

# **SOUTH CAROLINA (2-4, 1-3) vs. FLORIDA (5-2, 3-1)**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 • WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.**

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

- Attendance at Williams-Brice Stadium was a sellout, 79,247
- South Carolina's captains for the game were O'Donnell Fortune, Vershon Lee, Tonka Hemingway, and Dakereon Joyner.
- Florida now leads the all-time series, 31-10-3.
- South Carolina is now 631-610-44 all-time.
- Shane Beamer is now 17-15 as a head coach at South Carolina.
- South Carolina won the toss and deferred to the second half. Florida received the opening kickoff.
- Elijah Davis made his first start of the season.
- Jaron Willis made his first appearance of the season.

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

- The Gamecocks scored on the opening drive for the third time this season.
- With the touchdown in the first quarter, Carolina now has scored a touchdown in the first quarter in every game this season.
- It's the seventh consecutive game overall dating back to the 2022 season.
- It's the first time this season the Gamecocks have scored two touchdowns in the first quarter.
- It was the second time this season (Miss. State) they scored touchdowns on their first two possessions of the game.
- Spencer Rattler completed his first 10 passes of the game.
- He finished with four touchdown passes for the fifth time in his career, second as a Gamecock.
- His four touchdown passes puts him 10th all-time in Gamecock history with 29 for his career.
- He finished with 313 yards passing, marking the sixth time in his career throwing for 300+ yards.
- That is tied for third all-time with Stephen Garcia.
- Now has 4,750 yards for his career, 12th all-time in program history, 146 behind Bobby Fuller.
- The 45-yard catch by Nyck Harbor is a season-long.
- Juju McDowell rushed for a 17-yard touchdown in the first quarter, his longest run of the season.
- Xavier Legette finished with 110 yards receiving, this fourth 100-yard receiving game of the season.
- That is tied for 7th all-time in a single season.
- Joshua Simon caught his first touchdown pass as a Gamecock in the fourth quarter.
- The 33-yard reception is his longest catch at Carolina.
- Trey Knox caught a season-high eight receptions.
- Mario Anderson caught two passes for a season-high 23 yards.
- His 20-yard catch was a career-long.
- Anderson carried the ball 20 times for 98 yards.
- It's the third straight game he's rushed for 80+ yards.
- As a team, the Gamecocks rushed for a season-high 152 yards.
- The 465 yards of total offense are the most against an FBS opponent this season.

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

- T.J. Sanders recorded his fourth sack of the season in the second quarter.
- He has recorded a sack in four of the last five games.
- Debo Williams recorded his first sack of the season in the third quarter.
- He also recorded a career-high 3.5 tackles for loss.
- Jordan Strachan recorded his second sack of the season in the third quarter.
- Jalon Kilgore led Carolina with 11 tackles on the night, one off a season-high.
- The Gamecocks recorded a safety for the first time since against UCF on Sept. 26, 2015.
- The eight tackles for loss as a team were a season-high.
- The four sacks by Carolina were a season-high.

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

- Tyreek Johnson blocked a field goal in the third quarter.
- It's the first blocked field goal by the Gamecocks this season.
- It's the second straight season Carolina blocked an attempt by Florida (Cam Smith, 11/12/22)
- Mitch Jeter made his only field goal attempt of the night from 27 yards.
- He's now made four in-a-row on the season.
- Jeter made all four of his PAT's, making him 18-of-18 on the season.
- Kai Kroger has two punts of 50+ yards for the second time this season.