

# SOUTH CAROLINA

## ATHLETICS

### SOUTH CAROLINA FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

South Carolina vs. Kentucky

October 4, 2014

#### GENERAL NOTES

Kentucky defeated South Carolina 45-38. The Gamecocks are now 3-3 on the year and 2-3 in the SEC with Kentucky now 4-1 and 2-1 in league play. South Carolina is now 17-8-1 vs. Kentucky in the all-time series history; it is the first loss to the Wildcats since the 2010 season.

Captains for South Carolina for the game were: senior WR **Nick Jones**, sophomore LB **Marcquis Roberts**, junior TB **Brandon Wilds** and senior DT **J.T. Surratt**.

The Gamecocks have had eight players start all six games this season: senior OT **Corey Robinson**, senior OG **A.J. Cann**, junior OT **Brandon Shell**, senior QB **Dylan Thompson**, senior DT **J.T. Surratt**, sophomore DE **Darius English**, senior DB **Brisson Williams**, junior FS **T.J. Gurley**.

#### OFFENSIVE NOTES

South Carolina's offense finished with 500 total yards of offense, the most yards by the Gamecocks in a game this season. South Carolina's 282 yards rushing is the most by the Gamecocks this season as well and fourth highest rushing yard total by the Gamecocks in the Spurrier era. South Carolina also totaled 32 first downs that tied the highest mark in the Spurrier era and the most since Nov. 23, 2013 vs. Coastal Carolina.

Senior offensive guard **A.J. Cann** made his 44<sup>th</sup> career start surpassing Todd Ellis (1986-89) for sixth all-time in school history in career starts.

South Carolina's opening scoring drive of 19 plays, 79 yards was the longest by plays this season and second longest in the Spurrier era. It is the longest drive by plays since South Carolina had a 20-play scoring drive at Tennessee on October 29, 2011.

Junior tailback **Mike Davis** rushed 23 times for a career-high 183 yards. His previous career-high in rushing yards was 167 at UCF on Sept. 28, 2013. It marked his 10<sup>th</sup> career 100-yard rushing game tying him with Steve Wadiak for sixth most in school history. Davis tied a career-high with three rushing touchdowns, which also ties a single-game school record. He scored on a 1-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, a 2-yard touchdown in the second quarter and a 26-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. He now has six rushing touchdowns this season and 19 for his career. Davis moved to 16<sup>th</sup> all-time in rushing at South Carolina as well with 2,009 career yards.

Junior tailback **Shon Carson's** 25-yard touchdown run in the third quarter was his first touchdown of the season and second of his career.

Sophomore wide receiver **Pharoh Cooper** was the leading receiver for the Gamecocks with six catches for 83 yards.

Senior quarterback **Dylan Thompson** was 23-for-37 in the air for 218 passing yards with one touchdown. Thompson now has 3,404 passing yards and moved into 12<sup>th</sup> all-time in South Carolina history in passing yards.

#### DEFENSIVE NOTES

Freshman defensive back **D.J. Smith** made his first career start for the Gamecocks as starting free safety.

Sophomore linebacker **Skai Moore** tallied nine tackles to lead the Gamecocks in the contest; it is his second highest mark on the year, just one short of his season-high 10 vs. Georgia. Sophomore linebacker **Jonathan Walton** registered a career-high six tackles.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

Sophomore placekicker **Elliott Fry** is now 10-for-11 this year in field goal attempts. He connected from 31 yards out in the second quarter.

