

# **SOUTH CAROLINA (3-2) vs. TROY (2-3)**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 • WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.**

## **>>> SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES**

- Troy won the toss and deferred.
- Attendance at Williams-Brice Stadium was 60,686
- South Carolina's captains for the game were: Jabari Ellis, Josh Vann, Eric Douglas, and Nick Muse.
- Carolina now leads the all-time series 4-0 with all games taking place at Williams-Brice Stadium.
  - >It was the first meeting between the teams since 2010.
- South Carolina improves to 617-597-44 all-time in program history.
- Carolina is now 17-2 all-time against teams currently in the Sun Belt Conference.
- South Carolina improves to 35-11 in their last 46 contests against teams outside of the SEC.
- The Gamecocks improve to 49-4 against non-Power 5 schools since the turn of the century.

## **>>> SOUTH CAROLINA OFFENSE NOTES**

- The opening drive of 15 plays (70 yards), is their longest drive of the season.
  - >It's the second time this season (Georgia) that they've scored on their opening drive.
- The Gamecocks converted a 4th-and-1 during the opening drive. It's the first time they've converted on fourth down on an opening drive since Nov. 9, 2019 against Appalachian State.
- The 77-yard (10-play) scoring drive in the second quarter was their second longest scoring drive of the season (86 yards vs. Eastern Illinois).
- Luke Doty finished the day completing 20-of-34 for 255 yards and a touchdown. All of which were career highs.
  - >The victory was Doty's first as a starter.
  - >The 255 yards passing are the most this season by the Gamecocks.
  - >It's the most passing yards since the team threw for 290 against Tennessee on Sept. 26, 2020.
- Kevin Harris finished with a season-high 47 rushing yards on 11 carries.
  - >Harris also had two receptions for a season-high 49 yards.
- Josh Vann finished with a career-high 52 yards rushing on two attempts.
  - >His 34-yard run was also a career-long.
- Juju McDowell matched a season-high with 16 receiving yards on a season-high three catches.
- E.J. Jenkins caught two passes for 28 yards, including a catch for 16, all of which were season highs.
  - >His 16-yard touchdown catch was his first as a Gamecock.
- Nick Muse finished with a season-high 27 yards receiving.
- Dakereon Joyner's lone reception for 24 yards was a season-long catch.

## **>>> SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE NOTES**

- The four forced turnovers (2 INT, 2 FF) are the most this season by a Carolina defense.
  - >It's the first time Carolina has recorded two forced fumbles and two interceptions in a game since Oct. 7, 2017 against Arkansas.
- Carolina forced a 3-and-out on Troy's opening drive, the first time this season they've forced one on the opening drive this season.
- Zacch Pickens sack in the first quarter was his first solo sack of the season.
- David Spaulding's 74-yard interception return for a touchdown is Carolina's longest INT of the season.
  - >It's the longest interception return for a touchdown since Stephon Gilmore went for 80 yards against Furman on Sept. 18, 2010.
  - >It's the team's third pick-6 of the season.
  - >It was Spaulding first interception as a Gamecock and the second of his career.
  - >It was also his second career pick-6.
  - > He tied a career-high with four tackles.

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## **>>> SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE NOTES CONT.**

- Damani Staley picked off his second career pass.
- Jaylan Foster earned his first career sack.
  - > Foster also tied a career-high with 12 tackles, all of which were solo.
    - \*It's also tied for a team season-high.
  - > Foster forced two fumbles on the night, his first career forced fumbles.
- Jabari Ellis finished with a season-high six tackles.
- M.J. Webb finished with a season-high four tackles.

## **>>> SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES**

- Parker White now has 65 career made field goals and 326 career total points after three field goals (28, 43, 37) and two extra points.
  - > White moves into second all-time with 91 FG attempts.
  - > He's now one behind Elliott Fry for second all-time in FG made.
  - > His 37-yard fourth quarter field goal now gives him seven fourth quarter or overtime field goals for his career.
    - > White's 23-yard field goal in the first quarter is his shortest of the season.
    - > He improves to 18-of-18 for his career on field goal attempts of 20-29 yards.
    - > He is now 21-of-33 all-time of attempts 40-49 yards.
    - > White is now 23-of-28 all-time on attempts of 30-39 yards.
    - > White's three field goals ties a career-high for made in a game (MR - Appalachian State, 11/9/19).
- Juju McDowell's 16-yard punt return was the longest this season by a Gamecock.