

SOUTH CAROLINA (6-3, 4-3) vs. VANDERBILT (6-4, 3-3)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024 • FIRSTBANK STADIUM | NASHVILLE, TENN.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES

- Attendance at FirstBank Stadium was 28,934.
- South Carolina's captains for the game were Kyle Kennard, Demetrius Knight, Joshua Simon and Toricelli Simpkins.
- South Carolina leads the all-time series 30-4 and has won 16 straight games over the Commodores.
- South Carolina is now 640-616-44 all-time.
- Shane Beamer is now 26-21 as a head coach at South Carolina.
- South Carolina won the coin toss and deferred until the second half.
- Peyton Williams made his first career start in the Vanderbilt game.
- Carolina clinches a berth in a bowl game for the 27th time in school history (Carolina has played in 25 bowls with the 2020 Gasparilla Bowl cancelled due to Covid-19).
- Carolina outgained Vanderbilt 452-274 in the win.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA OFFENSE NOTES

- LaNorris Sellers connected with Joshua Simon for a 17-yard touchdown pass with 13:11 left in the second quarter. Simon recorded his fifth touchdown reception of the season and it is his third straight game with at least one touchdown.
- Sellers was 14-for-20 for 238 yards and two touchdowns in the win.
- Carolina's leading rusher was Rocket Sanders, who had 15 carries for 126 yards and two touchdowns in the win.
- Sellers' 51-yard reception to Jared Brown was his second 50-plus yard reception of the season and second in as many games (57-yard to Simon vs. Texas A&M)
- Rocket Sanders scampered for 33 yards in the third quarter, then had a 1-yard scoring run with 4:07 in the third for his ninth and 10th rushing touchdowns of the season. Sanders has 27 career touchdowns in his college career (Arkansas and South Carolina).
- Sanders added a 43-yard receiving touchdown with 7:05 left in the fourth quarter, his first of the year. Sanders had 52 receiving yards in the win.
- Sanders now has three 100-yard rushing games this season (143 vs. LSU, 144 vs. Texas A&M) after his 126 yards in the Vanderbilt game.
- Carolina was 9-for-12 on third-down conversions in the win.
- Carolina's offense had 25 first downs in the win and had the ball for 30:59.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE NOTES

- Kyle Kennard picked up a team leading nine-and-a-half sack after his forced fumble and recovery in the first quarter.
- Kennard also had four quarterback hurries, which was tops on the team.
- Demetrius Knight had seven tackles and a QB hurry in the win.
- Carolina was led in tackles by Nick Emmanwori, who had eight tackles on the day.
- Carolina went four straight quarters (second half vs. Texas A&M; first half vs. Vanderbilt) without giving up a point.
- Bryan Thomas Jr., now has 2.5 sacks on the year after his fourth-quarter sack.
- Carolina has 33 sacks on the year after nine games.
- Carolina had eight QB hurries and eight pass breakups in the win.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Kai Kroeger punted twice for a 48-yard average, including a long of 57 yards. He now has 256 career