

### **Samford 25, Western Carolina 21**

The Samford football team scored 15 fourth-quarter points to overcome an 11-point deficit on its way to a 25-21 Southern Conference win at Western Carolina Saturday afternoon at E.J. Whitmire Stadium. Through the first four games of

the season, Samford has outscored its opponents, 27-6 in the fourth quarter. With the win, Samford improves to 4-0 for the first time since 1995. The Bulldogs are also 2-0 in SoCon play for the first time since joining the league in 2008. Samford has now come from behind in the fourth quarter to win its last three SoCon games, dating back to last season's win at The Citadel. Western Carolina falls to 1-3 overall and 0-2 in league play.

Samford was led offensively by junior running back Fabian Truss, rushing 23 times for 180 yards and two touchdowns. Senior quarterback Andy Summerlin completed 22-of-32 passes for 173 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Defensively for Samford, Jaquiski Tartt had a career-high 14 tackles. Keith Shoulders had 12 tackles, while Darion Sutton added 11 stops. James Bradberry had the first two interceptions of his Samford career.

Senior place-kicker Cameron Yaw became Samford's all-time leading scorer in the game, making one of his three field goal attempts and both of his extra-point attempts. Yaw has now scored 257 points in his Samford career, breaking the previous record of 256 points set by Michael O'Neal from 1989 to 1992.

For Western Carolina, quarterback Eddie Sullivan completed 16-of-35 passes for 136 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. Rock Williams led the WCU defense with 16 tackles.

### **#10 Georgia Southern 26, Elon 23**

In a game that featured three ties and five lead changes, the Elon Phoenix's attempt at an upset of 10th-ranked Georgia Southern fell just short as the Eagles pulled out a 26-23 decision thanks to a late, fourth-quarter field goal. With the game tied at 23, Georgia Southern (2-1, 1-1 SoCon)

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got the ball at its own 29 with 7:44 to play. Ezayi Youyoute picked up 16 on second-and-10 before Jerick McKinnon took the ball to the Elon 18 with a 37-yard run. With the ball at the Elon 15, Alex Hanks came on and booted a 32-yard field goal with 3:40 remaining.

The Phoenix (2-2, 0-1) began its final drive from its own 22 and converted a third-and-two when Thomas Wilson fired a laser over the middle that was snared by Kierre Brown for a gain of 23 yards. Facing third-and-13 from the 50, Wilson again went deep to Brown who hauled in a 38-yard reception at the Eagles' 12, but as he tried for extra yardage Brown was stripped of the ball and Georgia Southern recovered to end the threat.

Wilson completed 22 of his 36 pass attempts for 302 yards, the fourth 300-yard game of his career, and a pair of touchdowns. Wide receiver #Aaron Mellette caught nine balls for 68 yards and two scores for the Phoenix.

The Elon defense was led by Jonathan Spain's 16-tackle performance.

### Furman 31, Presbyterian 21

Hank McCloud rushed for a career high 78 yards and three touchdowns to power Furman to a 31-21 win over Presbyterian in football action Saturday afternoon at Bailey Memorial Stadium. McCloud, a sophomore from Tampa, Fla., scored on runs of 45, 13, and 7 yards in the first half to help Furman (1-3) build a 24-0 halftime lead en route to the victory, the Paladins' 14th straight in the series that pitted the two schools against each for the first time in Clinton since 1975.

Jerodis Williams led all rushers with 136 yards and a score to pace Furman's ground attack, which accounted for 239 yards. The Paladins rolled up 456 total yards to 313 for PC (1-3). Furman limited the Blue Hose to just 43 yards rushing on 27 carries and recorded four sacks for 22 yards in losses. In addition, the Paladins notched an interception and a fumble recovery while playing its first turnover free contest of the season.

### NC State 52, #10 The Citadel 14

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NC State topped The Citadel 52-14 before 55,145 fans Saturday night at Carter-Finley Stadium in the first meeting between the two teams since 1983. The Wolfpack (3-1) denied the Bulldogs their fourth straight win to open the season and first victory over an FBS team since their Southern Conference championship campaign of 1992. The Citadel returns to SoCon play next Saturday night at home against Chattanooga at 6 p.m.

The Citadel remained winless in 28 games against the ACC since the conference was formed in 1953. NC State has won all five matchups in the series. The game was all NC State after a 65-yard run by Darien Robinson brought The Citadel into a 7-7 tie with 5:45 remaining in the first quarter. The touchdown was Robinson's third of the season and was just two yards shy of his career-long run set against Elon a year ago.

Robinson finished the night with nine carries for 102 yards, his third 100-yard game of the season and sixth of his career, and VanDyke Jones added 46 rushing yards. The Bulldogs were limited to 199 yards on the ground after averaging 370.0 in its season opening three-game winning streak.