly Williams-Brice Stadium, drawing in excess of 78,000-plus to all games, when venturing outside the SEC to host Bowling Green Saturday night.



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Mooreville Midget League Results

Mighty were the minors for the Mooreville Midget Football League during the opening week of the Southland Football League.

With all six MMFL teams, three each at both the youngest Pee Wee and oldest Midget divisions, it was each of those from the latter that emerged as not only first-week winners but also doing so by shutout.

The Pee Wee Terminators downed the newly-named Dallas Wildcats, 28-0, while the Hornets at the same level knocked off West Lincoln, 18-0, and the Warriors beat Boger City, 14-0.

Meanwhile, as good as the news was on the Pee Wee front, it was just as bad at the Midget level. There, the Warriors, 18-8, Hornets, 14-6, and Terminators, 28-6, were all defeated by higher-level units from the same programs as those facing the Pee Wee crews.

The Hornets and Terminators programs played at Bessmer City while those from the Warriors opened the season at Bandys High School.

The Pee Wee Terminators used three touchdowns on scrimmage plays covering 10, 13 and 60 yards from Jalond Willis, who also returned a kickoff 66 yards, and a 30-yard scoring carry from Zakari Johnston to help tame the Wildcats. Willis finished with 104 yards, while Thomas Waugh added 65 yards. Waugh and J.T. Keer each also logged a conversion run.

Room to run was made possible by the blocking efforts of A.C. Crosby, Tyler

Lambert, and Davonty Dixon. Defensively, Demitree Akins paved the unit with seven tackles and two sacks, while Barry Stewart and Garrett Grother each recovered a fumble. Lambert and Cole Buchanan forced a fumble apiece.

The Hornets captured their season and SFL opener by scoring once in the first half and twice in the second, all the while riding a shutout effort on defense.

That defense held West Lincoln to just 22 total yards, with defensive tackle Josh Parker helping captain the unit with a fumble recovery.

Jamal Barnes, from 15 yards out in the first half, and D.J. Snyder, from 60 and 48 yards away, respectively, in the second, handled the trio of scoring calls, following the blocking of leading linemen Chandler Caldwell in the process.

For the Midget Hornets, they posted their only touchdown in the loss to West Lincoln on a run by Anthony Osbourne.

No additional details were provided on results from any other MMFL entry's contest. All six teams will be making first-at-home appearances of the season this weekend in the Mooreville Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Highlighting the schedule is meetings at both the Pee Wee and Midget levels between the Warriors and Hornets, starting with the former at 6:15 p.m. The Terminators will also be in action, taking on teams from Sherrills Ford in games that carry a 3:45 p.m. for Pee Wee and 5 p.m. for Midget starts.

Moors in single, series sweep

Whether in a single set or a season series, the Mooreville Moors of the 2001 Fall Legion Baseball League were at their best last week.

As a result, the Moors prevailed in a lone meeting with Wilkes Community College, 11-7, and then filled a busy weekend with a pair of doubleheader sweeps, first slipping fellow league foe Alexander County/Taylorsville, 5-1 and 4-1, and then capping the hectic spree at Mt. Airy Sunday by scores of 8-0 and 7-6.

With the recent stretch, all completed within a four-day stretch, the Mooreville entry improved to the 13-2-1 level overall while remaining undefeated, at 4-0, in league play.

The single session against Wilkes Community as well as the twinbill with host Mt. Airy were both non-league ventures.

In the Fall Legion skirmish with Taylorsville held Saturday, the Moors allowed the total of two runs in the games combined to post their second conference series sweep in as many outings.

In the second game won by the 5-1 count, Brent Frye was the winning pitcher, allowing the lone run on seven hits while striking out three in the complete-game effort.

Patrick Adams collected two hits, one a triple and the other a double, and drove home two runs. Ronald Crum scored twice and plated a run with a base hit, while Timothy Sullivan also laced a base knock and drove home a run.

In the opener, Paul Link hurled the distance to pocket the win, giving up the run on four hits with eight whiffs.

Link also joined Adams with two hits each, while Josh Haire, Geoffrey Ballard, Alpx Medley and Brandon Neill collected a base hit apiece.

In the first of the two games with Mt. Airy, pitchers Chris McDaniels, the starter and winner, teamed with Ryan Smith to twirl the shutout. McDaniels allowed a hit and struck out three, while Smith fanned two and also allowed a hit.

Crum, who scored twice, Neill and Tyler Lackey all poked a pair of base hits each for the winners.

In the second game, Adams picked up the win in relief, striking out three.

Ballard plated two runners while joining Medley with two hits each. Neill, Lackey and Link, all with one hit, pitched in with a run batted in each, while McDaniels also added the effort with a base rap.

In the lone outing with Wilkes Central Community College, Link pitched the first two innings, fanning two, followed by Frye's inning-plus of work, during which he sprayed a single hit. Adams gloved the save with two frames of relief, striking out two.

Adams also snacked a three-run home run to boost the offense, one of his two hits. Sullivan added two hits, driving home a run, while Lackey, with a RBI, Matt Marshall and Medley contributed a base knock each.

The Moors head into this weekend on tap to resume league play, facing fellow entry North Forsyth in a doubleheader set to take place starting at 9 a.m. Saturday on Mocksville's Rich Park Field.

Devilnettes notched in NPC debut

Ties may go to the runner, but they sure didn't go the way of visiting Mooreville in its North Piedmont Conference tennis debut at Northwest Cabarrus Wednesday afternoon.

Losing one match each in singles and doubles play via the tiebreaker, the Lady Devils were dealt a 6-3 doubling at the hands of the hosting and once-beaten Lady Cougars in an outcome that ultimately could have major state playoff implications.

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Considering the expected strength of the league's anticipated elite programs, Mooreville and Northwest Cabarrus coaches each felt like opening the league segment of the season with a win would prove crucial to their respective playoff possibilities.

As for the Devilnettes, they managed to collect two teams points in singles and add a third in doubles. In high school tennis matches, the

first team to score five out of a possible nine points is the winner. Tiebreakers that could have gone either way each worked against the visitors, thus denying them the win.

In that singles play, Meg Kenyon playing at number four, and Sara Shumaker at five, each emerged victorious. Also in that phase, Allison Billings at number six used a favorable tiebreaker outcome to earn a split of the first two sets but then

was defeated in the third set tiebreaker to lose her match. In doubles, the final Mooreville point came courtesy of the duo of Shumaker and Ashley Hunsuck at number three. The team's number-two doubles team lost a 9-7 tiebreaker to drop its match.

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Mustang fall allstars on fast track

Mooreville's Mustang League Fall Baseball allstar team is setting itself quite a rapid pace.

The crew comprised of players out of the Mooreville Mustang League jumped off to a fast, 2-0 start in the season's opening week, allowing just a single run in the process.

Mooreville opened play at home with a 3-0 win over South Iredell and followed that up with an 8-1 triumph in Cornelius.

In the shutout, pitchers Cody Kinder and Chris Bonaventure combined on a non-hitter, walking just one batter each.

At the plate, Donovan Fair collected two

hits, while Kinder and Ian Walreas added a base knock apiece.

In the win at Cornelius, four different pitchers toiled, finishing with a combined three-hit affair. Kinder, Hunter Nanney, Jake Beaver and David Ludwig in comprising the pitching corps.

Offensively, Fair, Kinder and Eric Hinson poked out two hits each, while C.B. Hunter, Seneca Foske, Hunter Curtis and Dalton Pice added single base hits apiece.

The Mustang team heads into this week with two more games on tap, returning to Cornelius before playing back on its home, Liberty Park field Saturday morning.

Blue Devils

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sports writers.

A quick glance through the rest of the poll finds Southern Durham fifth, followed, in order, by Winston-Salem Carver, Anson County, Bertie County, Northeast Guilford, and High Point Central.

As luck would have it, the Blue Devils will put their highest ranking to date this season on the line against a member of the state's 4A class that also made a poll jump of its own from the previous week to this one.

Davie County's War Eagles, expected to contend for their own Central Piedmont

Conference championship, also improved to the 2-0 mark overall and used their 38-0 win over North Iredell last week to move from 10th in the earlier AP poll to a new high-water mark of ninth this season.

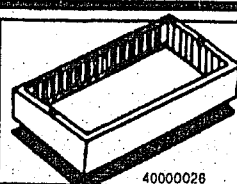
In yet another connection between the two teams that meet regularly in non-league play, Mooreville will be the second straight team from the newly-formed North Piedmont Conference to face Davie county.

Game time in the battle between the teams each ranked within their respective classification's top-10 polls is set for 7:30 p.m. in the Davie County.



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