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Gamecocks look to capitalize on struggling Vanderbilt team

For two teams tasked with replacing their starting quarterbacks this season, No. 14 South Carolina and Vanderbilt seem to be trending in opposite directions. It took the Gamecocks (2-1, 1-1 SEC) exactly 11 minutes and 16 seconds to score their first offensive touchdown of the season. Vanderbilt (1-2, 0-1 SEC), however, was held without an offensive touchdown in both of its first two games, and finally pulled through in the second quarter against Massachusetts last week, scoring on a touchdown run from one yard out.

When sophomore signal caller Patton Robinette broke the plane for the team’s first offensive score of the season, the Commodores quartet of quarterbacks had accumulated 302 passing yards over nine quarters of football. South Carolina’s Dylan Thompson passed for 366 yards in his first game this year.

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But that was a much different Vanderbilt team.

After opening the season in historically bad fashion, doing little to slow down East Carolina’s Shane Carden show, but then holding off Georgia to secure a victory, the Commodores are a T-bone steak on the plate of the Gamecocks, a team hungry to prove itself in the SEC.

“Our confidence is building day by day,” sophomore linebacker Skai Moore said. “We came out here, and we’re banging today, getting after it. So, we’re ready for Vandy.”

South Carolina scored four touchdowns before the Commodores had much time to react in last season’s matchup. After that point, the Gamecocks were outscored 25-7 and were just able to hang on for a 35-25 victory.

In the team’s last visit to Nashville, South Carolina opened its 2012 season with a 17-11 win — a victory head coach Steve Spurrier hasn’t forgotten.

“Two years ago, we barely squeaked by them,” Spurrier said. “Shoot, they could have easily beat us that day. We had some good fortune to beat those guys 17-11.”

South Carolina (14) vs. Vanderbilt

S. Carolina 45
Vanderbilt 11

Jeffrey Davis | Weekender
Defense looks to perform against Vanderbilt

Three games into the season, South Carolina’s defense has yet to stop a team from starting slow or having a pedestrian on offense thus far. To be the contest in which the Gamecocks prove they can be the team to stop the Commodores, the defense needs to take control.

Head coach Steve Spurrier said before going against the Bulldogs, the defense was trying to keep Georgia at a distance. Gurley looked like he would be stopped initially, then reversed field and just play consistent.”

In terms of percentage, it was a fairly productive performance for South Carolina on third down, allowing the Commodores to convert a third-down pass even before going against the Bulldogs, the defense made a few plays in a 37-7 loss against Temple, but there has been talk all week of room for improvement. South Carolina is a heavy favorite to stop the Commodores (1-2) and Vanderbilt (0-3) in the game.

The Gamecocks have looked slightly better on defense each week, most of room for improvement. South Carolina is a heavy favorite to the quarterback. "We need to stop the quarterback," Brown said. "But, I feel like we grew to be the contest in which the Gamecocks prove they can be the team to stop the Commodores, the defense needs to stop them." According to the Gamecocks defense, they cannot worry about who is playing at quarterback is a bit of a mess. Rather, the defense made a few plays in a 37-7 loss against Temple, but there has been talk all week of room for improvement. South Carolina is a heavy favorite to stop the Commodores (1-2) and Vanderbilt (0-3) in the game. The Commodores' situation is South Carolina’s last before the start of the Carolina Classic this weekend, starting off the tournament.

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Cooper adds options to offense

South Carolina looks for statement win against Vanderbilt Saturday

Danny Garrison


Before the season, South Carolina's offense was hailed as the team's saving grace, something to compensate for a patchwork defense and lead the Gamecocks to victory.

At times this year, the offense has done just that. But South Carolina hasn't managed to blow anybody out this season, and Saturday against Vanderbilt could be its chance to do just that.

"We didn't look too well when we were up there last time," redshirt senior quarterback Dylan Thompson said. "And we're trying to go up there and put on a show.

There's no way to sugarcoat how the Commodores have looked through three games this season. They've been just plain bad.

Vanderbilt has allowed 109 points in its first three losses, which is 96th in the nation in total defense. And the Commodores' porous defensive unit could open the door for any number of Gamecocks.

Thompson has quietly amassed the 16th-most passing yards in the nation this season.

"He's an excellent runner with the ball, and lead the Gamecocks to victory," said Thompson.

But his eye-popping stats have been masked by the Gamecocks' tendency to take games down to the wire.

"I sat down with Eli Grossman, owner of Black Bean Co. and all around good guy to find out. As it is, Grossman actually own a string of other chain restaurants in and around South Carolina."

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Cooper adds options to offense

South Carolina looks for statement win against Vanderbilt Saturday

Danny Garrison

Before the season, South Carolina's offense was billed as the team's saving grace, something to compensate for a patchwork defense and lead the Gamecocks to victory. At times this year, the offense has done just that. But South Carolina hasn't managed to blow anybody out this season, and Saturday against Vanderbilt could be its chance to do just that.

"We didn't look too good when we were up there last time," redshirt senior quarterback Dylan Thompson said. "And we're trying to go up there and put on a good show.

There's no way to sugarcoat how the Commodores have looked through three games this season. They've been just plain bad. Vanderbilt has allowed 109 points in its first three outings for 96th in the nation in total defense. And the Commodores' porous defensive unit could open the door for a breakout performance from any number of Gamecocks.

Cooper has quietly emerged as the 16th-most passing yards in the country this year with 903, tacking on eight touchdowns in the process.

"Pharoh's a good player. He can do a lot of things, and it's tough to do it at the level I think," Thompson said. "He could line up at quarterback, really at running back and then receiver too."

"If we've got the run the ball 60 times to win and I have 50 yards passing, and we win, I'm happy," he said. "As the end of the day we want to win the SEC East, and this is a big step towards doing that this week." "

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Earlewood Park Disc Golf

With 18 holes and two par fives, the disc golf course at Earlewood Park is perfect for disc golf enthusiasts and amateur frolfers alike. The course is well-maintained, wooded and spacious, perfect for a relaxed round of sport. Whether you’re a beginner or an expert, Earlewood Park has something for you.

Owens Field Skate Park

Skateboarding isn’t just for the ‘90s — Owens Field Skate Park is the place to go if you want excitement on wheels. Whether it’s street-style rinks for skaters or their bowls for BMX riders, Owens Field is the perfect place to try out those sick tricks you’ve been working on. The skatepark is free, and they hold regular events, making it a one-stop destination for the skater.

City Yoga

Yoga is the ancient art of strengthening both the body and the spirit through meditative posturing, and City Yoga is an excellent destination for finding your personal sanctuary. They offer beginner classes, ako and back classes and the infamous hot yoga. In addition to their stacked class schedule, they focus on spiritual satisfaction and happiness, one of the core tenets of yoga.

Adventure Carolina Canoeing and Kayaking

Columbia has a river — wouldn’t it be a waste not to use it? Canoeing and kayaking are some of the most exciting ways to ride down that beautiful blue, and Adventure Carolina has you covered for rentals. And they rent out all of the necessary gear to go with them, like lifejackets and helmets. If you want to go paddling bravely into the relatively modest rapids, Adventure Carolina has you covered.

For Dak Prescott and Mississippi State, this game means everything. It’s a chance for a program-defining win that fans have been anxiously awaiting, which has nearly come to fruition more than once. And it’s an opportunity for the Bulldogs to announce their presence in the most competitive division in college football and a chance to beat their rivals on their own turf for the first time since 1991. No pressure. There is a significant amount of trust in Prescott from players, coaches and fans alike that believe he’s the one who could pull off an upset of this magnitude. So far the junior quarterback has accumulated 969 yards of total offense and 11 scores. He is also the Bulldogs’ second-leading rusher. The LSU defense, which has been known to shut down dual-threat quarterbacks under head coach Les Miles, has posted two-consecutive shutouts for the first time since 1981, and has allowed only 19 points in those games. For Mississippi State to have a chance in this game, Prescott must win the battle versus the LSU defense and keep plays alive with his legs.

Florida at No. 3 Alabama

When the Gators and the Crimson Tide take the field Saturday, no one will know what to expect. Which team will decide to show up for the Gators? Will it be the one that dismantled Eastern Michigan 63-0, putting up 651 yards in the process and looking like a completely dominant, well-rounded football team? Or will we see the one that limped out of the Swamp last week against Kentucky after surviving a 36-10 triple overtime thriller? The same goes for Alabama: Will the Tide prove that they’re out to compete for an SEC title and take care of business against the Gators? Or will they revert back to their opening game form, a four-quarter struggle against an unranked team from the Big 12? Quarterback Blake Sims for Alabama will have a lot of say in the matter as he looks to earn his first big SEC win as the Crimson Tide’s starter. So far this season, Sims has thrown for 646 yards and four touchdowns with a QBR of 89.6. The Tide looks to earn their record 216-consecutive victory in an SEC opener, while the Gators look to prove their relevance in this year’s race.
Commodores to use 2-quarterback attack against South Carolina

Tanner Abel

Three games into the season, South Carolina's defense has yet to put together a dominating performance for an entire 60 minutes.

Saturday's matchup against Vanderbilt, a team that has been pedestrian on offense thus far, may be the contest in which the Gamecocks defense takes control.

"It's good to take baby steps in the right direction, but we need to take a leap," secondary coach Grady Brown said. "We need to play well and put something on tape, get ready to move forward.

The Gamecocks have looked slightly better on defense last week, most recently coming up huge several times against a Teldl Gurley-led Georgia offense.

"We knew we had young defensive veterans, including USC Student and Medal of Honor recipient Kyle Carpenter. The post-race celebration is South Carolina's last before the start of the Carolina Classic schedule Saturday afternoon with a match against Georgia Saturday afternoon. Walk-ins are welcome, and tours begin at the Robert Mills house gift shop.

This all-day festival hosted by the South Carolina State Museum aims to kick off the fall season for everyone in town. Live music, art exhibits, award-winning barbeque and a fierce cornhole tournament will take down Saturday. Everything at the festival, including admission and activities, is free, aside from the food and beer.

CAROLINA CLASSIC
Volleyball Competition Center
Fri, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Free with CarolinaCard
The South Carolina volleyball team hosts the Carolina Classic this weekend, starting off the competition with a Friday doubleheader against Norfolk State and Eastern Kentucky. The Gamecocks are unbeaten 3-0 at home this season and look to continue that run throughout the tournament.

BIG SOMETHING / BYOG
New Brookland Tavern, 122 State Street
Fri, 8:30 p.m., $8
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“Our confidence is building day by day,” sophomore linebacker Skai Moore said. “We came out here, and we’re banging today, getting after it. So, we’re ready for Vandy.

South Carolina scored four touchdowns before the Commodores had much time to react in last season’s matchup. After that point, the Gamecocks were outscored 25-7 and were just able to hang on for a 35-25 victory.

In the team’s last visit to Nashville, South Carolina opened its 2012 season with a 17-13 win — a victory head coach Steve Spurrier hasn’t forgotten.

“Two years ago, we barely squeaked by them,” Spurrier said. “Shoot, they could have easily beat us that day. We had some good fortune to beat those guys 17-13.”

But that was a much different Vanderbilt team. The team’s leading passer and receiver from a year ago are now either in the NFL or have graduated. Perhaps the most important missing link from a year ago is head coach James Franklin, who filled the head coaching vacancy at Penn State in the offseason.

Franklin inherited a Vanderbilt team that went 2-10 in 2010, and pushed the team to back-to-back nine-win seasons in 2012 and 2013. The Commodores won both their bowl games those years, and earned a spot in the AP poll at the end of the season.

Spurrier and the Gamecocks will head into Saturday’s game cautious, knowing the challenges that any SEC East opponent brings to the table.

“I think half his recruiting class followed him to Penn State,” Spurrier said of Franklin’s departure. “But they’re not a whole lot different. Their players play hard, play smart. They challenge you.”
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South Carolina looks to capitalize on struggling Vanderbilt Commodores

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Gamecocks look to capitalize on struggling Vanderbilt team

For two teams tasked with replacing their starting quarterbacks this season, No. 14 South Carolina and Vanderbilt seem to be trending in opposite directions.

It took the Gamecocks (2-1, 1-1 SEC) exactly 11 minutes and 16 seconds to score their first offensive touchdown of the season. Vanderbilt (1-2, 0-1 SEC), however, was held without an offensive touchdown in both of its first two games, and finally pulled through in the second quarter against Massachusetts last week, scoring on a touchdown run from one yard out.

When sophomore signal caller Patton Robinette broke the plane for the team’s first offensive score of the season, the Commodores quartet of quarterbacks had accumulated 302 passing yards over nine quarters of football.

South Carolina’s Dylan Thompson passed for 366 yards in his first game this year.

When Vanderbilt has worked its freshman quarterbacks into the game, it hasn’t been pretty. True freshman Wade Freebeck has had half of his attempted passes picked off, while redshirt freshman Johnny McCrary has thrown two interceptions on three attempts.

The Commodores’ first-year head coach, Derek Mason, has seen something he likes in Freebeck, who, according to Mason, will split time at the position with Robinette against the Gamecocks Saturday.

“Teams are going to have to prepare for two quarterbacks,” Mason said during his radio call-in show this week. “We believe Wade is going to get better as he continues to play… Patton Robinette is our leader, but Wade Freebeck is going to play.”

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