

SOUTH CAROLINA (5-7) vs. CLEMSON (8-4)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023 | WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

>>> CLEMSON HEAD COACH DABO SWINNEY

Opening Statement...

"It was a great crowd, great venue, great environment to play college football game. Both teams certainly competed really hard. But I'm just proud of the fight of our team. It's been awesome to see. You know, we've been kind of battling you know, for a while to respond the way they have. From 4-4 to 8-4, undefeated in November."

On Clemson's Defense...

"South Carolina rushed for 50-something yards and we rushed for 200-something yards so that's difference in the game right there. I thought we won in the trenches. Outside of that one drive –I think it was a consecutive punts after that score. So just really proud of our defense."

On Clemson's Offense...

"We were we were pretty good on third down offensively. Right there at the end we missed a couple. I think we were 7 of 16 and I think they were like 2 of 14. So that was a big difference in the game. And then we won the field position about one of the turnover margin and we kept them on long field and it just felt like our defense had the game under control."

On an undefeated November...

"I think we're going to win every game. I've never gone into a game not thinking we're going to win. If that day ever comes, it's probably time for me to go. I think we're supposed to win. You got to earn it. But absolutely, I mean, we compete our butts off, man. It's just disappointing that we didn't win some of those other games. You're talking about overtime, double overtime and you know, pick six, one score game, but we had just said a lot of critical mistakes. And if you go back and look at the common denominator of our losses, and it's not just turnovers, it's the type of turnovers."

>>> CLEMSON PLAYER QUOTES

Khalil Barnes • Safety • Freshman

On the mood a practice leading up to the game

"Business is business. We wanted to come down here and end their season."

On postgame celebrations

"It feels good because we get next week off to give our bodies a little rest but it also feels good because it's a rivalry game. I've never felt an environment like I felt when I was coming out for warm-ups. Seeing Sandstorm in person was surreal."

Will Putnam • OL • Graduate

On the defense holding South Carolina up on third downs

"Our defense did a great job holding them on third downs and holding them to only one touchdown was phenomenal."