

## Saturday's SoCon Football Roundup...

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### **#3 Georgia Southern 38, Furman 17**

Dominique Swope scored two touchdowns and FCS third-ranked Georgia Southern reeled off 21 unanswered points in the second half on the way to a 38-17 victory over Furman in Southern Conference football action Saturday afternoon

at Paladin Stadium. The win was fifth straight for Georgia Southern (6-1, 5-1 SoCon) and the loss the third consecutive for Furman (2-6, 1-4 SoCon).

Trailing 10-9 after Furman's Ray Early kicked a 48-yard field goal with 3:45 remaining in the third quarter, Georgia Southern (6-1, 5-1 SoCon) answered on the first play following the kickoff when quarterback Jerick Mckinnon connected with Zach Walker on a 75-yard touchdown strike off play action to help the Eagles take a 15-9 lead. GSU's two-point conversion, its first of the two in the contest, made it 17-10. Two possessions later the Eagles stretched their lead to 24-10 on a 42-yard scoring run by Johnathan Bryant.

### **Elon 42, Western Carolina 31**

Quarterback Thomas Wilson threw for a career-high five touchdowns and 378 yards to lift the Elon University football team to a 42-31 victory over the Western Carolina Catamounts on Homecoming at Rhodes Stadium. The victory was the seventh straight in the series for the Phoenix which improved to 3-4 overall and 1-3 in Southern Conference play. Western dropped to 1-7, 0-6.

Aaron Mellette continued his stellar season by catching five balls for 154 yards and matching a career-best with three touchdown receptions. Mellette now has 39 career touchdown catches, moving him into second place in league history as he moved past former Citadel wide out Andre Roberts (37). He also surpassed Marshall's Mike Barber to move into third place in conference history with 3,670 career receiving yards.

Elon kicker Adam Shreiner drilled six extra points to move past Andrew Wilcox to become Elon's career leader in PATs. Shreiner has now kicked 135 extra points in his career. On the defensive side of the ball, linebacker Jonathan Spain continued to rack up the tackles, adding another 12 stops to his season total in the victory. In his last three outings Spain has made 50 tackles.

### **Chattanooga 20, Samford 13**

A late comeback fell just short as the Samford football team dropped a 20-13 decision in a Southern Conference game at Chattanooga Saturday evening at Finley Stadium. Samford head coach Pat Sullivan was not in attendance at the game while recovering from a slight relapse of pneumonia. Bill D'Ottavio, Samford's assistant head coach and defensive coordinator led the team in Sullivan's absence.

Samford trailed, 20-3, entering the fourth quarter. Cameron Yaw kicked a 47-yard field goal with 12:13 to go to cut the lead to 20-6. Fabian Truss scored a touchdown on a one-yard run with 3:35 left in the game, and Yaw added the extra point to make the score 20-13. The Bulldogs had one final shot to score and tie the game. Samford drove to the Chattanooga 41-yard line, but Andy Summerlin's pass on the final play of the game fell incomplete in the end zone, ending the Bulldogs' chances.

With the loss, Samford drops to 5-3 overall and 3-3 in Southern Conference play. Chattanooga improves to 4-3 overall and 3-1 in league play.

In the game, Summerlin completed 27-of-40 passes for 191 yards and one interception. Kelsey Pope caught 12 passes for 78 yards. Truss scored the Bulldogs' lone touchdown of the game, and rushed 11 times for 29 yards in the loss. Defensively for Samford, Durell Hill led the way with 12 tackles. Keith Shoulders followed with nine stops. Yaw made both of his field goal attempts, including a school-record 52-yarder in the second quarter.

As a team, Samford finished with 259 yards of total offense, to 250 yards for Chattanooga. Samford had 16 first downs, compared to 13 for the Mocs. UTC had the ball for 33:07, while Samford kept the ball for 26:53 of the game. For Chattanooga, Jacob Huesman completed 18-of-23 passes for 164 yards and a touchdown. Huesman was also the Mocs' leading rusher with 64 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries. Terrell Robinson led UTC's receivers with nine catches for 65 yards.

Wes Dothard led the Chattanooga defense with 11 total tackles. Gunner Miller had an interception to go along with his six tackles.

## **SOCON STANDINGS**

Georgia Southern 5 - 1; 6 - 1

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Wofford 4 - 1; 6 - 1  
Chattanooga 3 - 1; 4 - 3  
**Appalachian State** 3 - 2; 5 - 3  
Citadel 3 - 2; 4 - 3  
Samford 3 - 3; 5 - 3  
Elon 1 - 3; 3 - 4  
Furman 1 - 4; 2 - 6  
Western Carolina 0 - 6; 1 - 7

## SATURDAY'S GAMES

**WOFFORD 38, APPALACHIAN STATE 28**

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GEORGIA SOUTHERN 38, FURMAN 17

ELON 42, WESTERN CAROLINA 31

THE CITADEL - BYE

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

**APPALACHIAN STATE @ WESTERN CAROLINA, 3:30 P.M.**

THE CITADEL @ WOFFORD COLLEGE, 1:30 P.M.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN @ CHATTANOOGA, 6 P.M.

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