

WEEK ELEVEN
TROY AT GA SOUTHERN

STATESBORO, Ga. -- Sawyer Smith hit Luke Whittemore on a 29-yard scoring strike in the third quarter to break open a close game and give Troy its 12th straight Sun Belt Conference win with a 35-21 victory over Georgia Southern on Saturday.

Troy (8-2, 6-0) was trailing 14-3 at the end of the first quarter, but the Trojans scored 32 unanswered points to go ahead 35-14 early in the final quarter. The victory pushes Troy closer to the inaugural Sun Belt Conference Championship game, with only Texas State and Appalachian State remaining on the schedule.

Georgia Southern (7-3, 4-2) had won five straight prior to dropping a 44-25 decision to Louisiana-Monroe last week.

Georgia Southern's Shai Werts hit Ellis Richardson on two straight short touchdown passes for a 14-3 lead before the Trojans charged back.

Smith threw for 287 yards on 21-of-28 passing. Sidney Davis hauled in 10 of those for 85 yards and Whittemore had three catches for 110 yards. B.J. Smith bulled in for two scores for the Trojans.

Werts threw for 153 yards and two scores and rushed for 39 yards and another TD.

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TROY	3	14	11	7	35
GASO	14	0	0	7	21

Scoring Summary -----

	TROY	GASO
FIRST QUARTER		
TROY FG 10:21		
Tyler Sumpter 45 Yd Field Goal	3	0
7 plays, 22 yards, 2:31		
GASO TD 6:51		
Ellis Richardson 3 Yd pass from Shai Werts (Tyler Bass Kick)		7
6 plays, 79 yards, 3:23	3	
GASO TD 0:42		
Ellis Richardson 2 Yd pass from Shai Werts (Tyler Bass Kick)		14
3 plays, 31 yards, 1:10	3	
SECOND QUARTER		
TROY TD 9:44		
Tray Eafford 3 Yd Run (Tyler Sumpter Kick)	10	14
12 plays, 85 yards, 5:52		
TROY TD 3:21		
B.J. Smith 6 Yd Run (Tyler Sumpter Kick)		14
6 plays, 92 yards, 2:15	17	
THIRD QUARTER		
TROY FG 6:40		
Tyler Sumpter 42 Yd Field Goal		14
9 plays, 30 yards, 4:30	20	
TROY TD 3:39		
Luke Whittemore 29 Yd pass from Sawyer Smith (Sidney Davis Pass to Damion Willis for Two-Point Conversion)		14
3 plays, 64 yards, 1:08	28	
FOURTH QUARTER		
TROY TD 12:50		
B.J. Smith 10 Yd Run (Tyler Sumpter Kick)	35	14
8 plays, 77 yards, 4:17		
GASO TD 11:13		
Shai Werts 18 Yd Run (Tyler Bass Kick)		21
4 plays, 75 yards, 1:37	35	

Team Stats	TROY	GASO
First Downs	24	13
Total Yards	454	291
Total Plays	72	57
Avg Gain Per Play	6.3	5.1
Net Yards Rushing	140	101
Rushes	42	34
Yards Per Rush	3.3	3.0
Net Yards Passing	314	190
Comp-Att	23-30	14-23
Yards Per Pass	10.5	8.3
Times Sacked	0	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-13
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	2	7
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	4	4
Penalty Yards	45	47
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	34:36	25:24

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TROY					
B.J. Smith	22	86	3.9	2	16
DK Billingsley	10	32	3.2	0	13
Jabir Daughtry-Frye	2	18	9.0	0	14
Tray Eafford	1	3	3.0	1	3
Sawyer Smith	6	2	0.3	0	5
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
GASO					
Shai Werts	16	35	2.2	1	18
Monteo Garrett	1	29	29.0	0	29
Wesley Fields	10	17	1.7	0	5
Logan Wright	4	11	2.8	0	5
Wesley Kennedy III	2	10	5.0	0	9
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
TROY							
Sawyer Smith	21	28	287	10.3	1	0	172.9
Luke Whittemore	1	1	16	16.0	0	0	234.4
Sidney Davis	1	1	11	11.0	0	0	192.4
GASO							
Shai Werts	14	23	190	8.3	2	0	159.0

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TROY					
Luke Whittemore	3	110	36.7	1	41
Sidney Davis	10	85	8.5	0	21
Damion Willis	3	57	19.0	0	41
Jabir Daughtry-Frye	4	32	8.0	0	18
Tray Eafford	1	16	16.0	0	16
Sawyer Smith	1	11	11.0	0	11
Daniel Crowell	1	3	3.0	0	3
GASO					
Wesley Fields	5	138	27.6	0	44
Davarius Bargnare	3	25	8.3	0	14
Ellis Richardson	4	14	3.5	2	8
Obe Fortune	1	7	7.0	0	7
Monteo Garrett	1	6	6.0	0	6