

# **SOUTH CAROLINA**

## **A T H L E T I C S**

### **No. 6/6 Georgia at No. 24/23 South Carolina** **September 13, 2014**

#### **• Georgia Head Coach Mark Richt •**

##### *On game in general*

I'm sure that was a fun game to watch once it got started, especially if you are a South Carolina fan. Hats off to the South Carolina program and the job they did. I think they definitely played hard; they wanted to win, obviously. I think they played hard enough to win. We just didn't seize the moment, especially with that big turnover deep in territory and get zero points out of it. Very disappointed. No matter what happened throughout the day, that was a moment where we had a chance to, at worst, tie it up. It's one of the things that got us.

##### *On postgame conversation with kicker Marshall Morgan*

I didn't say anything to him, not that I was ignoring him, but you just go on to the next play pretty much. I didn't get a chance to see him in the locker room. He broke an SEC record for most kicks in a row and then misses a couple which is not normal for him. I was watching pretty close, I didn't see anything. I didn't see an issue with the snap or the hold. It looked fine. One of them looked like it went almost right over the top of it. Obviously the officials thought it was out and I'm not really questioning that but usually he's right down the pipe and there's not much drama when he goes back to kick. He'll get back on track. He's a great kicker.

##### *On South Carolina's success in the passing game*

Part of the problem was we didn't put much pressure on the quarterback. We didn't even squeeze the pocket as far as I could see. He had a lot of time to stand back in there and size up and hit it. There were some times where we had tight coverage and he made nice throws; we just didn't cover well enough. They got a little bit better in the second half; we tried to pressure a little more in the second half because we just weren't getting much from the four-man rush. Their offensive line did a nice job.

#### **• Georgia Players •**

##### **Damian Swann • Senior • Cornerback**

##### *On Gamecocks offense*

Yeah, you know, we didn't execute to the best of our ability and it always comes down to us. We let him [Dylan Thompson] sit back there and swing it around and anybody could have made those throws if we don't execute.

##### *On why the South Carolina receivers were running free*

Yeah, you know, it's a lot of things. They didn't let us rush as good and they gave him a lot of time to get guys open. But you know, we are going to learn from this game – it's never over.

##### **Hutson Mason • Senior • Quarterback**

##### *On why the Gamecocks won*

Better execution. I don't know what our numbers were in the second half, I assume we were a little better. In the first half part, I don't think we got one first down.

*On when Marshall Morgan lined up field goal to tie*

Yeah, I mean Morgan has been clutch his whole career, so we had full confidence in him.

*On Georgia's offense*

As a matter of fact, the thing is, is we left 13 points on the board, so when you are playing in the SEC and you're playing South Carolina, you can't leave points on the board and expect to get away with the "W."

**Marshall Morgan • Junior • Placekicker**

*On setting the SEC record with 28 in a row and then missing two*

Yeah, I mean, I don't know, it just didn't go our way.

*On the most frustrating part of the loss*

It just started from the beginning. We had to wait a lot of time for the game to start and then once it started things kind of didn't go our way at first. I mean, we had a chance to win it, and we could have, but odds were in their favor, I guess.

**Todd Gurley • Junior • Tailback**

*On his reverse of field for a 17-yard gain*

I just knew we needed a first down and wanted to do everything in my will to get that first down – seeing it back side, I just ran.

**Ramik Wilson • Senior • Linebacker**

*On the Gamecocks' offense*

They were giving us a lot of formations, a lot of motion, and it was a lot of stuff to throw us off, but we adjusted pretty well. Really, we still have got to execute, because we had a great game plan, we got to execute better.

*On the rest of the season*

Oh, it's still early, it's still early. We'll keep trucking. This is in the past now, and we are not thinking about this from here forward. Our dreams and goals are still open for us.