

SOUTH CAROLINA (1-0) vs. KENT STATE (0-1)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 • WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES

- Attendance at Williams-Brice Stadium was 77,559.
- South Carolina's captains for the game were Brady Hunt, Fred Johnson, Gerald Kilgore, Shawn Murphy, LaNorris Sellers and Peyton Williams.
- Carolina has a 2-0 series advantage on Kent State
- South Carolina is now 648-625-44 all-time.
- Shane Beamer is now 34-30 as a head coach at South Carolina.
- Kent State won the coin toss and elected to receive.
- Carter Miller, Emmanuel Poku, Dayne Arnett, DJ Black, Gerald Kilgore, Tomiwa Durojaiye, Caleb Herring, Kelby Collins and Darius Gray all made their first starts in a Gamecock uniform.
- South Carolina has won three season openers in a row.
- South Carolina has won six home openers in a row.
- The kickoff temperature of 95 degrees was the hottest recorded temperature ever at Williams-Brice Stadium.
- The two teams played a 10-minute fourth quarter due to heat.
- The last time South Carolina shut out an opponent was Eastern Illinois on September 4, 2021.
- South Carolina's 57 points is the most in a home opener since 72 in 2019 (72-10 vs. Charleston Southern)

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA OFFENSE NOTES

- Matt Fuller ran a 7-yard rush home with 4:18 left in the first quarter for the Gamecocks first touchdown of the season.
- LaNorris Sellers threw his first touchdown pass of the season, connecting with Mazeo Bennett Jr. for an 18-yard reception with 12:41 left in the second quarter.
- Jabree Coleman rushed 60 yards home with 6:25 left in the first half for his first touchdown as a Gamecock.
- Donovan Murph caught a 29-yard touchdown from Sellers to extend South Carolina's lead 29-0 going into halftime.
- With 13:21 left in the third, Murph caught his second touchdown pass of the day from Sellers for 37 yards. It was his first multi-touchdown game of his collegiate career.
- Cutter Woods threw his first touchdown pass of the season, finding Mike Tyler for each of their first career touchdowns as a Gamecock with 6:20 left in the third.
- Sellers went 19-23 and threw for 270 yards and three touchdowns on the day.
- Isaiah Augustave rushed one yard for his first career touchdown with 9:12 left in the third.
- Coleman rushed five yards for a touchdown with 2:26 left in the fourth. It marked his first career multi-touchdown game.
- South Carolina's 35 first downs ties for most in a game in program history (previously vs. Tennessee 11/19/22).
- South Carolina put up 645 total yards offensively. It marked the first time the Gamecocks had 600+ total yards since the 2024 season (vs. Wofford, 11/23/24).
- South Carolina's 645 yards is the fifth most total offense in program history and the most under head coach Shane Beamer.
- This is the 12th time in the Shane Beamer where the team rushed for 200-plus yards.
- This was Sellers' 12th career multiple passing touchdown game and his third game with three or more passing touchdowns.
- This was the ninth time under Shane Beamer with 500-plus yards of offense.
- This is the 15th time since 1995 that six or more players scored a touchdown as well as the fourth time

SOUTH CAROLINA (1-0) vs. KENT STATE (0-1)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 • WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

under head coach Shane Beamer.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE NOTES

- Anthony Addison had a half tackle for loss and recorded the only sack on South Carolina's defense.
- Kosci Barnes picked up his first career interception in the fourth quarter.
- Judge Collier led the Gamecocks with four tackles.
- Vicari Swain had three punt returns for 30 yards.
- Carolina had four tackles-for-loss on the day and four quarterback hurries.
- South Carolina's defense held Kent State to just 179 yards. The last time a Gamecock opponent had less than 200 total yards was Akron (154 yards, 9/21/24).

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Vicari Swain had three punt returns for 30 yards.
- Max Kelley and Malik Orsan split duties on extra points (Kelley with three; Orsan with four).
- Mason Love punted once for 37 yards in the first quarter.