

**WEEK FOURTEEN**  
**CLEMSON at SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Lawrence, No. 3 Clemson dominate South Carolina 38-3**

COLUMBIA, S.C. -- Dabo Swinney simply couldn't contain his joy over Trevor Lawrence and midway through the Tigers' latest blow-out, Clemson's coach just had to let the kid know.

"Man," Swinney said he told Lawrence, "it's just so much fun watching you play quarterback."

Swinney should get at least a couple more opportunities to see Lawrence shine this postseason, starting next Saturday with the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game against Virginia.

Lawrence threw for 295 yards and three touchdowns as the third-ranked Tigers (No. 3 CFP) won their 27th straight and finished their second consecutive 12-0 regular season with a 38-3 victory over rival South Carolina on Saturday.

Lawrence, who led Clemson to a national title his first year, showed off a full range of skills with highlight-show touchdown throws to Tee Higgins and a knack for running the Tigers out of trouble.

Lawrence finished 26 of 36 passing and completed an ACC record-tying 18 straight throws to keep the Tigers rolling. He also led Clemson with 66 yards rushing, several of his runs going for first downs.

"After this year's over and see if we accomplish what we set out to do, then we take a step back," Lawrence said. "But I don't think there's really any time to do that right now. We really want to enjoy this win, but Monday get right back to it and prepare for Virginia."

Travis Etienne ran for two touchdowns to break Atlantic Coast Conference marks for career touchdowns (57) from scrimmage and rushing scores (53) as the Tigers dominated throughout on the way to a sixth straight win over South Carolina (4-8).

Lawrence had touchdown throws of 10 and 65 yards to Tee Higgins and 16 yards to Justyn Ross.

"This is where we are supposed to be. And this is what we do," Clemson co-offensive coordinator Jeff Scott said.

Clemson's defense did its part in the beatdown, holding the Gamecocks to 174 yards and continuing a run where the Tigers have limited all 12 opponents this year to less than 300 yards of total offense.

South Carolina's defense showed some fight very early, stuffing Etienne for no gain on fourth-and-goal at the 1 on Clemson's first drive. Four plays later, though, Ryan Hilinski threw an interception to Derion Kendrick to set up the first score and Clemson's rout was on.

South Carolina, which gained 600 yards a year ago in this game, struggled to make anything against Clemson's front-line defense. The Gamecocks finished with 99 yards overall the first 30 minutes and their only score was Parker White's 39-yard field in the second quarter.

It was South Carolina's fewest points scored against Clemson in 30 years since a 45-0 shutout loss in 1989.

Gamecocks coach Will Muschamp did not want to list the things he believes caused his team to struggle, saying it would sound like excuses. "The bottom line is we weren't productive and we need to get better," he said.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Clemson: The Tigers continued their progress toward the College Football Playoff since its lone close-call two months ago at North Carolina. Lawrence, Etienne, Higgins and Ross are as potent an offense quartet as there in the game while linebacker Isaiah Simmons and safeties K'Von Wallace and Tanner Muse lead a defense that doesn't get beat for big plays.

South Carolina: The Gamecocks will have plenty of time to stew over a lost season, with what Muschamp would call his deepest and most talented team. Instead, South Carolina squandered second-half leads in losses to North Carolina, Florida and Tennessee and could not mount any offense the past month with only two touchdowns in the third- and fourth quarters of the past five games.

**PLAYOFF POLITICS**

Clemson's Swinney said if his team had lost to the same club that topped then-third-ranked Georgia earlier this year, "we'd be voted 20th" by the CFP committee. "It's big. They can't vote us out," Swinney ranted. "We've got to go 30-0."

**EDWARDS OUT**

South Carolina played without injured record-setting receiver Bryan Edwards, who missed his final two career games with a knee injury. Edwards was saluted with a video tribute. He holds program career records for catches and receiving yards. Edwards finished one TD catch behind the mark of 23 shared by NFL receivers Alshon Jeffery and Sidney Rice.

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CLEM	14	10	7	7	38
SC	0	3	0	0	3

**Scoring Summary -----**

	CLEM	SC
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
CLEM TD 6:58 Tee Higgins 10 Yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (B.T. Potter Kick)	7	0
3 plays, 23 yards, 0:53		
CLEM TD 3:46 Tee Higgins 65 Yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (B.T. Potter Kick)	14	0
4 plays, 75 yards, 1:51		
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
SC FG 7:33 Parker White 39 Yd Field Goal		3
15 plays, 76 yards, 7:05		
CLEM TD 3:04 Justyn Ross 16 Yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (B.T. Potter Kick)	21	3
9 plays, 90 yards, 4:29		
CLEM FG 0:00 B.T. Potter 46 Yd Field Goal		3
7 plays, 37 yards, 1:17		
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
CLEM TD 9:59 Travis Etienne 2 Yd Run (B.T. Potter Kick)	31	3
9 plays, 69 yards, 4:09		
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
CLEM TD 11:56 Travis Etienne 3 Yd Run (B.T. Potter Kick)	38	3
13 plays, 84 yards, 5:36		

Team Stats	CLEM	SC
First Downs	30	9
Passes for First	15	5
Rushes for First	12	4
Penalties for First	3	0
Third Down Efficiency	12-17	5-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-1
Total Yards	527	174
Total Plays	83	53
Avg Gain Per Play	6.3	3.3
Net Yards Rushing	211	69
Rushes	40	26
Yards Per Rush	5.3	2.7
Net Yards Passing	316	105
Comp-Att	28-43	16-27
Yards Per Pass	7.3	3.9
Times Sacked	1	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-8	-13
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	3	7
Punt Average	43.3	44.9
Penalties	5	4
Penalty Yards	44	33
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	35:17	24:43

**Individual Stats**

<b>RUSHING</b>					
CLEMSON	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Trevor Lawrence	8	66	8.3	0	21
Lyn-J Dixon	12	60	5.0	0	16
Travis Etienne	15	51	3.4	2	17
Amari Rodgers	1	21	21.0	0	21
Darien Rencher	2	8	4.0	0	6
Chez Mellusi	2	5	2.5	0	4
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>					
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tavien Feaster	12	47	3.9	0	18
Rico Dowdle	7	20	2.9	0	9
A.J. Turner	4	14	3.5	0	6
Kevin Harris	1	1	1.0	0	1
Ryan Hilinski	2	-13	-6.5	0	0

<b>PASSING</b>							
CLEMSON	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Trevor Lawrence	26	36	295	8.2	3	0	97.4
Chase Brice	2	5	21	4.2	0	0	48.1
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	--
Amari Rodgers	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	3.3
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>							
	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Ryan Hilinski	16	27	105	3.9	0	1	6.3

<b>RECEIVING</b>					
CLEMSON	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Justyn Ross	9	111	12.3	1	37
Tee Higgins	3	101	33.7	2	65
Travis Etienne	3	37	12.3	0	17
Diondre Overton	3	26	8.7	0	20
Cornell Powell	2	14	7.0	0	7
T.J. Chase	1	13	13.0	0	13
Brannon Spector	1	8	8.0	0	8
Amari Rodgers	2	8	4.0	0	7
J.C. Chalk	3	3	1.0	0	4
Lyn-J Dixon	1	-5	-5.0	0	0
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>					
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Shi Smith	5	40	8.0	0	21
Kyle Markway	3	39	13.0	0	30
Rico Dowdle	2	12	6.0	0	9
Tavien Feaster	4	8	2.0	0	5
OrTre Smith	1	5	5.0	0	5
Chavis Dawkins	1	1	1.0	0	1