Virginia Tech Seeks Attack Consistency With Gamecocks

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Virginia Tech Football Coach Charlie Coffey is concerned with improving consistency in his team's offense for Saturday's game with South Carolina.

The Gamecocks' Paul Dietzel has another problem, keeping his job. The Gobblers come into the Lane Stadium contest with a 4-3-1 record while South Carolina has a 3-5 mark and it's no secret that fans in Columbia, S. C., and other hotbeds of Gamecock loyalty have become less than thrilled with their coach.

It is rumored that one disenchanted fan has hired a moving van to sit in front of Dietzel's house in Columbia to demonstrate his displeasure.

Coffey explains that the Gamecocks started out the season in a pro set and that didn't work. "They have changed to an 'I' formation with two tight ends and their offense is much more potent. "They put a lot of pressure on the corners. Their young quarterback, Dobby Grossman, does a good job running and passing. He'll start running at the end and then give a look for a receiver.

"We think they'll be very hard to contain as they can work the corners so well, much better than Southern Mississippi did."

As most coaches are wont to, Coffey didn't say that for the most part his defensive unit can cope for the most part with this kind of multiple offense. Coffey also neglected to mention that his ball team can play the kind of defense that bends but doesn't break and with a ball hawk like Jerry Scharnus, the Gobblers can stymie the Gamecocks.

Offensively Tech presents a stiff problem to South Carolina. Tech has the ability to score and can overcome a solid defensive effort.

"We have to develop consistency on our offense. We did what I wanted to do against Houston. Since then we've had the big plays, but I'd like to see our offensive unit on the field over 50 percent of the time and I'd like us to have between 70 and 80 offensive plays a game," Coffey noted.

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