

No.1 Geogia Southern Nips Mocs

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Despite a heroic effort by redshirt freshman Terrell Robinson, the 23rd-ranked Chattanooga Mocs (2-4/0-3) dropped a heart-breaking 28-27 decision at No. 1 Georgia Southern (5-0/4-0) in Paulson Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Robinson came off the bench in relief of an injured B.J. Coleman to bring UTC within a two-point conversion of victory. Mocs coach Russ Huesman decided to go for two, but Robinson, who ran for 114 yards on 21 carries and three touchdowns, was stopped in the backfield on a two-point conversion run.

He had 92 of those yards in a second-half comeback after the Mocs trailed 21-7 at intermission. Robert Brown led all rushers with 169 yards for the Eagles on 18 carries. Jaybo Shaw added 67 yards, also on 18 totes, with two scores. The Eagles amassed 326 yards rushing, 383 total yards for the game.

Marquis Green and J.J. Jackson combined for 114 rushing yards with 58 and 56, respectively. The 238 yards on the ground for UTC is the most since the 2007 season finale at Appalachian State (262).

Terriers Crush Bulldogs, 43-14

The Wofford College football team posted a 43-14 win over The Citadel on Saturday afternoon at Johnson Hagood Stadium.

The Terriers had five different players score rushing touchdowns in the contest, which was the 13th straight win over the Bulldogs in the series. The Terriers are 4-1 on the season and 3-0 in the SoCon. The Citadel is 2-3 overall and 1-3 in the conference. Wofford was led by Eric Breitenstein with 106 rushing yards and he was one of five players to score a touchdown. Mitch Allen, Donovan Johnson, Bryan Youman, and Alex Dunmire also added rushing touchdowns. The Citadel was led by Terrance Martin with 55 rushing yards and a touchdown.

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Elon 38, Western Carolina 31

The Elon defense forced four turnovers and a late touchdown pass from Thomas Wilson to Aaron Mellette proved to be the difference as the Phoenix defeated the Western Carolina Catamounts 38-31 on a beautiful mountain day on Saturday.

Elon sealed the victory when Jonathan Conner picked off Brandon Pechloff with 1:53 remaining. Pechloff completed 12 passes of 231 yards for the Catamounts in the losing cause. Josh Cockrell had two catches for 127 yards.

Elon's defensive unit was led by Blake Thompson who finished the day with 11 total tackles and he also returned an interception 47 yards for a touchdown. Conner ended the afternoon with six stops, a forced fumble and an interception; Jonathan Spain tallied six tackles, an interception and one fumble recovery. Western's Rock Williams led all players with 19 tackles.

Samford 26, Furman 21

Dustin Taliaferro passed for 234 yards and three touchdowns to power Samford to a 26-21 victory over Furman in Southern Conference football action Saturday afternoon at Paladin Stadium.

Taliaferro, a senior, completed 22-of-35 passes and threw scoring strikes covering 6, 21, and 8 yards in helping the Bulldogs (3-2, 1-2 SoCon) snap an eight-game series losing streak and earn their first victory over the Paladins (3-2, 2-1 SoCon) since 1969.

Taliaferro's 8-yard touchdown hook-up with Kelsey Pope with 8:21 to go in the game gave Samford a 26-14 lead and helped blunt a Furman comeback that saw the Paladins rally from a 16-0 halftime deficit with two third quarter scores.

Furman cut it to 26-21 on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Chris Forcier to Tersoo Uhaa with 6:09 remaining, but the Paladins misfired on their final two possessions.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Georgia Southern 4 - 0; 5 - 0

Wofford 3 - 0; 4 - 1

Elon 2 - 1; 4 - 2

Furman 2 - 1; 3 - 2

Appalachian State 1 - 1; 3 - 2

Samford 1 - 2; 3 - 2

Citadel 1 - 3; 2 - 3

Chattanooga 0 - 3; 2 - 4

Western Carolina 0 - 3; 1 - 4

SATURDAY'S GAMES

GEORGIA SOUTHERN 28, CHATTANOOGA 27

WOFFORD 43, THE CITADEL 14

ELON 38, WESTERN CAROLINA 31

SAMFORD 26, FURMAN 21

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

APPALACHIAN STATE @ THE CITADEL 2 P.M.

VIRGINIA WISE @ WOFFORD 1:30 P.M.

ELON @ SAMFORD 3 P.M.

FURMAN @ GEORGIA SOUTHERN 3 P.M.

WESTERN CAROLINA @ CHATTANOOGA 6 P.M.

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