

SOUTH CAROLINA (5-2, 2-2) vs. **TEXAS A&M** (3-4, 1-3)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022 • WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES

- Attendance at Williams-Brice Stadium was a sellout of 77,837
- South Carolina's captains for the game were Sherrod Greene, Jovaughn Gwyn, Tonka Hemingway, Spencer Rattler.
- It was the first win for the Gamecocks over the Aggies for the Bonham Trophy.
- Texas A&M leads the overall series, 8-1 and is 4-1 in games in Columbia.
- South Carolina is now 626-603-44 all-time.
- Texas A&M won the toss and deferred.
- Carolina wins its fourth game in-a-row for the first time since Nov. 2, 2013-Jan. 1, 2014 when the Gamecocks won five in-a-row to end the 2013 season, wrapped up with a win over Wisconsin in the 2014 Capital One Bowl.
- The Gamecocks improve to 16-3 coming off a bye week since 2009.
- The victory give the Gamecocks their fifth win in seven games to start the season for the first time since 2017.
- The Gamecocks improve to 10-1 under Shane Beamer when scoring first and 9-0 when leading at halftime.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA OFFENSE NOTES

- The 17 points in the first quarter by the Gamecocks were the most in a first quarter since scoring 21 against Charleston Southern on Sept. 7, 2019.
- Christian Beal-Smith rushed for his 4th touchdown of the season in the first quarter.
- Marshawn Lloyd rushed for his 8th and 9th touchdowns of the season in the third and fourth quarter.
- Loyd finished with 92 yard on 18 rushes, which were his second most attempts this season.
- His nine rushing touchdowns are 11th all-time in program history for a season.
- Austin Stronger finished with a season-high 46 yards receiving.
- Josh Vann finished with two catches for 41 yards, moving him to 97 and 1,126 for his career.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE NOTES

- The Gamecocks combined for a season-high 12 pass breakups.
- They combined for nine quarterback hurries on the night, second most this season.
- Darius Rush recorded his first interception of the season and second of his career in the first quarter.
- Rush's 50-yard interception return is the longest of the season by a Gamecock.
- Rush also recorded his first career forced fumble in the first quarter.
- He led the team with eight tackles, including six solo.
- Jordan Burch recorded seven tackles on the night, his second highest output of the season.
- Brad Johnson tied a season-high with six tackles.
- Zacch Pickens finished with a career-high three quarterback hurries.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Xavier Legette returned the opening kick 100 yards for a touchdown.
- It's the first kickoff returned for a touchdown since Deebo Samuel against Ole Miss (11/3/18), which was also an opening kickoff.
- It's the first 100-yard kickoff return since Samuel did it against Western Carolina on Nov. 19, 2016.
- It's only the fourth 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in program history.
- Mitch Jeter connected on a 23-yard field goal in the first quarter.
- He is now 7-for-7 on the season and 4-for-4 from 20-29 yards.
- Kai Kroger finished with a 49.0 average on six punts, just shy of his season-high of 49.1