

WEEK THREE
 GEORGIA SOUTHERN AT CLEMSON

CLEMSON, S.C. -- A week of worry at Clemson over an approaching hurricane ended with the Tigers 38-7 victory over Georgia Southern on Saturday in front of a full crowd who shook off concerns about the storm to attend.

Travis Etienne ran for 162 yards and two touchdowns for the No. 2 Tigers (3-0) and Trevor Lawrence threw for 194 yards, including a 57-yard score to fellow freshman Justyn Ross in their first meeting with Georgia Southern (2-1) of the Sun Belt Conference.

Clemson was the lone major conference school in the Carolinas and Virginia to play on Saturday, although school officials did move the game up to noon instead of its planned 3:30 p.m. ET start in deference to Florence, a one-time Category 4 hurricane that was a slow moving tropical storm by Saturday.

At kickoff, though, the crowd of 79,844 had sunny skies and mild breezes for tailgates like many football Saturdays. Conditions changed by halftime with bands of grey clouds over the stadium and the wind picking up. Florence's drenching rains were forecast to hit the area Saturday night.

The long, fatiguing, "Will they or won't they?" stretch debating whether Clemson should even play with Florence seemed to sap the team's focus early. Clemson had two of its three turnovers in the opening quarter on Kelly Bryant's interception and Adam Choice's fumble. Throw in Greg Huegel's missed field goal -- his first of two on the day -- and the Tigers were tied 0-0 against an opponent they were favored to beat by five touchdowns after the opening quarter.

Things finally got going after that with Etienne ending a 93-yard drive on a fourth-and-goal TD from the 1.

Lawrence followed with his long touchdown throw to Ross and Bryant came back in a series later to lead a scoring drive with Tavien Feaster's 1-yard touchdown.

Clemson's defense shut down Georgia Southern's option offense. The Eagles came in fourth in the country averaging 326 yards rushing its first two games. They managed just 20 yards and one first down the first two quarters.

Clemson outgained Georgia Southern 595-140.

THE TAKEAWAY

Georgia Southern: The Eagles don't yet have enough to match up with Power Five teams like the Tigers. Georgia Southern's next win, though, will surpass its victory total from last year.

Clemson: The Tigers had very little to gain in this one, except perhaps preserving their midseason off week by not having to cancel the game with Georgia Southern due to Florence.

INJURY

Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant did not return for the second half after he fell hard in the second quarter. Bryant went back in in the period, but was taken to the locker room. Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said on ESPN Bryant told him he was breathing heavy.

Bryant returned to the sidelines in the fourth quarter, but without his helmet and did not play.

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GASO	0	0	0	7	7
CLEM	0	21	3	14	38

Scoring Summary -----

	GASO	CLEM
SECOND QUARTER		
CLEM TD 8:43		
Travis Etienne 1 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)		
13 plays, 93 yards, 5:23	0	7
CLEM TD 5:19		
Justyn Ross 57 Yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (Greg Huegel Kick)		
4 plays, 70 yards, 1:39	0	14
CLEM TD 0:53		
Tavien Feaster 1 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)		
8 plays, 76 yards, 2:49	0	21

	GASO	CLEM
THIRD QUARTER		
CLEM FG 10:36		
Greg Huegel 37 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 24 yards, 2:39	0	24

	GASO	CLEM
FOURTH QUARTER		
GASO TD 13:54		
Shai Werts 6 Yd Run (Tyler Bass Kick)		
2 plays, 46 yards, 0:44	7	24
CLEM TD 6:06		
Travis Etienne 40 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)		
2 plays, 46 yards, 0:29	7	31
CLEM TD 2:03		
Adam Choice 10 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)		
6 plays, 73 yards, 1:51	7	38

Team Stats	GASO	CLEM
First Downs	7	27
Total Yards	140	595
Total Plays	52	77
Avg Gain Per Play	2.7	7.7
Net Yards Rushing	80	309
Rushes	43	46
Yards Per Rush	1.9	6.7
Net Yards Passing	60	286
Comp-Att	3-9	21-31
Yards Per Pass	6.7	9.2
Times Sacked	5	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-27	-5
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	8	1
Punt Average	39.0	32.0
Penalties	4	7
Penalty Yards	20	65
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Possession	31:47	28:13

Individual Stats

RUSHING

GASO	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
21 Wesley Fields	14	27	1.9	6	0
94 C.J. Wright	5	20	4.0	9	0
15 Monteo Garrett	6	19	3.2	5	0
4 Shai Werts	17	10	0.6	6	1
36 Matt LaRoche	1	4	4.0	4	0

CLEM	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
9 Travis Etienne	16	162	10.1	40	2
26 Adam Choice	7	49	7.0	32	1
28 Tavien Feaster	10	32	3.2	8	1
2 Kelly Bryant	6	27	4.5	17	0
23 Lyn-J Dixon	5	26	5.2	11	0
16 Trevor Lawrence	2	13	6.5	10	0

PASSING

GASO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
9 Obe Fortune	1	1	40	40.0	0	0	436.0
4 Shai Werts	2	8	20	2.5	0	0	46.0
CLEM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
16 Trevor Lawrence	12	19	194	10.2	1	1	155.8
2 Kelly Bryant	7	10	68	6.8	0	1	107.1
7 Chase Brice	2	2	24	12.0	0	0	200.8

RECEIVING

GASO	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
12 Wesley Kennedy III	1	40	40.0	40	0
9 Obe Fortune	2	20	10.0	11	0
CLEM	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
8 Justyn Ross	3	103	34.3	57	1
13 Hunter Renfrow	2	44	22.0	31	0
80 Milan Richard	2	26	13.0	17	0
88 Braden Galloway	1	20	20.0	20	0
28 Tavien Feaster	2	18	9.0	9	0
84 Cannon Smith	1	17	17.0	17	0
5 Tee Higgins	2	11	5.5	6	0
1 Trevion Thompson	1	11	11.0	11	0
3 Amari Rodgers	2	9	4.5	6	0
22 Will Swinney	1	7	7.0	7	0
10 Derion Kendrick	1	6	6.0	6	0
25 J.C. Chalk	1	6	6.0	6	0
17 Cornell Powell	1	4	4.0	4	0
18 T.J. Chase	1	4	4.0	4	0