

UPDATED: Terriers Upset Bid Falls Short

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The Clemson Tigers, facing an FCS opponent for the first time since 2001, survived a huge scare on Saturday.

Tajh Boyd threw three touchdowns and Andre Ellington ran for 165 yards as Clemson held on for a 35-27 victory over Wofford on Saturday. Wofford College (1-1) had leads of 21-13 late in the first half, and 24-21 early in the third quarter before the Tigers (2-0) rallied to win the game. A five-yard run by Boyd gave the Tigers the lead for good at 28-24. A 38-yard field goal by Christian Reed got the Terriers within one at 28-27. But Boyd hooked up with DeAndre Hopkins on a 17-yard scoring toss in the final stanza for an eight-point lead. Eric Breitenstein ran for 62 yards on 22 carries. He scored on a one-yard run in the second quarter to give the Terriers a 21-13 lead.

But Boyd hooked up with Sammy Watkins on a 38-yard touchdown pass; and he hit Hopkins with a two-point conversion pass that forced a 21-21 halftime tie. The Tigers outgained Wofford 476-399, but the Terriers had 272 yards on the ground. Mitch Allen paced the running attack for Wofford with 89 yards on 13 carries. Boyd was 18-29 for 261 yards and three touchdowns. The Terriers have a bye next week; they open SoCon play at home against Samford September 24.

SOCON SCOREBOARD:

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APPALACHIAN STATE 58, NORTH CAROLINA A&T 6
CLEMSON 35, WOFFORD COLLEGE 27
GEORGIA SOUTHERN 62, TUSCULUM 21
WESTERN CAROLINA 52, MARS HILL 31
FURMAN 16, THE CITADEL 6
ELON 42, CONCORD 10
SAMFORD 48, STILLMAN 6
CHATTANOOGA 38, JACKSONVILLE STATE 17