

SOUTH CAROLINA (2-0, 1-0) vs. KENTUCKY (1-1, 0-1)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 • KROGER FIELD | LEXINGTON, KY.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES

- Attendance at Kroger Field was 61,349.
- South Carolina's captains for the game were Tonka Hemingway, Kyle Kennard, Joshua Simon and Torcelli Simpkins III.
- Carolina has a 21-14-1 series advantage on Kentucky
- South Carolina is now 636-613-44 all-time.
- Shane Beamer is now 22-18 as a head coach at South Carolina.
- Carolina has now won three straight games against Kentucky, including the last two in Lexington.
- South Carolina won the coin toss and deferred to the second half.
- Dalevon Campbell, Brady Hunt, Nyck Harbor, DeAndre Jules and Bam Martin-Scott each made their first starts of the 2024 season.
- Robby Ashford, Bryan Thomas Jr., Connor Cox, Mo Kaba, Joseph Byrnes, Jalewis Solomon and Kelvin Hunter made their first appearances of the season in the Kentucky game.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA OFFENSE NOTES

- LaNorris Sellers connected with Mazeo Bennett for a 24-yard touchdown reception with 7:39 left in the first quarter. It was Sellers' first touchdown pass of the season and Bennett's first career touchdown reception.
- Joshua Simon hauled in his third career touchdown as a Gamecock on a 16-yard strike from Sellers with 6:49 left in the third quarter. It was Simon's 19th career touchdown reception as a collegian.
- Raheim "Rocket" Sanders rushed for his second touchdown of the season and 19th of his college career with a 6-yard scamper with 26 seconds left in the third quarter.
- Sellers was 11-for-15 for 159 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.
- Bennett led Carolina's receivers with three catches for 63 yards and a touchdown.
- Sanders had a team-best 54 yards on 13 carries with a touchdown.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE NOTES

- Carolina limited the Kentucky offense to 183 total yards, including just 44 passing yards.
- It's the fewest yards allowed by a Carolina defense since Eastern Illinois in 2021 (109 yards).
- Carolina had 11 tackles-for-loss, including five sacks.
- Carolina had three first-quarter sacks (TJ Sanders, Vicari Swain and Kyle Kennard) and forced two fumbles (Swain, Kennard) in the first 15 minutes.
- Nick Emmanwori led the Gamecocks with seven tackles, three of them solos.
- Emmanwori picked up his third career interception and first career touchdown with a 24-yard return with 14:49 left in the fourth quarter.
- Carolina has six forced fumbles after two games played in 2024.
- Dylan Stewart ended the game with two tackles, a hurry and a sack in the third quarter.
- Debo Williams and Bam Martin-Scott had six tackles apiece. Five of Williams' six tackles were solos.
- Jalon Kilgore earned his second interception in as many games with a 14-yard return in the fourth quarter.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Alex Herrera made a 29-yard field goal with 8:06 left in the second quarter, his fourth of the year.
- Kai Kroeger averaged 51.6 yards per punt, including a long of 58 yards. Kroeger had four 50-plus yard punts in the win.