

WEEK EIGHT
GEORGIA TECH at MIAMI, FL

Georgia Tech stuns Miami, wins 28-21 in overtime

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. -- A fake punt for a touchdown. A fumble recovery in the end zone for another score. A blocked field goal in the final seconds of regulation to stay in the game.

Georgia Tech's rebuilding season got plenty of material for the highlight reel on Saturday.

And Miami's season took a turn in a very bad direction.

Antwan Owens blocked a Miami chip-shot field goal in the final seconds of regulation, Jordan Mason ran for 141 yards and scored on a 1-yard rush on the first possession of overtime and Georgia Tech knocked off the Hurricanes 28-21 on Saturday to snap a four-game slide.

"Unbelievable resolve from our guys," Georgia Tech coach Geoff Collins said. "The way they played and the way they attacked. The way they stayed in the moment. It was a complete offense, defense and special teams victory."

Georgia Tech (2-5, 1/3 ACC) also scored on a fumble recovery after a sack in the end zone by Ja'Quon Griffin in the first quarter, on a 41-yard pass by punter Pressley Harvin III on a fake in the second quarter and later a 35-yard strike from James Graham to Ahmearan Brown. The Yellow Jackets finished off the win by getting a fourth-down stop inside their 5, by maybe a couple of inches, to end Miami's lone overtime possession.

"By far the best play I've ever had in my life," Harvin said of his pinpoint pass to Nathan Cottrell for the fake-punt score.

Miami (3-4, 1-3) matched its worst seven-game start in 22 years. The Hurricanes missed three more field goals, all from relatively close range. Turner Davidson missed a 34-yarder in the second quarter, Bubba Baxa missed a 27-yarder late in the fourth and then Davidson's 25-yarder at the end was blocked by Owens.

The Hurricanes have now missed six field goals inside of 34 yards this season, plus two extra points.

"We will stay unified in our locker room," Miami coach Manny Diaz said. "We will stay together. We will go to Pittsburgh next week and we will compete the way the Miami Hurricanes compete."

All four of Miami's losses have been by seven points or fewer, and missed kicks have been a factor in all of them. Baxa had short misses in Miami's losses to Florida and North Carolina, and a missed PAT late against Virginia Tech kept Miami from taking a 36-35 lead late in what became a 42-35 loss.

"We're a brotherhood," said receiver KJ Osborn, who had a touchdown catch for the Hurricanes. "We're in this to the end."

Cam'Ron Harris rushed for 136 yards and N'Kosi Perry threw touchdown passes to Harris and Osborn for Miami, which needs to win three of its final five games just to become bowl-eligible.

Miami lost top running back DeeJay Dallas in the first quarter to what appeared to be a right knee injury, watched Perry get shaken up -- but return -- in the third quarter and had linebacker Michael Pinckney depart in the second half as well.

Dallas is Miami's leading rusher, and Pinckney is the Hurricanes' third-leading tackler.

Georgia Tech nearly took the lead with 10 minutes left, when Jamious Griffin busted through multiple tackles and got to the end zone. But replay show the edge of his right foot -- barely -- touched the sideline during the run, and the Yellow Jackets fumbled the ball away three plays later.

But Miami couldn't take advantage, and the Yellow Jackets got the block at the end of regulation, then needed only three Mason carries -- 2 yards, 22 yards and then the 1-yarder -- to take the lead in OT. Perry's fourth-down pass to Brevin Jordan was inches shy of a first down on the game's final play, and Georgia Tech sprinted onto the field in celebration.

"We stepped up big today," Owens said.

THE TAKEAWAY

Georgia Tech: The Yellow Jackets hadn't scored more than 24 points in a game this season, and entered the game as one of four of the 130 FBS teams not to cross that threshold. They've now beaten Miami in back-to-back seasons.

Miami: WR Jeff Thomas was suspended for the game for violating team rules, the latest downturn in his Miami career. Thomas was dismissed from the team last season, announced he was transferring to Illinois and then returned to the Hurricanes. Thomas has 24 catches for 270 yards and two touchdowns this season, plus another 192 yards on 11 kick and punt returns.

BAD ODDS

Miami was a 31-point favorite against Central Michigan and won by five, a 14-point favorite against Virginia Tech and lost by a touchdown -- and was an 18-point favorite Saturday, losing again. This was the first time since 1974 that Miami lost to a team that entered with a 1-5 record or worse this deep into a season; that year, the Hurricanes lost to then 0-8 Florida State.

Final	1	2	3	4	OT	T
GT	14	7	0	0	7	28
MIA	14	7	0	0	0	21

Scoring Summary -----

	GT	MIA
FIRST QUARTER		
GT TD 12:35 Ja'Quon Griffin 0 Yd Fumble Return (Brenton King Kick)		7
3 plays, -9 yards, 0:49	7	0
MIA TD 6:17 N'Kosi Perry 1 Yd Run (Turner Davidson Kick)		7
11 plays, 64 yards, 6:18	7	7
MIA TD 4:04 K.J. Osborn 13 Yd pass from N'Kosi Perry (Turner Davidson Kick)		7
1 play, 13 yards, 0:05	7	14
GT TD 0:10 Nathan Cottrell 41 Yd pass from Pressley Harvin III (Brenton King Kick)		7
7 plays, 75 yards, 3:54	14	14
SECOND QUARTER		
MIA TD 10:37 Cam'Ron Harris 19 Yd pass from N'Kosi Perry (Turner Davidson Kick)		7
4 plays, 32 yards, 1:29	14	21
GT TD 0:53 Ahmearan Brown 35 Yd pass from James Graham (Brenton King Kick)		7
6 plays, 80 yards, 3:22	21	21
OVERTIME		
GT TD Jordan Mason 1 Yd Run (Brenton King Kick)		7
11 plays, 0 yards, 0:26	28	21

Team Stats	GT	MIA
First Downs	18	21
Passes for First	4	11
Rushes for First	12	6
Penalties for First	2	4
Third Down Efficiency	6-14	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-2	0-1
Total Yards	345	357
Total Plays	64	63
Avg Gain Per Play	5.4	5.7
Net Yards Rushing	207	157
Rushes	45	32
Yards Per Rush	4.6	4.9
Net Yards Passing	138	200
Comp-Att	10-19	17-31
Yards Per Pass	7.3	6.5
Times Sacked	3	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-26	-17
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	6	3
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	9	4
Penalty Yards	82	25
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Time of Poss	31:58	28:02

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
GEORGIA TECH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Jordan Mason	20	141	7.1	1	22		
James Graham	12	23	1.9	0	15		
Jerry Howard Jr.	5	22	4.4	0	10		
Jamious Griffin	8	21	2.6	0	7		
MIAMI, FL							
MIAMI, FL	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Cam'Ron Harris	18	136	7.6	0	42		
N'Kosi Perry	7	15	2.1	1	9		
DeeJay Dallas	3	14	4.7	0	7		
K.J. Osborn	2	4	2.0	0	5		
Mike Harley	1	-1	-1.0	0	0		
Jarren Williams	1	-11	-11.0	0	0		
PASSING							
GEORGIA TECH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
James Graham	9	18	97	5.4	1	0	33.6
Pressley Harvin	1	1	41	41.0	1	0	100.0
MIAMI, FL							
MIAMI, FL	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
N'Kosi Perry	16	28	188	6.7	2	0	65.3
Jarren Williams	1	3	12	4.0	0	0	4.4
RECEIVING							
GEORGIA TECH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Nathan Cottrell	1	41	41.0	1	41		
Ahmearan Brown	3	41	13.7	1	35		
Adonicas Sanders	2	30	15.0	0	20		
Tobias Oliver	2	11	5.5	0	12		
Dylan Deveney	1	10	10.0	0	10		
Jamious Griffin	1	5	5.0	0	5		
MIAMI, FL							
MIAMI, FL	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Dee Wiggins	2	62	31.0	0	50		
Mike Harley	4	50	12.5	0	17		
K.J. Osborn	4	39	9.8	1	17		
Cam'Ron Harris	3	31	10.3	1	19		
Brevin Jordan	3	21	7.0	0	12		
Mark Pope	1	-3	-3.0	0	0		