

Saturday's SoCon Football Roundup

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#5 Wofford 49, Elon 24

On a wet Saturday afternoon, the Wofford football team used a career day by Eric Breitenstein to win 49-24 over Elon at Rhodes Stadium. Breitenstein set a new Southern Conference single game record with 321 rushing yards in the contest

as the Terriers ran for a total of 500 yards. The Terriers open the season 4-0 and 2-0 in the SoCon. Elon is 2-3 overall and 0-2 in conference play. For Wofford, Breitenstein had two touchdowns. Brian Kass ran for 57 yards and three touchdowns and threw for one touchdown. Elon was led by Thomas Wilson who was 31-of-47 passing for 322 yards and two touchdowns. Aaron Mellette had 13 catches for 177 yards and two touchdowns.

Furman 45, Western Carolina 24

Jerodis Williams rushed for a career high 239 yards and two touchdowns and added a 100-yard kickoff return to power Furman past Western Carolina, 45-24, in Southern Conference football action Saturday afternoon at Paladin Stadium.

The win was the seventh straight for Furman (2-3, 1-1 SoCon) over Western Carolina (1-4, 0-3 SoCon) and ninth consecutive triumph over the Catamounts in Greenville.

Williams set his new career rushing high on 18 carries, scoring on runs of 89 and two yards. He also had two kickoff returns for 131 yards, including a 100-yard bolt six minutes into the game that helped give Furman an early lead it would never relinquish. The 239-yard rushing performance was the fourth highest in school history.

Hank McCloud ran for a career high 123 yards and a touchdown to help Furman roll up 389 yards on the ground and 619 total yards - the program's highest tally since 2003.

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#9 Georgia Southern 35, #25 Samford 16

Jerick McKinnon scored on runs of 41 and 67 yards, and Lavelle Westbrook returned an interception 72 yards for a touchdown to lead No. 9 Georgia Southern to a 35-16 Southern Conference football victory over No. 25 Samford Saturday night at Paulson Stadium. The victory improved GSU's home win streak to 13 games.

McKinnon finished the day with 162 yards on 13 carries, the fourth time he has rushed for 100-plus yards in his career. Dominique Swope rushed 21 times for 134 yards and two touchdowns and has now rushed for a score in five consecutive games.

The Eagle defense gave up just seven first downs in the final 36:35 of the contest, and four of those came in the last five minutes of the game with GSU nursing a double-digit cushion. Georgia Southern allowed 16 rushing yards in the second half and finished the game with four sacks and seven tackles for loss.

Andy Summerlin completed 23-of-49 passes for 291 yards and a touchdown for Samford (4-1, 2-1 SoCon), and Kelsey Pope had eight catches for 80 yards and a touchdown.

Chattanooga 28, #15 The Citadel 10

The Chattanooga Mocs (2-3, 1-1 SoCon) claimed a 28-10 win at The Citadel (3-2, 2-1 SoCon) in Southern Conference action Saturday night. It's the highest-ranked road win for UTC since defeating No. 10 Appalachian State 30-9 on Oct. 8, 1983.

It was a great team win with highlights on both sides of the ball. The Mocs out-rushed the nation's No. 5 rushing attack 254 to 232 yards while accumulating 413 yards of total offense. The defense held the Bulldogs to nearly 100 yards below its average forcing two turnovers. While the defense was stout in limiting the Bulldogs attack, the offense was even more impressive. Its four scoring drives went 78, 82, 85 and 85 yards on the evening. The Mocs held a 33:41-26:19 advantage in time of possession, 29:18 to 15:42 over the final three quarters. The two-headed monster at quarterback worked to perfection for the Mocs. Terrell Robinson ran for 97 yards and threw for 73 scoring touchdowns both ways. Jacob Huesman ran for 80 yards and threw for 86 more including a score. The duo combined for 336 yards of total offense (Robinson 170/Huesman 166).

Kendrix Huitt got his first extended collegiate action and came up big. He ran eight times for 57 yards including a 29-yard score in the fourth quarter. Ron Moore had four catches for 76 yards and a touchdown of his own. Darien Robinson led the Bulldogs with 132 yards on 12 carries. Backup quarterback Aaron Miller added 45 with 32 coming on The Citadel's lone touchdown of the night.

The Bulldogs drove 48 yards on the game's opening drive to take a 3-0 lead. That score held until the second quarter when the Mocs started its fourth drive of the contest on its own 22. Robinson ran twice for 14 yards until the first big play came for UTC.

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