

SOUTH CAROLINA (6-4) vs. CHATTANOOGA (6-5)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018 • WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA TEAM NOTES

- Captains for South Carolina were **T.J. Brunson**, **Keisean Nixon**, **Blake Camper** and **Donell Stanley**.
- Attendance at Williams-Brice Stadium was 72,832.
- Saturday's game was the first meeting between the two programs and the first game for coach Muschamp against Chattanooga.
- South Carolina saw an offensive explosion and racked up a season-high 602 yards of total offense, the most offensive yardage in a single game for Carolina under coach Muschamp.
- The Gamecocks led Chattanooga 28-3 at halftime, tying their largest halftime lead of the season (South Carolina led Coastal Carolina by the same halftime scoreline in its season-opener on Sept. 1).

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA OFFENSE NOTES

- **Bryan Edwards** hauled in a 36-yard pass early in the second quarter to become the 10th 2,000-yard receiver in school history. **Edwards** finished the night with 69 total yards on four catches.
- **AJ Turner** picked up the first three scores of the game for Carolina, including his second and third career receiving touchdowns as well as his first rushing touchdown of the season. **Turner** became the first Gamecock this season with three or more total touchdowns (he is the first since Deebo Samuel had three touchdowns vs NC State last season).
- **Dashaun Fenwick** saw his first career action out of the Gamecocks' backfield, pacing the Gamecocks' ground attack with 112 yards on 17 carries (6.6 avg). **Fenwick** scored his first career touchdown at the 10:51 mark of the fourth quarter to help put the game away.
- **Deebo Samuel** raced away from the Chattanooga secondary on the first play of the fourth quarter for his sixth touchdown catch of the season. **Samuel** also reached 100 yards receiving for the seventh time in his career on the 61-yard scoring play.
- **Jake Bentley** tossed four touchdown passes, moving his season total to 19, the seventh most for a single season in program history. **Bentley** completed 86 percent (25-of-29) of his passes, finishing with 339 yards, his second 300-yard game of the season.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE NOTES

- The Gamecocks halted a Mocs' eight-play drive in the waning moments of the third quarter when **Ernest Jones** forced a fumble that was recovered by **Damani Staley**. South Carolina eventually converted **Staley's** recovery into a 61-yard touchdown pass to **Deebo Samuel** and has now recovered a fumble in each of its last three contests.
- **Ernest Jones** finished with a team-leading five solo tackles in addition to his third-quarter forced fumble.
- **Israel Mukuamu** had his first-career interception early in the fourth quarter and also registered his first tackle since he finished with three tackles against Georgia on Sept. 8.
- Senior **Jason Senn** registered the first three tackles of his career while junior **Shameik Blackshear** tallied his first-career sack early in the third quarter.
- The Gamecocks are now 4-0 on season when winning the turnover battle.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- **Javon Kinlaw** blocked a 42-yard field goal attempt following the game's opening drive, the first blocked kick for the Gamecocks since Kinlaw blocked a field goal against Missouri on Sept. 9, 2017.
- **Joseph Charlton** averaged 46.0 yards per punt on the evening as he continued to raise his school record for single-season punting average.
- **Deebo Samuel**, who entered the game with a school-record 29.6 kick return average (1,076 yards on 35 returns), was able to field a single kick return. Chattanooga directed all kickoffs away from **Samuel**, helping the Gamecocks finish with an average starting field position on its own 34.