

SOUTH CAROLINA (3-1) vs. AKRON (1-3)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 • WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES

- Attendance at Williams-Brice Stadium was a sellout, 78,704
- South Carolina's captains for the game were Maurice Brown II, Bam Martin-Scott, Juju McDowell and DQ Smith.
- Carolina is now 2-0 in the series against Akron.
- South Carolina is now 637-614-44 all-time.
- Shane Beamer is now 23-19 as a head coach at South Carolina.
- Akron won the toss and deferred to the second half. Carolina received the opening kickoff.
- First starts of the season: Robby Ashford and Gage Larvadain
- First appearances of the season: Jawarn Howell, Matthew Fuller, Davis Beville, Emory Floyd, Dante Reno, Wendell Gregory, Eriq Rice, Jaron Willis, Isaiah McClary, David Spaulding, Jace Blackshear, Bradley Dunn, Cole Rasmussen, Rondarius Porter, Jamaal Whyce, Kam Pringle, Chase Kibble, Ni Mansell, Mac Walters, Chase Sweigart, Blake Franks, Lukas Vozeh, Aaron Morton, Emazon Littlejohn, and Nick Elksnis.
- The 395 yards difference in total yards (549-154) is the largest difference since Charleston Southern (508, vs Charleston Southern, 9/7/2019).

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA OFFENSE NOTES

- The 50 points scored are the most since scoring 63 against Tennessee (11/19/2022).
- The 43-point victory is the most since defeating Eastern Illinois 46-0 (9/4/2021).
- The 549 yards of offense are the most since gaining 571 against Furman last season (9/9/2023).
- Oscar Adaway III caught his first touchdown as a Gamecock in the first quarter.
- He also rushed for his first touchdown at Carolina, matching a career-high with two on the night.
- He finished with a season-high 14 carries on 42 yards, both are season high's.
- Robby Ashford ran for his first touchdown as a Gamecock in the first quarter.
- Ashford finished with 243 yard passing and 133 yards rushing, becoming the first player since Lorenzo Nunez against UCF (9/26/2015) to do so.
- His 133 rushing yards are a career-high on a season-high 16 carries.
- His 38-yard run in the first quarter is a season long.
- His 15 completions and 243 yards passing are both season high's by a Gamecock.
- Mazeo Bennett Jr. had a career-high five catches and 71 receiving yards.
- Gage Larvadain caught his first pass of the season in the second quarter for 35 yards.
- He finished with 79 yards receiving, the most by a player this season.
- His 44-yard catch was the longest by a Gamecock this season.
- Brady Hunt made his first catch as a Gamecock in the second quarter.
- Jawarn Howell earned his first rushing yards as a Gamecock, finishing with 33 on five carries.
- He also ran for his first touchdown of the season.
- Juju McDowell finished with a season-high five carries and 29 rushing yards.
- Nyck Harbor had his first rushing attempt of the season.
- Davis Beville completed his first pass of the season in the fourth quarter.
- He threw his first touchdown pass as a Gamecock and second of his career.
- Dalevon Campbell finished with a season-high 27 receiving yards.
- Eriq Rice caught his first career pass in the fourth quarter.
- Connor Knox caught his first career catch and touchdown in the fourth quarter.
- Matthew Fuller had his first rushing attempt of the season, finishing with 25 yards on eight carries.
- Bradley Dunn has his first rushing attempts of the season, finishing with a career-high 10 yards.

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>>> SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE NOTES

- The 37 rushing yards allowed are the fewest since Mississippi State last season (9/23/2023).
- The 154 total yards allowed are the fewest since allowing 109 vs Eastern Illinois (9/4/2021).
- Rondarius Porter recorded his first career sack in the fourth quarter.
- Demetrius Knight Jr. led the team with a season-high five tackles.
- Debo Williams recorded his first sack of the season and now has 3.0 for his career.
- Kyle Kennard recorded a sack and now has 5.5 on the season and 18 for his career.
- DQ Smith recorded his first interception of the season and the fourth of his career.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Kai Kroger rushed for a 2-pt conversion in the first quarter.
- It's the first 2-pt conversion since Tonka Hemingway ran for one vs South Carolina State (9/29/22)
- Kroger finished with four punts, including a 75-yard kick, his longest of the season.
- His 53.2 average on the night is a season-high.
- Jalon Kilgore returned his first punt of the season in the third quarter for a career-long 28 yards.
- It's the longest punt return of the season by a Gamecock.
- Gage Larvadain returned his first punt of the season.