

SOUTH CAROLINA (3-6, 1-5) vs. VANDERBILT (2-8, 0-6)

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>>> SOUTH CAROLINA PLAYER QUOTES

Spencer Rattler • QB • Redshirt Senior

On if this is his best playing stretch...

"I feel like always in the month of November I've played at a high level, no matter where I was at. Credit to my team and O-line, I believe we had zero sacks today, they did a great job in protection. The receivers made great plays. Mario had some great runs. So, it's not just me, you need everyone else to play 11-man football. I think the offense is playing well, I feel good right now. But like I said, round 11 next week on a big test, here at home, at night and it's going to be fun."

On winning today...

"I was talking to the guys before the game, we were all like let's get a win today. But I was like let's get a really big win today, like really score a lot of points, play good football. And the defense played amazing today, got forced to a lot of three and-outs, turnovers on downs, and some great field possession. It was really a great game for us. It feels good but we're not complacent. Like Coach Beamer said SEC schedules are a 12-round fight. Now it was round 10 and we are going into round 11. But it was good to get a pretty complete game, you know there are some things we need to clean up still. We are always going to clean the stuff up. But it was good to have a pretty complete game."

Mario Anderson • RB • Redshirt Senior

On his long touchdown run...

"My mind was just focused on being able to run through somebody's face like Coach Mo really teaches us and just being able to finish. The room depended on me, and my teammates trusted me with that play. So that was just the biggest thing, just being able to finish."

On the running back room...

"For a guy like Djay Braswell, it is great for him to be able to come in and do his thing. He's matured a lot as the year has gone on. It is time for other guys to step up like Bradley Dunn and D.J. Twitty. We have complete faith in everyone in the running back room. We all play the game for each other. Prayers up for Juju and DK, we are going to finish the thing out for those boys."

Alex Huntley • DT • Redshirt Junior

On his recent injury earlier this week...

"It happened Tuesday, and it was one of those things where it happened and I kind of knew this is not at all what I wanted, especially this late in the season. In the past, I've had a couple of injuries here and there, but it was one of those things where I chose the team and myself, I put them first. I know a lot of these guys would do the same thing for me. So, I knew I had to do it for them. And I saw a little bit of what Coach Beamer was, saying kind of a testament to him as well. He puts trust in his players, he trusted me that I could go out there and play, go out there and play defense. Thanks to him and thank you to all the guys next to me. They helped me out and they always checked on me. Whatever I needed they always had my back."

On scoring a touchdown and celebrating the team in all three phases...

"It was great. That's the fun part of football; being with these guys day in and day out, seeing them have success. It feels like your own successes. It's easy to celebrate guys like Bam, he had a crazy day. Every play he made, the whole sideline was going crazy because we love seeing Bam do that and other guys, we love seeing

them make those plays. So, it's really easy to celebrate and have fun out there when we're making plays. It's kind of one of those like movie moments that you see it's like, oh, this is it. I saw when I came to a little corner, and I saw open it was and I knew Spencer was going to throw it to me and so my eyes got kind of big. I knew this was a big moment. So, it was great. It was almost a once in a lifetime kind of thing."

Bam Martin-Scott • LB • Redshirt Senior

On have success on the defense...

"I feel like we executed on just getting turnovers. Everybody was flying to the ball and trying to get the ball out. Everybody was finding the gaps, and they knew their assignments. Everybody came together as a defense and talking about running fits."

On this week's preparation....

"I prepare every week. When the moment came and my name was called, I just took advantage of the opportunity."

Josh Simon • TE • Graduate Student

On his mentality getting called up to play tonight....

"The process doesn't change, the mindset doesn't change. There's always the next man up mentality and if you stay ready you don't ever have to get ready. I'm that type of person that I'm ready when my number is called to make a play."

On his new responsibilities after Juju was injured....

"I honestly didn't know until I came on the sideline. But not necessarily because like I said, it's the next man up mentality. I got faith in all our guys to get in, hit gaps and make the right reads and do what they need to do."

Xavier Leggette • POS. • YR.

On working through his pain throughout the game....

"That's just me. I like to stay on the field. I don't come off the field until I really have to."

On his preparation for the game...

"My preparation is due Tuesday through Thursday. I like to practice and see myself making that play beforehand."