

SOUTH CAROLINA (4-6, 3-5) vs. KENTUCKY (6-5, 3-5)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023 • WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES

- Attendance at Williams-Brice Stadium was 77,788 and was a sellout
- South Carolina's captains for the game were: Alex Huntley, Vershon Lee, Spencer Rattler, and DQ Smith.
- Carolina leads the all-time series with Kentucky, 20-14-1.
- South Carolina is now 634-612-44 all-time.
- Shane Beamer is now 20-17 as a head coach at South Carolina.
- South Carolina won the toss and deferred to the second half. Kentucky received the opening kick.
- The three-point win is the smallest margin of victory in the series since 2010 (31-28 UK win).
- It's only the fourth game of the series decided by three points or less.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA OFFENSE NOTES

- Carolina scored a touchdown on its opening drive for the fifth time this season.
- Spencer Rattler completed 19 passes for 207 yards and two touchdowns.
 - He now has 6,100 passing yards for his Carolina career, moving him into fifth all-time.
 - He now has 37 passing touchdowns for his career, one behind Anthony Wright and Blake Mitchell for seventh all-time.
- He now has 3,083 on the season, putting him fifth all-time.
- He has 19 touchdown passes for the season, eighth all-time.
- Xavier Legette caught his sixth and seventh touchdowns of the season and 12th of his career.
 - He finished with 94 yards on six catches.
 - He moves into second all-time in a single season with 1,187 receiving yards.
 - He now has 107 catches for his career, tied for 17th in program history.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE NOTES

- The 293 yards allowed are the second fewest on the season.
- The 61 offensive plays allowed (34 pass, 27 rush) are the fewest this season.
- The Gamecocks forced a 3-and-out on the opening drive for the fourth time this season.
- Held UK without a point in the first quarter, the fourth time this season doing so to an opponent.
- The seven yards allowed in the first quarter are the fewest yards allowed in a quarter under Shane Beamer.
 - It's the fewest allowed since giving up two yards in the 4th quarter against Vanderbilt on Sept. 24, 2011.
- Jordan Strachan recorded a sack on the opening drive.
 - He added another in the fourth on a strip sack, giving him a career-high two sacks at Carolina.
 - He now has four on the season and eight for his Carolina career.
 - He forced a fumble in the fourth quarter, his second of the season and his career.
- Nick Emmanwori led the team with nine tackles, one off a season-high.
 - He recorded his first career interception in the second quarter.
- Jalon Kilgore forced his first career fumble in the second quarter.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Mitch Jeter made a 23-yard field goal, his 12th of the season.
 - He also made both of his PAT's, improving to 32-of-33 on the season.
- Kai Kroeger tied a season-high with three punts downed inside the 20.
 - His eight punts are a season-high and tie a career-high.
 - The 352 total yards are the most this season for Kroeger and second-most in his career.
- Kilgore returned his first career punt for 15 yards.