

WEEK EIGHT  
CLEMSON at LOUISVILLE

**Lawrence leads No. 3 Clemson to 45-10 rout of Louisville**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- Trevor Lawrence overcame two early interceptions to throw three touchdown passes, Travis Etienne rushed for 192 yards and a score and No. 3 Clemson routed Louisville 45-10 on Saturday for its 22nd consecutive victory.

Darien Rencher and Chez Mellusi added rushing TDs for the Tigers (7-0, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who missed first-quarter chances to build a big lead when Lawrence was picked off twice near the goal line. The sophomore quarterback settled down to hit Joseph Ngata and Justyn Ross with second-quarter TDs for a 17-3 halftime lead.

"They really played us tough," Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said. "We knew this was a game we were going to have to eventually knock them out because they were not going to give up."

Lawrence's 10-yard TD to Cornell Powell made it 31-3, and he finished 20 of 29 for 233 yards.

The Tigers also posted six sacks and kept Louisville (4-3, 2-2) out of the end zone until Javian Hawkins' 3-yard TD late in the game. Clemson outgained Louisville 551-263 and improved to 6-0 all-time against the Cardinals.

Hawkins had 129 yards on 26 carries, but Louisville never got closer than 10-3 after winning its previous two games.

"We just didn't make enough plays," first-year Louisville coach Scott Satterfield said. "The bottom line is they out-executed us and we didn't execute when we needed to. We were not able to get any kind of momentum in that game."

**EJECTION**

Clemson cornerback Andrew Booth Jr. was ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct late in the third quarter after punching Louisville's Trennell Troutman as he lay on the ground. The players tussled as Troutman ran downfield to cover a Louisville punt before Booth threw him to the turf around the Clemson 20. The scuffle continued and Booth threw a punch with his right hand as he straddled Troutman. Players from both teams swarmed them, and there was more pushing and shoving.

**POLL IMPLICATIONS**

Clemson will retain its top-five spot with a decisive win after a slow start.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Clemson: After initially looking like they'd have to work to get past Louisville, the Tigers dialed in on both sides of the ball for another blowout since their one-point escape at North Carolina. They rushed for 298 yards and held the Cardinals to just 107 yards passing., The Tigers have scored over 40 points in two straight games.

Louisville: The Cardinals' hopes of following up their win over Wake Forest with a huge upset never materialized despite hanging in with defense early on. They couldn't take advantage of those initial interceptions and eventually faded against the ACC's top defense and one of its best offenses.

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CLEM	3	14	7	21	45
LOU	0	3	0	7	10

**Scoring Summary -----**

	CLEM	LOU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
CLEM FG 9:27 B.T. Potter 51 Yd Field Goal		
5 plays, 46 yards, 2:08	3	0
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
CLEM TD 10:41 Joe Ngata 6 Yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (Steven Sawicki Kick)		
6 plays, 81 yards, 3:04	10	0
LOU FG 4:57 Blanton Creque 28 Yd Field Goal		
11 plays, 52 yards, 5:44	10	3
CLEM TD 0:05 Justyn Ross 25 Yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (Steven Sawicki Kick)		
5 plays, 77 yards, 1:00	17	3
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
CLEM TD 1:35 Travis Etienne 49 Yd Run (B.T. Potter Kick)		
2 plays, 58 yards, 0:34	24	3
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
CLEM TD 12:43 Cornell Powell 10 Yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (B.T. Potter Kick)		
7 plays, 63 yards, 2:10	31	3
CLEM TD 10:14 Darien Rencher 8 Yd Run (B.T. Potter Kick)		
5 plays, 25 yards, 1:57	38	3
LOU TD 5:10 Javian Hawkins 3 Yd Run (Blanton Creque Kick)		
9 plays, 75 yards, 5:04	38	10
CLEM TD 1:00 Chez Mellusi 16 Yd Run (B.T. Potter Kick)		
10 plays, 75 yards, 4:10	45	10

Team Stats	CLEM	LOU
First Downs	23	15
Passes for First	11	6
Rushes for First	11	8
Penalties for First	1	1
Third Down Efficiency	5-11	5-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-1
Total Yards	551	263
Total Plays	70	65
Avg Gain Per Play	7.9	4.0
Net Yards Rushing	298	156
Rushes	37	43
Yards Per Rush	8.1	3.6
Net Yards Passing	253	107
Comp-Att	22-33	8-22
Yards Per Pass	7.7	4.9
Times Sacked	1	6
Yds Lost To Sacks	-4	-39
Interceptions	2	2
Punts	3	6
Punt Average	36.0	48.5
Penalties	6	5
Penalty Yards	47	40
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	30:06	29:54

**Individual Stats**

<b>RUSHING</b>							
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
<b>CLEMSON</b>							
Travis Etienne	14	192	13.7	1	49		
Trevor Lawrence	10	47	4.7	0	20		
Chez Mellusi	5	35	7.0	1	16		
Lyn-J Dixon	5	11	2.2	0	7		
Darien Rencher	1	8	8.0	1	8		
Michel Dukes	2	5	2.5	0	8		
<b>LOUISVILLE</b>							
Javian Hawkins	26	129	5.0	1	25		
Hassan Hall	3	15	5.0	0	7		
Tutu Atwell	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Evan Conley	8	7	0.9	0	15		
Maurice Burkley	2	6	3.0	0	4		
Micale Cunningham	3	-10	-3.3	0	0		
<b>PASSING</b>							
	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
<b>CLEMSON</b>							
Trevor Lawrence	20	29	233	8.0	3	2	60.7
Chase Brice	2	3	20	6.7	0	0	99.0
<b>LOUISVILLE</b>							
Micale Cunningham	4	11	63	5.7	0	1	4.8
Evan Conley	4	11	44	4.0	0	1	13.3
<b>RECEIVING</b>							
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
<b>CLEMSON</b>							
Amari Rodgers	3	78	26.0	0	61		
Justyn Ross	5	55	11.0	1	25		
Diondre Overton	3	43	14.3	0	18		
Travis Etienne	4	35	8.8	0	16		
T.J. Chase	1	13	13.0	0	13		
Cornell Powell	1	10	10.0	1	10		
Davis Allen	1	10	10.0	0	10		
Joe Ngata	1	6	6.0	1	6		
Will Swinney	1	4	4.0	0	4		
Tee Higgins	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Lyn-J Dixon	1	-4	-4.0	0	0		
<b>LOUISVILLE</b>							
Dez Fitzpatrick	3	63	21.0	0	38		
Tutu Atwell	3	37	12.3	0	19		
Seth Dawkins	1	6	6.0	0	6		
Jordan Davis	1	1	1.0	0	1		