

WEEK EIGHT
KENTUCKY at GEORGIA

Swift runs for 2 TDs as No. 10 Georgia tops Kentucky 21-0

ATHENS, Ga. -- D'Andre Swift began the week asking Georgia coaches to get the ball to the team's playmakers in space. Swift finished the week showing what he can do with those opportunities. Swift's 39-yard touchdown run in the third quarter snapped a scoreless tie, and No. 10 Georgia overcame a slow start to beat Kentucky 21-0 on Saturday night. Swift, who ran for 179 yards, added a 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Brian Herrien ran for 60 yards, including an 8-yard TD. Each offense was affected by Nestor, the former tropical storm which dumped rain on Athens throughout the day.

Swift told his teammates at halftime he wanted to take a lead role for the offense after it was clear this was not a night for a productive passing game. "That's exactly what I told them," Swift said. "I talked at half-time and told them 'Keep doing what you're doing. It's on me. I've got y'all. I've got us.'" Georgia (6-1, 3-1) recovered from last week's loss to South Carolina by finally taking advantage of its Southeastern Conference-leading ground game in the second half. The Bulldogs ran for 235 yards, including 140 in the second half.

Left tackle Andrew Thomas said Swift "makes a job a little bit easier." After Georgia was held about 80 yards below its rushing average in the double-overtime loss to South Carolina, Swift called for more creative calls. He then averaged 8.5 yards on 21 carries.

The win sets the stage for a top-10 SEC East showdown against Florida in two weeks.

The wet conditions contributed to the scoreless first half.

"You have to be patient with those type of elements," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. "You're not just going to run the ball down their throats or throw it 30 to 40 times in those conditions."

On the soggy Dooley Field at Sanford Stadium, Kentucky stayed right with Georgia until midway through the third quarter.

Kentucky (3-4, 1-4) got 99 yards rushing from Lynn Bowden in his second start at quarterback, but the Wildcats' attack was one-dimensional. Bowden, Kentucky's third starting quarterback of the season, didn't complete a pass on his first nine attempts. He completed only 2 of 15 passes for 17 yards. Bowden's 17 carries were not enough to offset Swift's big night. Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said he hopes this is the last time he has to face Swift, a junior. "I just gave him a 'Congratulations' after the game and wished him 'Goodbye,' because he needs to go to the NFL," Stoops said. "He's an elite player." Georgia's Jake Fromm did not have a turnover one week after throwing three interceptions and losing a fumble. He completed 9 of 12 passes for only 35 yards.

The Bulldogs grabbed control by taking advantage of two mistakes by the Wildcats. A poor punt by Max Duffy went out of bounds at the Kentucky 39 early in the second half after carrying only 15 yards. "I just shanked it," Duffy said. "It was just one of those things that I would like to take back and do over perfect." The punt allowed Georgia to start a possession outside of its 20 for the first time in the game. Swift needed only one play to take advantage of the excellent field position.

Running behind right tackle Isaiah Wilson and right guard Cade Mays, Swift broke a tackle by safety Yusuf Corker on the 39-yard scoring run. Bowden lost a fumble, caused by J.R. Reed, on the Wildcats' next possession. The ball was recovered by Georgia's Richard LeCounte at the Kentucky 31. Herrien's scoring run on his fourth straight carry pushed the Georgia lead to 14-0.

THE TAKEAWAY

Kentucky: The Wildcats clearly have a unique talent in Bowden, who was the team's leading receiver before last week's move to quarterback. Still, more work is needed to add balance to the offense. Bowden led the Wildcats to a 24-20 win over Arkansas last week in his debut at quarterback, but now opposing teams will be better prepared for his frequent runs.

Georgia: The Bulldogs showed good poise in recovering from the ugly first half and capitalizing on opportunities in the third quarter. Still, the offense failed to produce like a unit capable of contending for a championship. The receivers again struggled to beat press coverage and the line failed to push back Kentucky's defensive front on a failed fourth-down sneak by Fromm.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Georgia's second-half recovery should save it from another drop in the Top 25.

DEFENSE

Georgia held Kentucky to 52 yards in the first half and 177 yards overall in its second shutout of the season.

WHAT BOOS?

Some Georgia fans were impatient, booing conservative play calls throughout the game. "It had no effect on me," Smart said. "I've got headphones on. We're trying to make the best decisions to give us the best chance to win."

Final	1	2	3	4	T
UK	0	0	0	0	0
UGA	0	0	14	7	21

Scoring Summary -----

THIRD QUARTER	UK	UGA
UGA TD 6:20 D'Andre Swift 39 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)		
1 play, 39 yards, 0:11	0	7
UGA TD 1:54 Brian Herrien 8 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)		
5 plays, 31 yards, 2:36	0	14
FOURTH QUARTER	UK	UGA
UGA TD 6:24 D'Andre Swift 3 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)		
13 plays, 92 yards, 8:18	0	21

Team Stats	UK	UGA
First Downs	9	14
Passes for First	1	3
Rushes for First	8	10
Penalties for First	0	1
Third Down Efficiency	3-13	3-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	1-2
Total Yards	177	270
Total Plays	51	55
Avg Gain Per Play	3.5	4.9
Net Yards Rushing	160	235
Rushes	35	43
Yards Per Rush	4.6	5.5
Net Yards Passing	17	35
Comp-Att	2-16	9-12
Yards Per Pass	1.1	2.9
Times Sacked	1	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-3	0
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	7	6
Punt Average	40.1	52.8
Penalties	7	4
Penalty Yards	60	33
Fumbles	2	1
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Time of Poss	26:32	33:28

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
KENTUCKY	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Lynn Bowden Jr.	17	99	5.8	0	21		
Asim Rose	9	37	4.1	0	15		
Christopher Rodriguez	6	19	3.2	0	6		
Kavosiey Smoke	1	5	5.0	0	5		
Josh Ali	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Team	1	-3	-3.0	0	0		
GEORGIA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
D'Andre Swift	21	179	8.5	2	39		
Brian Herrien	13	60	4.6	1	14		
Zamir White	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Jake Fromm	5	2	0.4	0	6		
Team	3	-9	-3.0	0	0		
PASSING							
KENTUCKY	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Lynn Bowden Jr.	2	15	17	1.1	0	0	3.3
Josh Ali	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	1.1
GEORGIA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jake Fromm	9	12	35	2.9	0	0	6.5
RECEIVING							
KENTUCKY	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Bryce Oliver	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Clevan Thomas Jr.	1	8	8.0	0	8		
GEORGIA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
George Pickens	4	35	8.8	0	22		
Brian Herrien	1	3	3.0	0	3		
James Cook	2	3	1.5	0	4		
Demetris Robertson	1	1	1.0	0	1		
D'Andre Swift	1	-7	-7.0	0	0		