

# **SOUTH CAROLINA (2-0) vs. SC STATE (1-1)**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 | WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.**

## **>>> SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES**

- Attendance at Williams-Brice Stadium was 79,705, the most for a home opener since 2017 (82,493 vs. Kentucky).
- South Carolina's captains for the game were Oscar Adaway, Brady Hunt, Bryan Thomas Jr., and Peyton Williams.
- Carolina has a 4-0 series advantage on South Carolina State.
- South Carolina is now 645-617-44 all-time.
- Shane Beamer is now 31-22 as a head coach at South Carolina.
- South Carolina won the toss and deferred until the second half.
- Carolina now has an eight-game winning streak in the regular season.

## **>>> SOUTH CAROLINA OFFENSE NOTES**

- LaNorris Sellers was 11-for-19 passing for 128 yards and a touchdown. He also ran the ball eight times for 23 yards.
- Oscar Adaway III ran a five-yard rush home with 11:23 left in the third quarter to make the score 24-3 Gamecocks.
- Vandrevius Jacobs caught a 35-yard touchdown pass from Sellers with 2:25 left in the third quarter to put the Gamecocks up 38-3. It was Jacobs' first touchdown reception of his career.
- Half of USC's passing yards came in the third quarter (65 of 125).
- The Gamecocks shut out SCSU 21-0 in the third quarter.
- South Carolina had its second straight game without recording a turnover.
- Jawarn Howell led the team in rushing with 30 yards on seven carries.
- Jacobs led Carolina in receiving with 57 yards on four receptions for an average of 14.3 yards.
- The Gamecock offense is a perfect three-for-three on fourth down conversions through two games.

## **>>> SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE NOTES**

- Bryan Thomas Jr. forced a fumble on the South Carolina State 41-yard line with 6:07 on the clock in the third quarter. Jaron Willis recovered the ball and ran it back for a touchdown to put South Carolina up 31-3.
- The Gamecock defense recorded four sacks, a season high. Desmond Umeozulu, Dylan Stewart, Jaquavious Dodd, and Thomas Jr. each had a sack.
- The defense had a season high of 33 yards for loss stemming from sacks.
- Stewart had two tackles for loss in addition to the sack.
- Carolina held the Bulldogs to 270 total yards and just 62 yards rushing.
- Demon Clowney had one tackle and 1.5 tackles for loss in his first appearance as a Gamecock.

## **>>> SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES**

- Vicari Swain returned a punt 65 yards for a touchdown with 5:01 left in the second quarter, giving Carolina a 7-3 lead.
- Maurice Brown II blocked a punt at the SCSU 23-yard line. Swain recovered the ball at the SCSU 42-yard line and returned it for a touchdown with 3:07 left in the second quarter, increasing the Gamecock lead to 14-3.

- With his third punt return touchdown, Swain tied the program record for most punt return TDs in a season with three (Dick Harris, 1971).
- The three punt returns marked the most in a season in the NCAA since Dante Pettis (University of Washington) returned three in 2017.
- Mason Love punted five times for a 49-yard average
- Williams Joyce was five-for-five in extra point attempts, and he converted a 49-yard field goal to end the second half, giving Carolina a 17-3 lead.