

SOUTH CAROLINA (0-1) vs. NORTH CAROLINA (1-0)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 • BANK OF AMERICA STADIUM | CHARLOTTE, N.C.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES

- Attendance at Bank of America Stadium was 68,723.
- South Carolina's captains for the game were Tonka Hemingway, Alex Huntley, Dakereon Joyner and Spencer Rattler
- North Carolina now leads the overall series 36-20-4.
- South Carolina is 86-40-4 in season openers
- South Carolina is now 629-606-44 all-time.
- Shane Beamer is now 15-12 as a head coach at South Carolina.
- Carolina moves to 2-2 all-time vs. North Carolina in games played at Bank of America Stadium.
- South Carolina won the toss and elected to receive.
- Trey Knox, Nick Gargiulo, Cason Henry, Bryan Thomas Jr. and Stone Blanton all made their first career start as a Gamecock.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA OFFENSE NOTES

- Xavier Legette had a career high 178 yards on nine receptions, including a 37-yard completion from Spencer Rattler in the first quarter.
- It was the 13th best receiving yards in a game by a Gamecocks and the most since Deebo Samuel had 190 yards against Clemson in 2018.
- Dakereon Joyner scored South Carolina's first touchdown of the season, a four-yard rush with 6:29 left in the first quarter. Joyner now has five rushing touchdowns in his career.
- Juju McDowell scored Carolina's second touchdown, a 1-yard rush with 5:16 left in the second quarter. McDowell now has five career rushing touchdowns.
- Spencer Rattler was 30-for-39 for 353 yards in the season opener.
- Trey Knox had a 14-yard reception in the first quarter in his first game as a Gamecock.
- Luke Doty recorded his first career reception in the second quarter, a 12-yard reception. He had three receptions for 41 yards.
- Eight different Gamecocks had receptions in the season opener.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE NOTES

- Debo Williams led the Gamecocks with 14 tackles on the night, including eight solos and a tackle for loss.
- DQ Smith had 11 tackles and a pass breakup in the UNC game.
- O'Donnell Fortune had an interception in third quarter, the third in his career and the second in as many games (2022 Gator Bowl).
- Kajuan Banks recorded his first career interception in the fourth quarter.
- Jalon Kilgore had 11 tackles in his first game as a Gamecock.
- Stone Blanton added 10 tackles in the season opener.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Mitch Jeter connected on a 26-yard field goal in the fourth quarter and is now 12-for-12 all-time in his career.
- Kai Kroeger had five punts for a 48.4-yard average.