

# **SOUTH CAROLINA (1-2, 0-1) vs. GEORGIA (3-0, 1-0)**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 • SANFORD STADIUM | ATHENS, GA.**

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

- Attendance at Sanford Stadium was 92,746.
- South Carolina's captains for the game were Luke Doty, Kai Kroeger, Spencer Rattler and DQ Smith
- Georgia now leads the all-time series 55-19-2.
- South Carolina is now 630-607-44 all-time.
- Shane Beamer is now 16-13 as a head coach at South Carolina.
- Georgia won the toss and deferred to the second half.
- Tree Babalade made his first career start at Carolina at left tackle.
- Drew Tuazama made his first career start at Carolina at defensive end.
- Luke Doty made his first start at wide receiver. He started six games at quarterback in his Carolina career.
- South Carolina played the No. 1 team in the country for the seventh time in school history.

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

- Antwane Wells Jr., hauled in his 28th career touchdown catch on the opening drive, a 17-yard pass from Spencer Rattler. It was his seventh TD catch as a Gamecock.
- Carolina scored on its opening drive for the first time this season.
- Dakereon Joyner now has a rushing touchdown in each of the first three games for the Gamecocks. His 2-yard touchdown rush in the second quarter was the seventh of his career.
- Spencer Rattler was 22-for-42 for 256 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. He now has 954 passing yards after three games.
- O'Mega Blake led the Carolina receivers with five catches for 86 yards, including a 41-yard completion.
- Rattler completed a pass to seven different receivers in the Georgia game.
- Xavier Legette had a team-high seven receptions for 71 yards, which included a 35-yard reception. Legette has 367 receiving yards after three games.

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

- TJ Sanders had nine tackles, a sack, two tackles for loss and a pass breakup vs. Georgia.
- Debo Williams had 11 tackles (six solos) which included 1.5 tackles for loss, to lead the Gamecocks. Williams leads Carolina with 29 tackles after three games played and has a pair of double-digit tackle performances in 2023.
- Nick Emmanwori had 10 tackles on the night, four of which were solos.
- Stone Blanton had a sack on Carson Beck on the last play of the first half. It was Blanton's first career sack.
- O'Donnell Fortune had a pass breakup in the end zone in the third quarter vs. Georgia.
- DQ Smith also had nine tackles, five of which were solos.

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

- Kai Kroeger had three punts inside the 20-yard line in the Georgia game.