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Observer writers Pat Yasinskas and Stan Olson give you a play-by-play from Spartanburg.

Today's Practices

9:10 a.m. and 7 p.m. times are subject to change.

WATCH OUT FOR: Special teams. They're noticeably quieter after the departure of special teams coach Scott O'Brien and punter Todd Sauerbrun.

"It's different," long-snapper Jason Kyle said with a laugh.

New coach Danny Crossman might not be as vocal as O'Brien, but he's been heard firmly addressing his troops.

"Danny's got a fuse like anyone else," Kyle said. "It might be a little different style than Scott's, but it works, too."

The style of replacement punter candidates Tom Rouen and Jason Baker is completely different than Sauerbrun's. Rouen and Baker haven't delivered any expletive-filled rants after getting off a bad punt.

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"A little more sensible would be the phrase," Kyle said. – P.Y.

JEFF SINER, Staff

Don't sweat it, Kris - you won't melt. Rain forced defensive tackle Kris Jenkins and the Panthers to practice indoors on Sunday.

FORECAST: Chance of rain. High: 83. Low: 68.

Notebook

Minter turns up heat

Safety Mike Minter said he believes Julius Peppers will break the NFL record for sacks in a season (221/2 by Michael Strahan). Peppers said Saturday he'd shoot for about 10.

"He'll beat that," Minter said. "He's being modest, but I'm not. I know what he can do and I've seen what those type players can do. He's going to be one of those players who can eat that sack record up." – P.Y.

OBSERVATION

Former radio announcer Bill Rosinski, now a syndicated radio host, made his first appearance at training camp and was greeted warmly by many players. Mick Mixon, Rosinski's replacement, also made his first camp appearance. – P.Y.

Web Site of the Day

aaronrboone.com

Receiver Aaron Boone, who is trying to make the team after a strong NFL Europe season, had to insert his middle initial to avoid confusion with baseball's Aaron Boone. – P.Y.

Say What?

"I'm trying to get him to say a few things in English."

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