

WEEK ELEVEN
AUBURN AT GEORGIA

ATHENS, Ga. -- No. 5 Georgia struck for a pair of touchdowns late in the first half to take control and D'Andre Swift finished off Auburn with a 77-yard scoring run early in the fourth quarter to lead the Bulldogs to a 27-10 victory over their oldest rival Saturday night.

Swift rushed for 186 yards to power another big game by Georgia's running attack, which finished with 303 yards. Having already locked up a spot in the Southeastern Conference championship game, the Bulldogs (9-1, 7-1, No. 5 CFP) couldn't afford to slip up against the Tigers.

They didn't, though it took Georgia a while to get going. After settling for pair of field goals, the Bulldogs trailed 10-6 with the first half winding down. But, facing third-and-4 from the Auburn 14 and the prospect of bringing on kicker Rodrigo Blankenship for the third time, Jake Fromm connected on a touchdown pass to Tyler Simmons that pushed the home team ahead with 2:47 remaining.

Auburn (6-4, 3-4, No. 24 CFP) went three-and-out, taking only 47 seconds off the clock, and Georgia got a chance to add to its lead. Swift broke off a 24-yard run before two short completions left the Bulldogs facing fourth-and-3 at the Tigers 38.

Coach Kirby Smart let the clock run down before calling timeout with 29 seconds remaining. He passed on a long field goal attempt, and any thoughts that Georgia might be trying to lure Auburn offsidies with a no-back alignment were dashed when Fromm took the snap and found Terry Godwin breaking free over the middle.

Godwin hauled in the pass without breaking stride and didn't go down until he tumbled into the end zone for a TD that suddenly pushed Georgia to a 20-10 lead at the break. Both teams slogged through the third quarter before Swift tacked on the clinching score to cap another big game, darting through a hole up the middle, cutting back to his left and finding a clear running lane down the sideline .

After dealing with nagging injuries much of the year, the sophomore back is clearly back to full health, eclipsing his 156-yard effort the previous week in a victory over Kentucky.

Auburn's only touchdown came off a bit of trickery. Out of the wildcat formation, running back JaTarvious Whitlow took a direct snap and threw a 9-yard scoring pass to tight end John Shenker late in the first quarter.

THE TAKEAWAY

Auburn: The Tigers failed to follow up on their comeback victory over Texas A&M, doomed once again by a sluggish offense. Jarrett Stidham struggled with his accuracy, missing several open receivers and throwing for just 163 yards. The running game showed improvement, finishing with 102 yards, but this performance is sure to keep the heat on offensive-minded coach Gus Malzahn.

Georgia: This wasn't an overly impressive victory by the Bulldogs, but it was enough to keep them on track to at least having a shot at getting back to the College Football Playoff. The offense still looks a bit out of sync, settling for a couple of field goals instead of touchdowns. They'll need to get that sorted out to have any chance against No. 1 Alabama in the SEC championship game. But Swift's emergence is big news for the Bulldogs.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Assuming the top four schools win Saturday, Georgia should remain at No. 5 in The Associated Press rankings. Sixth-ranked Oklahoma (9-1) needed to stop a two-point conversion with just over a minute remaining to hold off Oklahoma State.

With top-ranked Alabama still looming, Auburn is unlikely to get back in the rankings during the regular season after starting out in the Top 10.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
AUB	7	3	0	0	10
UGA	3	17	0	7	27

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER		AUB	UGA
UGA FG 7:01			
Rodrigo Blankenship 25 Yd Field Goal			
10 plays, 80 yards, 5:09		0	3
AUB TD 4:28			
John Shenker 9 Yd pass from JaTarvious Whitlow (Anders Carlson Kick)			
8 plays, 75 yards, 2:33		7	3
SECOND QUARTER		AUB	UGA
UGA FG 11:13			
Rodrigo Blankenship 20 Yd Field Goal			
15 plays, 73 yards, 8:15		7	6
AUB FG 7:46			
Anders Carlson 27 Yd Field Goal			
11 plays, 66 yards, 3:27		10	6
UGA TD 2:47			
Tyler Simmons 14 Yd pass from Jake Fromm (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)			
8 plays, 59 yards, 4:59		10	13
UGA TD 0:21			
Terry Godwin 38 Yd pass from Jake Fromm (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)			
5 plays, 69 yards, 1:39		10	20
FOURTH QUARTER		AUB	UGA
UGA TD 13:53			
D'Andre Swift 77 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)			
2 plays, 75 yards, 1:00		10	27

Team Stats	AUB	UGA
First Downs	19	24
Total Yards	274	516
Total Plays	57	69
Avg Gain Per Play	4.8	7.5
Net Yards Rushing	102	303
Rushes	20	46
Yards Per Rush	5.1	6.6
Net Yards Passing	172	213
Comp-Att	25-37	15-23
Yards Per Pass	4.6	9.3
Times Sacked	0	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-20
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	6	2
Punt Average	40.3	38.0
Penalties	6	12
Penalty Yards	52	85
Fumbles	2	2
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	21:45	38:15

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
AUB	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Shaun Shivers	4	43	10.8	0	30		
Jarrett Stidham	6	36	6.0	0	15		
JaTarvious Whitlow	9	26	2.9	0	14		
Ryan Davis	1	-3	-3.0	0	0		
UGA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
D'Andre Swift	17	186	10.9	1	77		
Elijah Holyfield	15	93	6.2	0	22		
Brian Herrien	5	37	7.4	0	14		
Jake Fromm	2	5	2.5	0	4		
Team	2	-6	-3.0	0	0		
Justin Fields	5	-12	-2.4	0	4		
PASSING							
AUB	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jarrett Stidham	24	36	163	4.5	0	0	43.3
JaTarvious Whitlow	1	1	9	9.0	1	0	100.0
UGA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jake Fromm	13	20	193	9.6	2	1	81.9
Justin Fields	2	2	20	10.0	0	0	21.2
Rodrigo Blankenship	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0

RECEIVING					
AUB	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ryan Davis	13	72	5.5	0	10
Seth Williams	3	38	12.7	0	18
Anthony Schwartz	2	27	13.5	0	20
Malik Miller	2	13	6.5	0	12
John Shenker	1	9	9.0	1	9
Shedrick Jackson	1	9	9.0	0	9
Darius Slayton	1	8	8.0	0	8
JaTarvious Whitlow	2	-4	-2.0	0	0
UGA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Terry Godwin	3	84	28.0	1	38
D'Andre Swift	4	43	10.8	0	25
Mecole Hardman	2	39	19.5	0	32
Riley Ridley	1	19	19.0	0	19
Tyler Simmons	2	15	7.5	1	14
Ahkil Crumpton	1	7	7.0	0	7
Elijah Holyfield	1	3	3.0	0	3
Isaac Nauta	1	3	3.0	0	3