

2025 CAROLINA FOOTBALL POSTGAME NOTES

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General

- Bill Belichick is 1-1 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.
- UNC is 33-25-1 against opponents currently in the American Athletic Conference.
- The Tar Heels are 258-127-17 against current Division I opponents from the state of North Carolina.
- UNC is 2-0 all-time against the 49ers, winning in back-to-back seasons.
- North Carolina has won four-straight road openers dating back to Sept. 3, 2021 against Virginia Tech.
- Bill Belichick's first win at every head coaching stop has come on the road:
 - 1991 with Cleveland: Sept. 8, 1991, 20-0 win at New England.
 - 2000 with New England: Oct. 1, 2000, 28-19 win at Denver.
 - 2025 with North Carolina: Sept. 6, 2025, 20-3 win at Charlotte.

Offensive

- Scoring within the first minute on the opening drive off a 51-yard pass from Gio Lopez to Chris Culliver, Lopez cashed in his first touchdown as a Tar Heel and Culliver's first of the year.
- Culliver hauled in the longest catch of his career for his third overall touchdown in the air, while Lopez notched his 23rd passing touchdown of his career.
- Lopez' 51-yard completion marked the fifth game of his career in which the quarterback completed a pass of 50 yards or more.
- Davion Gause took it to the house on a 16-yard rushing touchdown for Carolina's second of the night. Gause earned his first touchdown of the season and the fifth of his career.
- Culliver hauled in a career-best three receptions for a total of 71 yards in two quarters of action.
- Freshman Demon June tallied nine carries for 52 yards, as he broke on to the scene for the Tar Heels. Leading the Tar Heels on the ground, it marked the second-straight season a freshman paced UNC in rushing yards against Charlotte.
- Javarious Green posted a career-high three receptions, en route to 31 yards.

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Defensive

- Holding the Charlotte offense to three points, the Carolina defense allowed the fewest points in a game since shutting out Idaho in 2012. It also marked the first game since 2020 in which the Tar Heels did not allow a touchdown.
- Andrew Simpson earned Carolina's first sack of the season and the first of his UNC career. The linebacker finished the night with two tackles for loss.
- Gavin Gibson led the Carolina defense with four solo tackles in the win.
- In the waning minutes, Greg Smith III picked off Charlotte in the red zone, his first career interception.

Special Teams

- Kicker Reece Verhoff nailed a 49-yard field goal to extend the Carolina lead to 10 for the Tar Heels' first made field goal of the year. The senior drilled the 39th field goal of his career and first in Carolina Blue.
- With a 55-yard punt in the third quarter, Tom Maginness posted his 10th career punt of 50-or-more yards.
- Hitting a 33-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, Verhoff recorded his 40th career field goal and 13th game of his career with two or more field goals.

Up Next

- The Tar Heels return home to Kenan Stadium next Saturday, hosting Richmond.
- Opening kickoff between Carolina and the Spider is set for 3:30 PM, with the matchup televised on ACC Network.