

SOUTH CAROLINA

ATHLETICS

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South Carolina vs. Florida
November 15, 2014

GENERAL NOTES

South Carolina defeated Florida 23-20 in overtime. The Gamecocks improved to 5-5 and 3-5 in the SEC with Florida dropping to 5-4 and 4-4 in league play.

Captains for South Carolina were senior spur **Sharrod Golightly**, senior quarterback **Dylan Thompson**, senior offensive guard **A.J. Cann** and senior defensive tackle **J.T. Surratt**.

South Carolina's win is the fourth win in the last five meetings with the Gators. It marked South Carolina's second win in school history in Gainesville, the previous win was Nov. 13, 2010, a 36-14 victory. Head coach Steve Spurrier is now 5-5 against his alma mater.

South Carolina is now 2-3 all-time in overtime including a 1-1 mark this year. South Carolina's previous overtime win last year, 27-24 on Oct. 26, 2013 at Missouri.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

Senior quarterback **Dylan Thompson** was 22-for-41 for 206 passing yards. He now has 2,794 passing yards on the year and is 68 shy of Stephen Garcia's mark of 2,862 in 2009 for fifth-most in a season in school history. Thompson's 4-yard touchdown run in overtime was his third touchdown run of the season and the eighth of his career. It was his first touchdown run since Sept. 13, 2014 vs. Georgia.

Junior tailback **Brandon Wilds** 20-yard touchdown run in the first quarter was his fourth touchdown run of the season. He has scored on three touchdown runs in the last two games.

Junior tailback **Mike Davis** moved into 10th all-time in school history in career rushing. He now has 2,333 rushing yards in his career. Davis carried 15 times for 56 yards. He is 39 yards shy of Kevin Long (1973-76) for ninth all-time in school history at 2,372.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

South Carolina allowed a season-low 278 yards this year. The previous low was 280 by Missouri on Sept. 27.

Sophomore linebackers **Skai Moore** and **Jonathan Walton** were both credited for a career-high 12 tackles. That is the most tackles by a Gamecock player in a game this season and the most since Kaiwan Lewis had 12 last year at Georgia, Sept. 7, 2013. Walton has 23 tackles in the last two games as he tallied 11 vs. Tennessee on Nov. 1.

Freshman defensive lineman **David Johnson** had a career-high five tackles besting his previous high of three from earlier this year at Auburn.

Freshman **Bryson Allen-Williams** recorded his first half-sack of his career in the third quarter. Williams finished with a career-high 2.5 tackles for loss.

Sophomore spur **Jordan Diggs** caused and recovered the first fumble of his career in the fourth quarter.



SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

Sophomore placekicker **Elliott Fry** tallied five points with an extra point and a 31-yard field goal in the first quarter and an extra point in the fourth quarter. He now has 181 career points and is one shy of Spencer Lanning (2007-10) at 182 for 10th all-time in South Carolina history.

Senior punter **Tyler Hull**'s 54-yard punt in the second quarter was his longest punt of the season besting the previous high of 53 yards vs. East Carolina on Sept. 6.

Senior **Brison Williams** blocked Florida's 32-yard field goal attempt in the 4th Quarter. It was the first blocked field goal since **J.T. Surratt** at Vanderbilt earlier this year, Sept. 20, 2014.

Junior wide receiver **Carlton Heard** blocked a punt in the 4th quarter, the first blocked punt by a Gamecock player since Devin Taylor at NC State on Sept. 3, 2009.