

WEEK FIVE
CLEMSON at NORTH CAROLINA

No. 1 Clemson stops 2-point conversion, beats North Carolina

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. -- Trevor Lawrence connected with Tee Higgins on a 38-yard touchdown pass with 9:54 left and top-ranked Clemson stopped a late two-point conversion to hold off North Carolina 21-20 on Saturday.

The Tigers (5-0, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) had trouble all day in trying to extend their school-record winning streak to 20 games. They didn't go ahead for good until Lawrence's scoring strike in the fourth, then came up with the clinching stop after the Tar Heels pulled to within a point with 1:17 left on Javonte Williams' short run.

The Tar Heels (2-3, 1-1) went for two and the lead, but the Tigers strung out Sam Howell's option run to the right and dragged him down short of the end zone to effectively clinch the win -- though it was far tougher than expected as a 27-point road favorite.

The Tar Heels gave themselves a shot late but fell to 0-10 against No. 1-ranked teams in The Associated Press college football poll.

THE TAKEAWAY

Clemson: The Tigers had made everything look easy through the opening month of the schedule. The closest call had been a 24-10 win against a ranked Texas A&M team that didn't reach the end zone until the final seconds of a game long since decided. But Clemson had all kinds of trouble getting going Saturday, from Travis Etienne's first-half fumble to set up a UNC touchdown to multiple false-start penalties that continued undercutting the Tigers' attempts to build momentum. In the end, the Tigers did just enough to stay unbeaten and avoid a shocking upset.

North Carolina: The Tar Heels have lost three straight after a 2-0 start in Mack Brown's return to the program he led more than two decades ago. Their first four games came down to the final drives to make them a tested bunch, and this one unexpectedly followed suit. The defense hung in against the Tigers' high-powered offense and made Clemson work for everything, while the offense did just enough to stay close. before coming up with a 16-play TD drive spanning 8½ minutes to put them on the brink of a win.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
CLEM	0	14	0	7	21
UNC	7	7	0	6	20

Scoring Summary -----

	CLEM	UNC
FIRST QUARTER		
UNC TD 13:15 Dyami Brown 40 Yd pass from Sam Howell (Noah Ruggles Kick)		7
4 plays, 75 yards, 1:45	0	7
SECOND QUARTER		
CLEM TD 12:43 Travis Etienne 13 Yd Run (B.T. Potter Kick)	7	
10 plays, 90 yards, 4:16	7	7
UNC TD 7:55 Beau Corrales 10 Yd pass from Sam Howell (Noah Ruggles Kick)		7
4 plays, 42 yards, 2:38	7	14
CLEM TD 0:33 Trevor Lawrence 3 Yd Run (B.T. Potter Kick)	14	
10 plays, 78 yards, 4:28	14	14
FOURTH QUARTER		
CLEM TD 9:54 Tee Higgins 38 Yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (B.T. Potter Kick)	21	
6 plays, 55 yards, 2:40	21	14
UNC TD 1:17 Javonte Williams 1 Yd Run (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed)		21
16 plays, 75 yards, 8:37	21	20

Team Stats	CLEM	UNC
First Downs	14	14
Passes for First	11	8
Rushes for First	3	6
Penalties for First	0	0
Third Down Efficiency	8-15	7-17
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	2-3
Total Yards	331	290
Total Plays	61	63
Avg Gain Per Play	5.4	4.6
Net Yards Rushing	125	146
Rushes	31	36
Yards Per Rush	4.0	4.1
Net Yards Passing	206	144
Comp-Att	18-30	15-27
Yards Per Pass	6.9	5.3
Times Sacked	1	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-9	-20
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	5	7
Punt Average	45.8	45.0
Penalties	6	3
Penalty Yards	30	20
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Time of Poss	28:11	31:49

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
CLEMSON					
Travis Etienne	14	67	4.8	1	13
Trevor Lawrence	11	45	4.1	1	16
Lyn-J Dixon	4	20	5.0	0	9
Team	2	-7	-3.5	0	0
NORTH CAROLINA					
Michael Carter	16	99	6.2	0	31
Javonte Williams	10	49	4.9	1	22
Dyami Brown	1	2	2.0	0	2
Antonio Williams	1	1	1.0	0	1
Sam Howell	8	-5	-0.6	0	5

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
CLEMSON							
Trevor Lawrence	18	30	206	6.9	1	0	62.8
NORTH CAROLINA							
Sam Howell	15	27	144	5.3	2	0	37.2

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
CLEMSON					
Tee Higgins	6	129	21.5	1	38
Justyn Ross	3	47	15.7	0	31
J.C. Chalk	2	16	8.0	0	10
Amari Rodgers	3	12	4.0	0	10
Travis Etienne	2	3	1.5	0	4
Diondre Overton	1	0	0.0	0	0
Cornell Powell	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
NORTH CAROLINA					
Dyami Brown	3	63	21.0	1	40
Javonte Williams	2	35	17.5	0	26
Beau Corrales	3	25	8.3	1	11
Dazz Newsome	2	16	8.0	0	10
Rontavious Groves	2	10	5.0	0	7
Jake Bargas	1	2	2.0	0	2
Michael Carter	2	-7	-3.5	0	0