

#19 SOUTH CAROLINA (8-5) vs. #21 NOTRE DAME (9-4)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022 • TIAA BANK FIELD | JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES

- Attendance at TIAA Bank Field was 67,383.
- South Carolina's captains for the game were Eric Douglas, Jovaughn Gwyn, Brad Johnson and Spencer Rattler
- Notre Dame leads the all-time series, 4-1, and it was the first meeting between the two schools since 1984.
- Carolina is now 10-15 all-time in bowl games
- South Carolina is now 629-606-44 all-time.
- South Carolina won the coin toss and elected to receive.
- Keenan Nelson Jr. and Dakereon Joyner made their first starts of the season.
- DJ Twitty and Landon Samson made their first appearances of the season in the Gator Bowl
- The 28 combined points by the two teams in the first quarter set a Gator Bowl record, which was 24 points by Mississippi State and Michigan in 2011.
- Today's game was the highest scoring game in Gator Bowl history

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA OFFENSE NOTES

- Xavier Legette scored Carolina's first touchdown with 11:48 left in the first on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Spencer Rattler. It was Legette's second touchdown reception of the season.
- The 21 first-quarter points by Carolina tied a Gator Bowl record for one team (Tennessee, 2015).
- Legette then scored his second touchdown of the game and third of the season with an acrobatic 42-yard completion with 8:31 left in the third quarter.
- Spencer Rattler was 29-for-46 for 246 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.
- Legette had seven catches for 78 yards while Nate Adkins had five receptions for 78 yards.
- Carolina was led on the ground by Juju McDowell's 28 yards on six carries.
- Carolina had 352 yards of total offense.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE NOTES

- DQ Smith returned an interception 53 yards for a touchdown to give Carolina a 21-7 lead. It was Smith's second interception of his career and second touchdown of 2022.
- The last interception returned for a touchdown in Gator Bowl history was Virginia Tech's James Anderson in 2006.
- Nick Barrett recorded his first career interception with 6:54 left in the third quarter.
- O'Donnell Fortune returned an interception 100 yards for a touchdown with 7:42 left in the fourth quarter.
- Fortune's interception return was the longest in Gator Bowl history. It's also the fourth longest interception/fumble return in school history.
- Sherrod Greene led the Gamecocks with 11 tackles, five solos
- Jordan Burch had four quarterback hurries in the game.
- Greene and Alex Huntley had a sack apiece.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Kai Kroeger connected with Hunter Rogers for a 23-yard touchdown on a fake field goal with 2:27 left in the first quarter. Kroeger is now 4-for-4 passing this season for 107 yards and two touchdowns. It also was Rogers' first career touchdown reception.
- Mitch Jeter connected on a 45-yard field goal with 5:14 left in the second quarter. Jeter ends the season going 11-for-11 on field goals.