

WEEK ONE
SOUTH CAROLINA AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN

STATESBORO, Ga. -- Shai Werts rushed for 163 yards and three touchdowns to lead Georgia Southern's potent running game in a 37-6 defeat of South Carolina State Saturday night in the season opener for both teams.

The Eagles racked up 319 yards and five touchdowns on the ground out of 348 yards total offense.

Wesley Fields and Monteo Garrett also scored rushing TDs.

Tomarcio Reese made 10 tackles for a Georgia Southern defense that held SC State to 2.9 yards per play and forced two turnovers.

Garrett and Werts staked Georgia Southern to a 13-0 lead, scoring successive touchdowns in the final three minutes of the first quarter. Werts added two more TDs in the fourth quarter on runs of 13 and 14 yards.

Tyrece Nick scored the lone points for the Bulldogs with a 2-yard run. SC State has not beaten Georgia Southern in eight meetings.

| Final | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | T |
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| SCST | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| GASO | 13 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 37 |

Scoring Summary -----

| | SCST | GASO |
|--|------|------|
| FIRST QUARTER | | |
| GASO TD 2:43 | | |
| Monteo Garrett 1 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed) | | |
| 7 plays, 42 yards, 3:55 | 0 | 6 |
| GASO TD 0:36 | | |
| Shai Werts 23 Yd Run (Tyler Bass Kick) | | |
| 2 plays, 28 yards, 0:00 | 0 | 13 |
| SECOND QUARTER | | |
| GASO FG 1:54 | | |
| Tyler Bass 19 Yd Field Goal | | |
| 8 plays, 30 yards, 5:05 | 0 | 16 |
| THIRD QUARTER | | |
| GASO TD 10:20 | | |
| Wesley Fields 1 Yd Run (Tyler Bass Kick) | | |
| 8 plays, 65 yards, 4:33 | 0 | 23 |
| SCST TD 1:08 | | |
| Tyrece Nick 2 Yd Run (Dillon Bredson PAT blocked) | | |
| 18 plays, 75 yards, 9:12 | 6 | 23 |
| FOURTH QUARTER | | |
| GASO TD 10:30 | | |
| Shai Werts 13 Yd Run (Tyler Bass Kick) | | |
| 10 plays, 60 yards, 5:30 | 6 | 30 |
| GASO TD 4:27 | | |
| Shai Werts 14 Yd Run (Tyler Bass Kick) | | |
| 5 plays, 68 yards, 2:51 | 6 | 3 |

| Team Stats | SCST | GASO |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| First Downs | 10 | 19 |
| Passes for First | 2 | 1 |
| Rushes for First | 7 | 17 |
| Penalties for First | 1 | 1 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 4-12 | 7-12 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Total Yards | 151 | 348 |
| Total Plays | 52 | 60 |
| Avg Gain Per Play | 2.9 | 5.8 |
| Net Yards Rushing | 120 | 319 |
| Rushes | 42 | 53 |
| Yards Per Rush | 2.9 | 6.0 |
| Stat Name | | |
| Net Yards Passing | 31 | 29 |
| Comp-Att | 2-10 | 5-7 |
| Yards Per Pass | 3.1 | 4.1 |
| Times Sacked | 3 | 0 |
| Yds Lost To Sacks | -10 | 0 |
| Interceptions | 1 | 0 |
| Punts | 6 | 3 |
| Punt Average | 38.8 | 42.3 |
| Penalties | 3 | 2 |
| Penalty Yards | 35 | 10 |
| Fumbles | 2 | 1 |
| Fumbles Lost | 1 | 0 |
| Possession | 25:38 | 34:22 |

Individual Stats

RUSHING

| SCST | Rush | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|-----------------------|------|-----|------|----|------|
| 3 Tyrece Nick | 21 | 66 | 3.1 | 10 | 1 |
| 24 Omar Cummings | 7 | 31 | 4.4 | 10 | 0 |
| 18 Datron James | 9 | 28 | 3.1 | 8 | 0 |
| 5 Labron Morris | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 2 | 0 |
| 32 Jarius Jenkins | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2 Corey Fields | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 Dewann Ford | 1 | -7 | -7.0 | 0 | 0 |
| GASO | Rush | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
| 4 Shai Werts | 22 | 163 | 7.4 | 23 | 3 |
| 36 Matt LaRoche | 3 | 39 | 13.0 | 33 | 0 |
| 21 Wesley Fields | 12 | 32 | 2.7 | 10 | 1 |
| 15 Monteo Garrett | 7 | 27 | 3.9 | 14 | 1 |
| 39 Logan Wright | 3 | 23 | 7.7 | 15 | 0 |
| 12 Wesley Kennedy III | 1 | 22 | 22.0 | 22 | 0 |
| 7 Grant Walker | 5 | 13 | 2.6 | 5 | 0 |

PASSING

| SCST | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
|----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| 9 Dewann Ford | 1 | 6 | 17 | 2.8 | 0 | 1 | 7.1 |
| 3 Tyrece Nick | 1 | 3 | 14 | 4.7 | 0 | 0 | 72.5 |
| 2 Corey Fields | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |

| GASO | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
|--------------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| 4 Shai Werts | 5 | 7 | 29 | 4.1 | 0 | 0 | 106.2 |

RECEIVING

| SCST | Rec | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| 16 Will Vereen | 1 | 17 | 17.0 | 17 | 0 |
| 1 De' Montrez Burroughs | 1 | 14 | 14.0 | 14 | 0 |
| GASO | Rec | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
| 21 Wesley Fields | 1 | 12 | 12.0 | 12 | 0 |
| 12 Wesley Kennedy III | 1 | 8 | 8.0 | 8 | 0 |
| 1 Ellis Richardson | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 5 | 0 |
| 83 Colby Ransom | 2 | 4 | 2.0 | 4 | 0 |