

**WEEK FOUR
SOUTH CAROLINA AT VANDERBILT**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason talked about needing to be ready for a street fight when his Commodores played South Carolina.

Well, the Gamecocks took that very personally.

Jake Bentley threw for 261 yards and a touchdown, and the South Carolina Gamecocks bounced back from their hurricane-forced break, routing Vanderbilt 37-14 Saturday.

"We heard about it, and yeah we took it personally," Bentley said. "I mean he called us out. He called us to come out and fight, and that's what we did. We can play in the stadium, in a backyard, in the street you know what I mean? And we ran for 270 yards, so yeah I think the O-linemen took it more personally than anyone else."

South Carolina coach Will Muschamp simply pointed to the 273 yards rushing by his Gamecocks when asked if they came with a street fight, physical style.

"I think so," Muschamp said.

South Carolina (2-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) had its game against Marshall canceled by Hurricane Florence, leaving the Gamecocks looking for a 12th game this season. The Gamecocks hadn't played since being routed 41-17 by now-No. 2 Georgia on Sept. 8.

They showed no rust as South Carolina won its 10th straight and 17th in the last 19 years against Vanderbilt.

The Gamecocks scored the game's first 10 points and then reeled off 20 straight after Vanderbilt got within 17-14 late in the first half. South Carolina could have had a bigger margin of victory but lost two fumbles inside the Vandy 30 in the fourth quarter after a 39-minute lightning and rain delay.

"They won the street fight," Mason said. "There's no doubt about that. It was going to be a street fight ... But when you don't land any punches, you can get knocked out."

Rico Dowdle ran for a TD and 112 yards, and Mon Denson and Ty'Son Williams each ran for touchdowns. Parker White kicked three field goals for South Carolina.

Vanderbilt (2-2, 0-1) felt pretty confident coming into its SEC opener after coming up just short in a 22-17 loss at No. 8 Notre Dame last week. The Commodores couldn't match Bentley and the Gamecocks who outgained them 149-32 in the first quarter and finished 534-284 in total offense.

Ke'Shawn Vaughn scored on a 2-yard TD run after an interception. Kyle Shurmur added a 2-yard TD pass for Vanderbilt. The Commodores struggled with snapping the ball and even switched right guard Bruno Reagan over to center late. It didn't help with a bad snap on third down and Vanderbilt trying to chip away at the Gamecocks' lead late.

THE TAKEAWAY

South Carolina: The Gamecocks have plenty of options on offense, and Bentley knows how to distribute the ball. Sophomore Shi Smith had a career-high 108 yards receiving on just four catches by halftime, one for a TD and another going for 52 yards. Smith finished with 119 yards receiving.

Vanderbilt: The Commodores got a big defensive wakeup call. They came in ranked 15th nationally giving up just 13 points a game, and Vanderbilt had given up only six points in the second half this season. The defense came through with its biggest play with Dare Odeyingbo's first career interception at the end of the first quarter. But the Commodores gave up 10 points in the third quarter to South Carolina.

DIVERSIFIED OFFENSE

Lost with South Carolina piling up an average of 5.7 yards per carry was how many Gamecocks got their hands on the ball. Four different Gamecocks ran for at least 45 yards, including Bentley on some RPOs that led to a couple of ineligible receivers downfield penalties. Seven different Gamecocks caught at least one pass for strong balance. Dowdle said they thought they could run on Vanderbilt after watching film.

"That's something we harped on," Dowdle said. "We struggled in the run game a few weeks ago. We said we were going to run the ball, and we was going to make sure we ran today."

Final	1	2	3	4	T
SC	10	10	10	7	37
VAN	0	14	0	0	14

Scoring Summary -----

	SC	VAN
FIRST QUARTER		
SC TD 14:05		
Shi Smith 38 Yd pass from Jake Bentley (Parker White Kick)	7	0
3 plays, 75 yards, 0:55		
SC FG 5:45		
Parker White 33 Yd Field Goal	10	0
13 plays, 59 yards, 5:36		
SECOND QUARTER		
VAN TD 11:40		
Ke'Shawn Vaughn 2 Yd Run (Ryley Guay Kick)	10	7
6 plays, 23 yards, 3:20		
SC TD 10:22		
Rico Dowdle 2 Yd Run (Parker White Kick)	17	7
4 plays, 65 yards, 1:18		
VAN TD 5:23		
Kaliya Lipscomb 2 Yd pass from Kyle Shurmur (Ryley Guay Kick)	17	14
11 plays, 75 yards, 4:59		
SC FG 0:00		
Parker White 35 Yd Field Goal	20	14
7 plays, 36 yards, 1:10		
THIRD QUARTER		
SC FG 10:16		
Parker White 36 Yd Field Goal	23	14
10 plays, 61 yards, 2:40		
SC TD 4:06		
Mon Denson 1 Yd Run (Parker White Kick)	30	14
2 plays, 6 yards, 0:30		
FOURTH QUARTER		
SC TD 2:04		
Ty'Son Williams 1 Yd Run (Parker White Kick)	37	14
8 plays, 49 yards, 3:50		

Team Stats	SC	VAN
First Downs	28	22
Total Yards	534	284
Total Plays	76	73
Avg Gain Per Play	7.0	3.9
Net Yards Rushing	273	92
Rushes	48	33
Yards Per Rush	5.7	2.8
Net Yards Passing	261	192
Comp-Att	19-28	19-40
Yards Per Pass	9.3	4.8
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-18	-1
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	3	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	8	4
Penalty Yards	54	21
Fumbles	2	3
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Possession	29:44	30:16

Individual Stats

RUSHING

SC	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Rico Dowdle	20	112	5.6	1	20
A.J. Turner	9	64	7.1	0	19
Ty'Son Williams	7	48	6.9	1	22
Jake Bentley	9	45	5.0	0	19
Mon Denson	3	4	1.3	1	2
VAN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jamauri Wakefield	14	72	5.1	0	11
Ke'Shawn Vaughn	9	30	3.3	1	14
Mo Hasan	2	26	13.0	0	14
Kaliya Lipscomb	1	7	7.0	0	7
Khari Blasingame	3	1	0.3	0	4
Kyle Shurmur	3	-12	-4.0	0	3
Team	1	-32	-32.0	0	0

PASSING

SC	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jake Bentley	19	28	261	9.3	1	1	65.4
VAN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kyle Shurmur	18	38	180	4.7	1	1	28.8
Mo Hasan	1	2	12	6.0	0	0	95.9

RECEIVING

SC	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Shi Smith	5	119	23.8	1	52
Deebo Samuel	7	56	8.0	0	15
Bryan Edwards	3	47	15.7	0	21
K.C. Crosby	1	13	13.0	0	13
Kiel Pollard	1	12	12.0	0	12
Rico Dowdle	1	9	9.0	0	9
Ty'Son Williams	1	5	5.0	0	5
VAN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Kaliya Lipscomb	9	72	8.0	1	16
Jared Pinkney	4	42	10.5	0	15
Ke'Shawn Vaughn	2	36	18.0	0	27
C.J. Bolar	2	19	9.5	0	12
Khari Blasingame	1	17	17.0	0	17
Cam Johnson	1	6	6.0	0	6