

SOUTH CAROLINA

ATHLETICS

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South Carolina at No. 5/6 Auburn

October 25, 2014

GENERAL NOTES

Auburn defeated South Carolina 42-35 at Jordan-Hare Stadium. Auburn improves to 6-1 and 3-1 in the SEC with South Carolina now 4-4 and 2-4 in the SEC.

Captains for South Carolina for the game were: senior OG **A.J. Cann**, senior SPUR **Sharrod Golightly**, senior DT **J.T. Surratt** and senior QB **Dylan Thompson**

The Gamecocks have had seven players start every game this season: senior OT **Corey Robinson**, senior OG **A.J. Cann**, junior OT **Brandon Shell**, senior QB **Dylan Thompson**, senior DT **J.T. Surratt**, senior DB **Brisson Williams**, junior S **T.J. Gurley**.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

South Carolina finished with 535 total yards of offense. It is the first time since the 1995 season that the Gamecocks have put together three consecutive games of 500 or more total yards of offense.

Senior quarterback **Dylan Thompson** went 29-for-51 for 402 passing yards and five touchdowns. It is the fifth highest total of passing yards by a Gamecock quarterback in a single game in school history and the most since Steve Taneyhill threw for a record 473 on Oct. 14, 1995 vs. Mississippi State. Thompson's five passing touchdowns tied a school record for a single game as well. It is the sixth time in school history a Gamecock has thrown for five touchdowns and the first time since Syvelle Newton vs. Florida Atlantic, Sept. 23, 2006. Thompson now has 20 passing touchdowns for the season and is tied with Todd Ellis (1986), Steve Taneyhill (1994) and Stephen Garcia (2010) for third most in a single season in school history. He is four shy of Connor Shaw (24 in 2013) for second in a single season and nine shy of the school record 29 set by Steve Taneyhill in 1995.

Senior offensive guard A.J. Cann made his 46th career start moving him into sole possession of third all-time in school history. He is one shy of Cliff Matthews (2007-10) for second all-time in school history.

Sophomore wide receiver **Pharoh Cooper** caught seven passes for 127 yards including two touchdowns. The 127 receiving yards marked a career-high, it was also the first time in his career he has caught two touchdowns in a game. Cooper leads the Gamecocks with six TD receptions on the year.

Junior tailback **Mike Davis** carried 21 times for 88 rushing yards and now has 2,208 career rushing yards. He is 23 yards shy of Mike Davis (2005-08), no relation, for 13th all-time in rushing yards in school history at 2,231.

Brandon Wilds became the 42nd player in school history to rush for 1,000 or more career yards. Thompson carried for 26 yards and now has 1,009 career yards with the Gamecocks.

Sophomore wide receiver **Shaq Roland's** 32-yard TD reception in the first quarter was his fourth TD reception of the season. Senior wide receiver Nick Jones also caught his fourth TD of the season with a 10-yard TD reception in the third quarter.



DEFENSIVE NOTES

Sophomore linebacker **Skai Moore** led the Gamecocks with eight tackles. It is the fourth time this season he has led the Gamecocks in tackles in a game this year.

Sophomore defensive tackle **Gerald Dixon** had a career-high six tackles. Freshman cornerback **Chris Lammons** also registered a career-high six tackles besting the previous mark of five set last week vs. Furman.

SPECIAL TEAM NOTES

Sophomore placekicker **Elliott Fry** tied the school record for consecutive made PAT with 82 set by Scott Hagler from '84-86.

South Carolina recovered an onside kick in the third quarter. It was the first time the Gamecocks had recovered an onside kick since Nov. 3, 2007 at Arkansas.