

2025 CAROLINA FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

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General

- ▶ Bill Belichick is 2-1 as a collegiate head coach. Belichick is 333-178 as the head coach of the New England Patriots and Cleveland Browns. Belichick is the second-winningest head coach in NFL history.
- ▶ Carolina is 13-2 all-time against Richmond, and 9-0 in Chapel Hill. Saturday was the first meeting between the two programs since 1978.
- ▶ Saturday was the first victory over the Spiders since 1977.
- ▶ Carolina has won 25-straight games versus FCS opponents, a streak that dates back to the 2000 campaign.

Offensive

- ▶ Demon June's fifty-yard burst in the first quarter was the longest Tar Heel rush of the season.
- ▶ June's 50-yard rush was the longest by a Tar Heel freshman since Omarion Hampton scampered for 58 yards against Georgia State on Sept. 10, 2022.
- ▶ Gio Lopez connected with Jordan Shipp for a 29-yard touchdown, for Lopez's 24th of his career and second in the air as a Tar Heel. Shipp hauled in his second career touchdown, and the first of the campaign.
- ▶ North Carolina scored on each of its first four possessions. It was the first time the Tar Heels have scored on each of their first four possessions since scoring on the opening seven possessions against Syracuse on Oct. 7, 2023.
- ▶ Lopez notched his first touchdown on the ground off a 1-yard run for the 10th on the ground in his career.
- ▶ Demon June led the Tar Heels in rushing for the second straight game with 148 yards. June logged the first 100-yard game for the Heels this season and the first of his career.
- ▶ June is the first true freshman to lead the Tar Heels in rushing in back-to-back games since Micahel Carter did so in 2017 against Western Carolina and NC State.
- ▶ June's 148 rushing yards are the most for a freshman running back since Michael Carter had 157 against UVA on Oct. 14, 2017.
- ▶ Gio Lopez's two passing touchdowns put him at 25 for his career. It is the seventh multi-passing touchdown game of his career.

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- Andrew Simpson recorded his fifth-career game with seven-or-more tackles, finishing today with seven total tackles.
- Melkart Abou-Joudae recorded two sacks, his tenth-career game with at least one sack.
- The Tar Heels have posted seven-straight regular season games with at least one takeaway.
- Leroy Jackson wrapped his day with a career-high seven tackles, including four solo tackles.
- Carolina recovered its first turnover of the day off a Mikai Gbayor sack to force a fumble, with Abou-Jaoude recovering for UNC.
- North Carolina has stopped opponents from scoring a touchdown in back-to-back weeks for the first time since 2012, holding ECU to two field goals on Sep. 22nd, 2012 and Idaho scoreless the following week on Sep. 29th.
- Carolina posted their first fumble returned for a touchdown since Trey Morrison against Duke in 2021, on Gbayor's 62-yard defensive score.
- The touchdown marked Gbayor's first career touchdown and his third fumble recovery.
- Carolina earned its second takeaway of the day, as Jaiden Patterson picked off Richmond for the first interception of his career.

Special Teams

- Rece Verhoff nailed a 27-yard field goal on the opening drive for the Tar Heels, starting the season a perfect 3-for-3 on tries this season.
- Hitting his second field goal of the day, this time from 22-yards, Verhoff tallied his 14th career game with multiple field goals. Verhoff is currently riding a streak of nine consecutive made field goals, dating back to last season.
- Will Hardy marked his longest punt return of his career with a 22-yard return in the second quarter.

Up Next

- The Tar Heels hit the road next Saturday, traveling to the Sunshine State for a matchup versus UCF.
- Opening kickoff between Carolina and the Knights is set for 3:30 PM, with the matchup televised on FOX.