

2025 CAROLINA FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

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General

- Bill Belichick is 4-7 as a collegiate head coach. Belichick was 333-178 as the head coach of the New England Patriots and Cleveland Browns. Belichick is the second-winningest head coach in NFL history.
- The Tar Heels are 2-5 in Atlantic Coast Conference play this season.
- North Carolina leads the series against Duke 66-42-4.
- The last four games between North Carolina and Duke have been decided by 13 total points.

Offensive

- Gio Lopez got the Tar Heels on the board on the first drive with a one-yard rushing touchdown. It was his third rushing touchdown of the season and 12th of his career.
- The touchdown was the third time this season the Tar Heels found paydirt on the opening possession.
- The 13-play first drive for North Carolina was its longest opening drive of the season, in regards to number of plays.
- In the third quarter, Lopez connected with Jordan Shipp for a 20-yard touchdown. It was Lopez's ninth passing touchdown of the season and Shipp's fifth touchdown catch of the season.
- Lopez finished the third quarter 10 for 11, with 108 yards and a passing touchdown.
- The two linked up on the ensuing two-point conversion, Carolina's second two-point conversion this season.
- Davion Gause tied the game with a 12-yard touchdown rush on the next drive. It was his third rushing touchdown of the season and seventh of his career. The extra point by Rece Verhoff gave Carolina a 25-24 lead.
- The scoring drive was nine plays for 91 yards, the longest drive of the year by yards.
- The 90-yard touchdown drive was the longest for the Tar Heels since an eight play, 96-yard drive against UConn in the Fenway Bowl a season ago.
- Lopez finished the game 21 of 27 with 204 passing yards. Saturday was the third time this season that Lopez had 20-or-more completions and his fifth-straight game with 200-plus passing yards.

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- Isaiah Johnson had the lone sack of the game for North Carolina. It was his second sack of the season.
- Will Hardy led the Tar Heels with eight total tackles.
- Mikai Gbayer recorded five tackles, putting him at 110 tackles in his career.
- D'Antre Robinson posted five tackles, eclipsing 50 total tackles in his career.
- Smith Vilbert had a career-high two pass breakups.

Special Teams

- Rece Verhoff's 49-yard field goal was his 17th made field goal of the season on 21 attempts.
- Verhoff has posted a field goal make in 10-straight games, dating back to the Charlotte game.
- Tom Maginness posted two punts of 50-or-more yards on the night.

Up Next

- Carolina closes out the regular season next Saturday, traveling to NC State.
- Action between the Tar Heels and Wolfpack is set for 7:30 PM, with the matchup televised on the ACC Network.