

WEEK TWO  
GEORGIA AT S CAROLINA

COLUMBIA, S.C. -- Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm knew the third-ranked Bulldogs were built to last after their run to last season's national title game. He believes the rest of the country found that out Saturday.

Fromm threw for 194 yards and a touchdown, all three of Georgia's latest running combo scored touchdowns and the Bulldogs turned an expected Southeastern Conference showdown into a 41-17 rout over No. 24 South Carolina on Saturday.

"We weren't going anywhere," Fromm said. "We've worked too hard to stay where we are."

That was evident at Williams-Brice Stadium, where Georgia (2-0, 1-0 SEC) used dominating offense and suffocating defense to win its fourth straight over the Gamecocks (1-1, 0-1).

"We thought if we were able to run the ball and pound it early, it would take its toll," coach Kirby Smart said.

Fromm was 15-of-18 passing, including a 34-yard TD pass to Mecole Hardman. D'Andre Swift, Elijah Holyfield and Brian Herrien looked every bit as effective as NFL runners Nick Chubb and Sony Michel did a year ago in leading Georgia to the College Football Playoff.

Holyfield led the way with 76 yards and a 5-yard score. Swift had a 17-yard TD run, and Herrien piled on with a 15-yard scoring burst in the third quarter as Georgia went up by 31 points. That's when many in the crowd of 83,140 began to file out in disappointment -- a familiar ritual against the Bulldogs.

Cornerback Deandre Baker set the tone on defense early with an interception off a tipped ball in the opening minute that led to a quick, if unconventional, touchdown. Baker let the ball loose before crossing the goal line, but teammate Juwan Taylor picked it up and took it the final yard to complete the 56-yard play.

Baker did not initially realize he came up short. "I just hoped someone on my team picked it up," he said, smiling.

From there, Georgia's defense and run game took over -- as they have so often against South Carolina. The Bulldogs outrushed South Carolina 271 yards to 54.

When South Carolina had a chance to tie it after Rashad Fenton's interception deep in Georgia territory, the Bulldogs allowed just a yard on the next four plays. They took over on downs after Bentley's fourth-down incomplection.

"That was big," Smart said. "We always talk about putting out the fire on defense after a turnover."

Georgia rarely let up. South Carolina drove 70 yards to the Bulldogs' 5 in the fourth quarter before safety J.R. Reed's end-zone interception.

South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley threw for 269 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions.

Gamecocks coach Will Muschamp was disappointed, especially at his team's third quarter when Georgia outscored South Carolina 21-0.

"We've got a lot of football ahead of us. The big thing you do, we've got to be technical. Starting with me," Muschamp said.

THE TAKEAWAY

Georgia: With its first significant test complete, Georgia again looks like the class of the SEC East and a likely participant in the league's title game. The Bulldogs' most challenging league games are against West opponents -- at LSU on Oct. 13 and against Auburn on Nov. 11.

South Carolina: The Gamecocks hoped a strong showing against Georgia would prove they belonged near the top of the SEC. South Carolina will try to regroup against Marshall at home before re-suming SEC play.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Georgia strengthened its spot in the polls by easily putting away a ranked opponent. South Carolina's first stay in the polls since September of 2014 will be a short one.

KEY INJURY

South Carolina defensive end D.J. Wonnum did not play because of an ankle injury sustained against Coastal Carolina last week. Wonnum was in sweats and had his leg elevated on a scooter during pre-game warmups.

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UGA	17	3	21	0	41
SC	7	3	0	7	17

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER	UGA	SC
UGA TD 14:13		
Juwan Taylor 1 Yd Interception Return (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)		
4 plays, 22 yards, 0:47	7	0
UGA TD 11:50		
D'Andre Swift 17 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)		
4 plays, 76 yards, 1:15	14	0
SC TD 7:18		
Bryan Edwards 13 Yd pass from Deebo Samuel (Parker White Kick)		
11 plays, 75 yards, 4:32	14	7
UGA FG 0:30		
Rodrigo Blankenship 45 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 38 yards, 3:24	7	7
SECOND QUARTER	UGA	SC
SC FG 5:57		
Parker White 26 Yd Field Goal		
14 plays, 71 yards, 5:39	17	10
UGA FG 0:00		
Rodrigo Blankenship 44 Yd Field Goal		
5 plays, 40 yards, 0:43	20	10
THIRD QUARTER	UGA	SC
UGA TD 12:55		
Mecole Hardman 34 Yd pass from Jake Fromm (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)		
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:05	27	10
UGA TD 9:12		
Elijah Holyfield 5 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)		
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:43	34	10
UGA TD 3:00		
Brian Herrien 15 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)		
9 plays, 86 yards, 4:37	41	10
FOURTH QUARTER	UGA	SC
SC TD 9:59		
Bryan Edwards 44 Yd pass from Jake Bentley (Parker White Kick)		
4 plays, 59 yards, 1:28	41	17

Team Stats

	UGA	SC
Total Yards	473	336
Total Plays	71	68
Avg Gain Per Play	6.7	4.9
Net Yards Rushing	271	54
Rushes	52	20
Yards Per Rush	5.2	2.7
Net Yards Passing	202	282
Comp-Att	16-19	31-48
Yards Per Pass	10.6	5.9
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-14	-3
Interceptions	1	2
Punts	3	5
Punt Average	41.3	40.8
Penalties	4	3
Penalty Yards	47	40
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	35:43	24:17

Individual Stats

RUSHING

UGA	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
13 Elijah Holyfield	9	76	8.4	26	1
7 D'Andre Swift	12	64	5.3	17	1
35 Brian Herrien	7	45	6.4	15	1
6 James Cook	11	38	3.5	9	0
4 Mecole Hardman	1	30	30.0	30	0
24 Prather Hudson	5	19	3.8	6	0
87 Tyler Simmons	1	5	5.0	5	0
1 Justin Fields	1	3	3.0	3	0
11 Jake Fromm	4				

SC

	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
27 Ty'Son Williams	6	26	4.3	9	0
5 Rico Dowdle	7	18	2.6	6	0
19 Jake Bentley	4	10	2.5	11	0
25 A.J. Turner	1	3	3.0	3	0
1 Deebo Samuel	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

PASSING

UGA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
11 Jake Fromm	15	18	194	10.8	1	1	181.1
1 Justin Fields	1	1	8	8.0	0	0	167.2

SC

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
19 Jake Bentley	30	47	269	5.7	1	2	110.4
1 Deebo Samuel	1	1	13	13.0	1	0	539.2

RECEIVING

UGA	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
4 Mecole Hardman	6	103	17.2	42	1
8 Riley Ridley	4	37	9.3	12	0
9 Jeremiah Holloman	1	15	15.0	15	0
5 Terry Godwin	1	12	12.0	12	0
87 Tyler Simmons	1	12	12.0	12	0
18 Isaac Nauta	1	10	10.0	10	0
14 Trey Blount	1	8	8.0	8	0
7 D'Andre Swift	1	5	5.0	5	0

SC

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
89 Bryan Edwards	7	111	15.9	44	2
5 Rico Dowdle	4	36	9.0	17	0
1 Deebo Samuel	6	33	5.5	10	0
6 Josh Vann	2	29	14.5	16	0
3 K.C. Crosby	2	25	12.5	18	0
18 OrTre Smith	2	14	7.0	9	0
27 Ty'Son Williams	2	11	5.5	6	0
13 Shi Smith	2	11	5.5	7	0
84 Kyle Markway	1	7	7.0	7	0
87 Kiel Pollard	1	5	5.0	5	0
25 A.J. Turner	1	4	4.0	4	0
8 Randrecous Davis	1	-4	-4.0	0	0