

# **SOUTH CAROLINA (6-5, 3-5) vs. AUBURN (6-5, 3-4)**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021 • WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.**

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

- **South Carolina rallied from a two-touchdown deficit to defeat Auburn, 21-17, on Saturday night.**
- The Gamecocks have beaten Auburn each of the last two years, their first wins over Auburn since 1933.
- Carolina is bowl eligible for the first time since 2018. The bowl appearance would be their 24th as a program.
- The Gamecocks have come from behind in five of their six wins this year. This is their second win this season after trailing by 14 points, including the 20-17 victory over East Carolina on 9/11/21.
- Attendance at Williams-Brice Stadium was 70,299.
- South Carolina's captains for the game were Dakereon Joyner, Jovaughn Gwyn, Damani Staley, and Jaylan Foster
- Auburn leads the all-time series 10-3-1 and is 3-2 in games played in Columbia.
- South Carolina is now 620-600-44 all-time.
- South Carolina won the toss and deferred.

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

- Jason Brown made his third consecutive start at quarterback. He finished 10-of-15 for 157 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. His three touchdown passes was a season high.
- ZaQuandre White made his fifth start of the season at running back. He carried the ball 16 times for 99 yards and reeled in three receptions for a career-best 69 yards, including a touchdown. He led the Gamecocks in both rushing and receiving yards.
- White opened South Carolina's scoring effort with a 28-yard touchdown reception in the 2nd quarter. It was his third touchdown catch of the season, and his second in as many games.
- White accounted for four of Carolina's eight explosive plays, including receptions of 40 and 28 yards and rushes of 33 and 16 yards.
- Carolina's second touchdown was a 3-yard touchdown pass from Brown to Trai Jones. It was the freshman fullback's first career reception.
- The Gamecocks out-gained Auburn, 117-75, in the 2nd quarter, when they scored their first two touchdowns. Auburn scored both touchdowns in the 1st quarter and out-gained Carolina, 124-46.
- South Carolina's first scoring drive was a 10-play, 67-yard drive that took 5:06 off the clock midway through the 2nd quarter. It was capped by Brown's 28-yard touchdown pass to White, and it was Carolina's sixth touchdown drive this year of 10 or more plays.
- South Carolina's second touchdown drive tied the game at 14-14 heading into halftime. The Gamecocks started the 6-play drive on the Auburn 35 after the Tigers failed to convert a 4th-and 1.
- Carolina took a 21-17 lead with 4:57 left in the 3rd quarter on a 7-yard pass from Brown to Vann. The score was set up by a 40-yard catch and run by White. The touchdown capped a 6-play, 67-yard drive.
- Vann's touchdown reception was his fifth this season, the most by a Gamecock since Bryan Edwards caught six touchdowns in 2019.
- Kevin Harris added 13 carries for 63 yards.
- Xavier Legette's 4th-quarter reception, his only catch of the game, went for a season-best 20 yards.
- The Gamecocks are now 2-1 in games started by Brown at quarterback.
- Brown's 66.7% completion percentage was his highest this year in a game where he's made at least 10 pass attempts.
- Brown's three touchdown passes set a new high for the Gamecocks against SEC opponents this year. It was the most by a Gamecock since Zeb Noland tossed four touchdowns on 9/4/21 against Eastern Illinois.
- Wide receiver Ahmarean Brown made his first start as a Gamecock, his 18th career start as a collegian (including 17 in two years at Georgia Tech).

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

- The Gamecocks held Auburn to 379 yards for the game. They allowed only 255 yards and three points after the 1st quarter.
- Auburn mustered only 56 yards in the 4th quarter, when they completed just 2-of-6 passes and were 0-for-3 on third down.
- Carolina clinched the victory when RJ Roderick recovered an Auburn muffed punt with 2:11 left in the 4th quarter. It was Auburn's lone turnover of the game.
- Senior Brad Johnson led Carolina with nine tackles, including 0.5 sacks. Including his eight stops on 11/13/21 at Missouri, he's averaging 8.5 tackles per game over the last two weeks.
- Roderick added seven tackles (six solo), his most in a game since 9/25/21 against Kentucky.
- Mohammed Kaba finished with five tackles, including his second tackle for loss of the season.
- Sophomore Jordan Burch finished with a career-high four tackles. The Columbia native has multiple stops in each of the last three games.
- Defensive backs Darius Rush and Carlins Platel each finished with two pass breakups, setting career highs.
- Senior Jordan Strachan tallied a half sack, giving him 1.5 for the season. It was his first against an SEC opponent. Johnson split the sack with him and now has 2.5 for the season.

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

- Parker White now has 356 career points after going 3-for-3 on PATs. He now trails Elliott Fry (2013-16) by three points for the school's all-time points lead.
- Kai Kroger punted the ball six times for an average of 43.3 yards and a long of 53. It was his fourth-highest punting average of the season.