Gobblers Face Superb Player In Steve Fuller

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familiar with their situation and know they will be ready to play aggressive football. That place will be a real hornet's nest come Saturday afternoon (see other comments in Sportscope elsewhere in today's sports section)."

Leading Clemson's charge in Lane Stadium will be quarterback Steve Fuller, a junior from Spartanburg, S.C., who is characterized by Pell as "one of the top performers in this part of the country."

"He's a smart player," notes Pell, also pointing out Fuller's academic record at Clemson shows "only one B and the rest A's" while majoring in history. "He is a very skilled individual and has become our leader on the field."

In Clemson's annals, with still another season to play, Fuller has moved into 12th place in career total offense. His 176 yards against Georgia Tech moved him past famed Fred Cone and his total 2,255 yards leaves him just 158 behind Jim Parker for the 11th spot.

Among all-time Clemson passers, Fuller is 10th, and he moved ahead of Lowndes Shingler when he threw for 163 yards in the Georgia Tech victory.

Fuller's favorite receiver will be split end Jerry Butler. He was on the receiving end for Fuller's latest 163 yards and one touchdown. That yardage set a team record, erasing the previous high of 152 set by Craig Bentley against Virginia in 1974.

"They are certainly a big part of our offense," observes Pell. They are capable of combining on the big play at any spot on the field, and that adds a big dimension to our attack. At the same time, they can click on a short pass for quick yardage."

Besides Fuller, who has gained 142 yards via the overland route, top Tiger runners are Lester Brown (172) and Warren Ratchford 114.

Not so prominent in the 2-1 record to date but a big threat is tailback Ken Callicutt, who is just 81 yards shy of becoming the fourth Clemson back to rush for over 2,000 yards career-wise.

As usual, Tech's most potent threat on offense will be Roscoe Coles. His average is 9.7 yards for each of the Gobblers' games.

With 2,982 yards on his career chart, Coles could become only the fourth running back in NCAA history to break the 4,000-yards barrier by averaging 113.2 per game the rest of the way.