

# SOUTH CAROLINA

## ATHLETICS

### SOUTH CAROLINA FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

No. 14/16 South Carolina vs. Vanderbilt

September 20, 2014

#### GENERAL NOTES

South Carolina defeated Vanderbilt 48-34. The Gamecocks improved to 3-1 on the year and 2-1 in the SEC with Vanderbilt falling to 1-3 and 0-2 in league play. It is the most points by the Gamecocks this season and the most on the road since 52 at Arkansas last year on Oct. 12, 2013. It is the most combined points ever between the Gamecocks and Commodores and the most points by the Gamecocks vs. Vanderbilt since South Carolina scored 52 vs. the Commodores in 1995.

Captains for South Carolina for the game were: sophomore LB **Skai Moore**, senior QB **Dylan Thompson**, junior OT **Brandon Shell** and senior DT **J.T. Surratt**.

With the win, South Carolina leads the all-time series history 20-4 vs. Vanderbilt including six consecutive wins vs. the Commodores.

The Gamecocks have had eight players start all four 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 **Brison Williams**, junior FS **T.J. Gurley**.

South Carolina head coach **Steve Spurrier** earned his 202<sup>nd</sup> win as an SEC head coach to surpass Georgia legend Vince Dooley for second on the all-time list for wins as an SEC head coach. Only Paul (Bear) Bryant (292) has won more as an SEC head coach.

#### OFFENSIVE NOTES

South Carolina's 449 total yards of offense is the most by the Gamecocks in a game this season. It is the most since 639 vs. Coastal Carolina on Nov. 23, 2013. It is the most in a SEC game since 498 at Missouri on Oct. 26, 2013.

Sophomore wide receiver **Pharoh Cooper** set a career-high for receptions and receiving yards with 10 catches for 114 yards. His previous high was 5 receptions vs. East Carolina on Sept. 6, 2014 and 58 receiving yards vs. Texas A&M on Aug. 28, 2014. It is the most receptions in a game by a Gamecock this season and the most since Bruce Ellington and Mike Davis had 10 apiece at Missouri on Oct. 26, 2013. It also is the most receiving yards by a Gamecock this season; the previous high was 113 yards by Nick Jones vs. Texas A&M on Aug. 28, 2014. In addition, Cooper rushed 2 carries for 74 yards including a 70-yard run from scrimmage. It was the longest rush by a Gamecock this season and the longest since Mike Davis rushed 75 yards for a touchdown at Georgia on Sept. 7, 2013.

Senior quarterback **Dylan Thompson** finished 22-for-34 for 237 passing yards and three touchdowns. Thompson is now 208-for-360 in his career for 2,967 passing yards, 33 yards shy of becoming the 13<sup>th</sup> quarterback in school history to pass for 3,000 or more yards.

Junior tailback **Mike Davis** rushed 17 carries for 82 yards. Davis moved into the top-20 in USC history in career rushing. He now has 313 carries for 1,722 yards and is 88 yards shy of Rob DeBoer (1990-93) at 1,810 for 19<sup>th</sup> in school history.

Senior wide receiver **Damiere Byrd's** 29-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter was his second touchdown reception of the season.



Junior wide receiver **Shaq Roland's** 29-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter was his second touchdown reception of the season.

Senior wide receiver **Nick Jones' 7-yard** touchdown reception in the fourth quarter was his third touchdown reception of the season.

#### **DEFENSIVE NOTES**

Junior linebacker **Kaiwan Lewis** registered his first sack the season in the first quarter, also his second sack of his career.

Senior defensive back **Brison Williams' 53-yard** interception return for a touchdown was the first interception return for a touchdown by the Gamecocks since D.J. Swearingin tallied a 69-yard interception return for a touchdown vs. Arkansas on Nov. 10, 2012. The interception was the fourth of his career as well.

#### **SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES**

Sophomore placekicker **Elliott Fry's 45-yard** field goal in the second quarter tied a career long. He previously had a 45-yard field goal vs. Florida on Nov. 16, 2013. Fry was 2-for-2 in the game as he made a 43-yard field goal in the third quarter. Fry is now 9-for-11 in his career in the 40-49 FG range.

Senior defensive tackle **J.T. Surratt** blocked a field goal in the fourth quarter. It is the second blocked field goal by the Gamecocks this year.