

# **SOUTH CAROLINA (4-6, 2-5) vs. VANDERBILT (2-9, 0-7)**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023 | WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.**

## **POSTGAME QUOTES**

### **>>> SOUTH CAROLINA HEAD COACH SHANE BEAMER**

#### ***On the impact of the weather...***

"There is no excuse to have a bad snap and five drops. We need to be able to make those plays... We knew takeaways and ball securities were going to be key and we did a good job at that."

#### ***On guys making individual plays...***

"We gave out some game balls to guys that made a lot of individual plays. Josh Simon, some awesome individual efforts, breaking tackles and running through people when he didn't have much help around him. Mario Anderson, his long touchdown run... just to continue to compete after that was awesome. Keenan Nelson blocking a punt and picking it up and scoring. Bam Scott, he had a sack and immediately after the second-to-last touchdown, ran downfield and made a tackle at the 16-yard line. I saw a lot of great individual efforts... and we need our best players and all of our guys to continue to make plays."

#### ***On the blocked punt...***

"The elements were a factor on that one. The ball gets a little heavy, the snap is slower... We have been close, really should have blocked one earlier, probably should have blocked about three today... It brought a lot of energy to the sideline. Offense, Defense, Special teams were celebrating for one another."

#### ***On the game opening up and a large margin of victory...***

"Everybody on our team works hard, and you want to give them an opportunity to play. It is really fun to see the joy on the sidelines and how guys are cheering supporting and happy for each other."

#### ***On holding an opponent under 20 points for the first time this season...***

"Vanderbilt has guys that present challenges to teams... Schematically, we have continued to evolve that three-down package we have... Credit to Clayton and our defensive staff for putting a good plan together and really good job overall. That is a team who have scored some points against people and present challenges to you."

#### ***On fewer missed tackles, defensive penalties, and the overall effort...***

"We correct a lot and hold guys accountable. Last Sunday was not a very pleasant meeting because there were frankly some examples on tape last week, in all three phases, where we weren't playing with the effort that we expected. One thing we don't tweak around here is the effort and we needed to see that today. They flew around, and when you know what to do and play fast and with energy, good things are going to happen."

#### ***On Bam Martin Scott and where he fits in the three-down package...***

"He is a really good football player who does a good job on special teams... As far as his role, he is the three-down package... if we are in that, he is the starter."

"We have to figure out a way to get our athletes on the field and allow them to affect the quarterback more and Bam certainly fits the bill for that."

#### ***On the special teams unit...***

"We continue to be aggressive and mix up calls. I thought we did a better job because Vanderbilt lines up in a lot of different ways and make you prepare for a lot... We needed to be locked into what our plans and responsibilities were, and I thought those guys did a good job of executing and blocking one at the end. We need to be better at kickoff returns and field goals. Like every phase, it is going to be a lot to clean up. Like any phase, scoring on special teams gives you an opportunity to win a game."