

**WEEK THIRTEEN**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AT CLEMSON**

CLEMSON, S.C. -- Trevor Lawrence threw for a career-high 393 yards, Adam Choice rushed for three touchdowns and No. 2 Clemson capped a perfect regular season with a 56-35 victory over South Carolina on Saturday night for its fifth consecutive rivalry win.

The Tigers reached 12-0 for the second time in four seasons and for the third time in program history, starting with its 1981 national title season.

Clemson (CFP No. 2) kept pace for another title run with their latest success over the Gamecocks (6-5), its longest since winning seven in a row from 1934-40.

Jake Bentley had career highs with 510 yards -- the second most ever allowed by Clemson -- and five TDs for South Carolina. The Tigers had not given up that many points in 28 games since a 42-35 win over Virginia Tech in the 2016 Atlantic Coast Conference title game.

The Tigers will try for their fourth straight ACC title when they take on No. 24 Pitt in the championship game at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Not that South Carolina didn't throw a scare into the Tigers -- or give defensive coordinator Brent Venables something to yell about leading into the ACC title game. South Carolina, which had lost the last two rivalry games by a combined 90-17 score, was supposed to have little chance to hang with Clemson.

But it was the Gamecocks who struck first and kept on going. Bentley threw for 302 yards and three TDs in the opening half, including scoring throws of 67 yards to Kiel Pollard and 75 yards to Deebo Samuel to stick within 28-21 at the break.

Clemson's offense was relentless early on with four touchdowns on its first four possessions, two rushing scores by Choice and another on a 1-yard leap into the end zone by 315-pound Christian Wilkins.

Wilkins came up flexing in celebration, then struck the Heisman pose -- which drew a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and ire of coach Dabo Swinney who got in Wilkins face for a minute or two on the sidelines.

It was far from the only bit of bravado by the Tigers. After Lawrence's 22-yard TD pass to Tee Higgins to put Clemson ahead for the first time 14-7, the freshman quarterback stared down the South Carolina sideline. But that's common in a heated rivalry where some in the home crowd booed the Gamecocks' band at halftime.

Choice had scoring runs of 1, 2 and 13 yards. His last one gave Clemson 41 rushing TDs this season to set the program single-year mark.

Travis Etienne ran for 150 yards and two touchdowns (the last with 39 seconds left) to give him 19 to set that single-season record.

Samuel had 10 catches for 210 yards and three touchdowns while Gamecocks receiver Shi Smith had nine grabs for 109 yards and a score.

The teams played offense like they were in the Big 12 combining for 1,344 yards -- 744 by Clemson and 600 by South Carolina.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

**South Carolina:** The Gamecocks were down three starters on the defensive line and had little hope of putting pressure on Clemson's offense. They'll need to find some healthy bodies quick with a hurricane-canceled makeup game with Akron ahead next week.

**Clemson:** The Tigers hadn't allowed more than 16 points in any of their past six games. Yet, South Carolina put up the most points in a game against them this season. Clemson will have to shore up the secondary if it hopes to slow down Alabama and quarterback Tua Tagovailoa should it get the chance in the playoffs.

Team Stats	SC	CLEM
First Downs	29	38
Total Yards	600	744
Total Plays	75	92
Avg Gain Per Play	8.0	8.1
Net Yards Rushing	90	351
Rushes	25	55
Yards Per Rush	3.6	6.4
Net Yards Passing	510	393
Comp-Att	32-50	27-37
Yards Per Pass	10.2	10.6
Times Sacked	3	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-20	0
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	3	2
Punt Average	50.0	37.0
Penalties	7	8
Penalty Yards	48	79
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	25:09	34:51

Final	1	2	3	4	T
SC	7	14	0	14	35
CLEM	14	14	14	14	56

**Scoring Summary -----**

	SC	CLEM
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
SC TD 10:41		
Deebo Samuel 9 Yd pass from Jake Bentley (Parker White Kick)	7	0
12 plays, 75 yards, 4:19		
CLEM TD 6:17		
Adam Choice 1 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)	7	7
10 plays, 75 yards, 4:24		
CLEM TD 0:17		
Tee Higgins 22 Yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (Greg Huegel Kick)		
10 plays, 95 yards, 3:19	7	14
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
CLEM TD 7:23		
Christian Wilkins 1 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)		21
12 plays, 97 yards, 4:49	7	
SC TD 6:29		
Kiel Pollard 67 Yd pass from Jake Bentley (Parker White Kick)	14	21
3 plays, 73 yards, 0:54		
CLEM TD 4:49		
Adam Choice 2 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)	14	28
5 plays, 70 yards, 1:40		
SC TD 4:37		
Deebo Samuel 75 Yd pass from Jake Bentley (Parker White Kick)	21	28
1 play, 75 yards, 0:12		
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
CLEM TD 10:21		
Travis Etienne 2 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)	21	35
10 plays, 75 yards, 4:39		
CLEM TD 6:46		
Tavien Feaster 13 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)	21	42
5 plays, 80 yards, 1:22		
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
CLEM TD 12:05		
Adam Choice 15 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)	21	49
11 plays, 98 yards, 4:52		
SC TD 9:10		
Deebo Samuel 32 Yd pass from Jake Bentley (Parker White Kick)	28	49
8 plays, 75 yards, 2:55		
SC TD 3:37		
Shi Smith 20 Yd pass from Jake Bentley (Parker White Kick)	35	49
4 plays, 74 yards, 1:05		
CLEM TD 0:39		
Travis Etienne 7 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)	35	56
8 plays, 54 yards, 2:58		

**Individual Stats**

<b>RUSHING</b>							
SC	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Mon Denson	17	62	3.6	0	16		
Rico Dowdle	4	49	12.3	0	28		
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0		
Jake Bentley	3	-20	-6.7	0	0		
CLEM	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Travis Etienne	28	150	5.4	2	20		
Tavien Feaster	9	63	7.0	1	18		
Adam Choice	7	56	8.0	3	24		
Trevor Lawrence	4	42	10.5	0	32		
Lyn-J Dixon	5	38	7.6	0	15		
Christian Wilkins	2	2	1.0	1	1		
<b>PASSING</b>							
SC	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jake Bentley	32	50	510	10.2	5	1	178.7
CLEM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Trevor Lawrence	27	36	393	10.9	1	0	175.9
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	--
<b>RECEIVING</b>							
SC	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Deebo Samuel	10	210	21.0	3	75		
Shi Smith	9	109	12.1	1	29		
Kiel Pollard	2	94	47.0	1	67		
Bryan Edwards	5	41	8.2	0	15		
Jacob August	1	17	17.0	0	17		
Mon Denson	2	16	8.0	0	14		
Rico Dowdle	2	16	8.0	0	11		
K.C. Crosby	1	7	7.0	0	7		
CLEM	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Tee Higgins	6	142	23.7	1	34		
Hunter Renfrow	5	80	16.0	0	25		
Justyn Ross	3	58	19.3	0	26		
Derion Kendrick	4	51	12.8	0	19		
Diondre Overton	1	22	22.0	0	22		
Amari Rodgers	5	18	3.6	0	8		
Travis Etienne	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Tavien Feaster	1	7	7.0	0	7		
Trevion Thompson	1	6	6.0	0	6		