

Eagles Win SoCon Title

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Following a 21-point second-half scoring outburst the Georgia Southern Football team (9-1, 7-1) found itself hoisting their first Southern Conference Championship Trophy since 2004 after a 31-10 victory over the Wofford Terriers (7-3, 5-2). Jaybo Shaw converted three second-half drives of 10 or more plays to break open a nip-and-tuck first half. Shaw converted all into short-yardage touchdowns, tying a career high for third time.

The Eagles scored all three touchdowns in just four second-half drives. GSU scored on their opening drive of the second half, marching 90 yards on 11 plays and added a second third-quarter score on a near seven-minute drive.

Georgia Southern ran out the clock in the fourth quarter after taking control of the ball with 6:52 remaining in the half. Shaw capped off a five minute 11-play drive with a two-yard touchdown score. The Eagles kept control of the ball with an onside kick and took two knees to run out the clock for their first outright SoCon Title since 2002.

The Eagles also held Eric Breitenstein to 64 yards on 15 carries.

Elon 41, #21 Furman 34

Joshua Jones made 13 tackles and returned an interception for what proved to be a game-winning, fourth-quarter touchdown as the Elon Phoenix snapped a three-game skid by upsetting 21st-ranked Furman 41-34 on Saturday. The win was the fourth in a row in the series for Elon. The Paladins had a three-game winning streak snapped and fell to 6-4 overall and 5-3 in the Southern Conference.

Offensively, Elon (5-5, 3-4 SoCon) racked up 442 yards, including 111 yards rushing by A.J. Harris. The 100-yard game was the first by a Phoenix on the ground this season. Thomas Wilson completed 20 of his 26 passes for 279 yards and a career-best four touchdowns in the victory. Wilson's primary target was All-American Aaron Mellette who caught eight passes for 144 yards and two scores.

Jones' 13 stops gave him 101 on the year, the first 100-tackle season for the senior. He also moved into fifth place on Elon's career tackles chart with 332 as he passed Ernie Tootoo (323 from 1978-81).

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Samford 19, The Citadel 14

A fourth quarter touchdown by Dustin Taliaferro in the waning moments of the game proved to be the difference as Samford captured the 19-14 victory over The Citadel in front of 13,591 fans at Johnson Hagood Stadium for Homecoming.

From their own 20, Samford put together a 15-play, 80-yard drive, highlighted by 38 rushing yards by Jeremiaha Gates, to move to The Citadel three-yard line. With six seconds remaining on the clock, Taliaferro carried the ball to the left side of the endzone for the decisive 19-14 Samford victory.

Southern Conference

Georgia Southern 7 - 1; 9 - 1

Appalachian State 5 - 2; 7 - 3

Wofford 5 - 2; 7 - 3

Furman 5 - 3; 6 - 4

Samford 4 - 4; 6 - 4

Chattanooga 3 - 4; 5 - 5

Elon 3 - 4; 5 - 5

Citadel 2 - 6; 4 - 6

Western Carolina 0 - 8; 1 - 9

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SATURDAY'S GAMES

APPALACHIAN STATE 46, WESTERN CAROLINA 14
GEORGIA SOUTHERN 31, WOFFORD COLLEGE 10
SAMFORD 19, THE CITADEL 14
ELON 41, FURMAN 34
CHATTANOOGA - BYE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

APPALACHIAN STATE @ ELON, 3 P.M.
THE CITADEL @ SOUTH CAROLINA, 12 NOON
FURMAN @ FLORIDA, 1 P.M.
SAMFORD @ AUBURN, 1 P.M.
WOFFORD COLLEGE @ CHATTANOOGA, 2 P.M.
WESTERN CAROLINA @ COASTAL CAROLINA, 2 P.M.
GEORGIA SOUTHERN @ ALABAMA, 2 P.M.

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