

2003 GAME RECAPS

CLEMSON 37 Wake Forest 30 - This one looked like a rout early w/CU jumping out to 19-3 lead but would not score for 40:00 stretch. Mauk came in at QB for WF & hit Anderson on 85 yd TD pass, 19-10. WF went 53 yds for TD, 19-17. Randolph came back in & drove WF 48 yds for 43 yd FG 20-19. WF handed off to Barclay to rip off 50 yd TD run, 27-19. CU went 72 yds for TD (2 pt conv) to tie w/1:40 left, 27-27. The tms traded FG's in 1st OT. CU got TD pass in 2nd OT & stopped WF for win.

Georgia Tech 28 CLEMSON 24 - The score was just 10-7 w/9:00 left & the teams had 5 TD's in the final 8:00. CU led 10-7 heading into the 4Q & CU got a 62 yd TD run by Merriweather, 17-7. GT got a 19 yd TD pass w/4:36 left, 17-14. CU got a 54 yd TD run by Browning w/3:18 left, 24-14. GT started at the 50 & 8 plays later had a TD w/1:50 left, 24-21. They opted to kick deep & CU took over at their 32 & fmbld. On the first play GT got an 11 yd TD pass w/11 left for the win.

TEXAS A&M 27 Clemson 6 - The Aggies dominated w/a 502-250 yd edge. A&M was up 17-6 at the half due to 2 Lewis TD runs while CU answered w/a 59 yd, 4 play drive for a TD, 14-6 (xpng). CU punted & pinned at A&M their own 1. A&M went 99 yds in 9 plays for a TD w/9:55 left in the 3Q, 24-6 & added a 36 yd FG.

FLORIDA ST 41 Clemson 22 - 63 pts were scored but FSU had a 370-173 yd edge. CU's Justin Miller matched a school record w/2 KR's for TD's & set an ACC record w/282 yds on 6 rets. FSU led 17-14 at the half thanks to a 41 yd int ret for a TD after allowing a 97 yd KR TD by Miller. FSU opened the 3Q w/an 80 yd 10 play drive for a TD, 24-14. CU blk'd a punt in the EZ for a safety. Miller ret'd the free kick 86 yds for a TD & CU was suddenly back in the game, 24-22 (2 ptng). FSU went 54 yds in 4 plays for a TD, 31-22. FSU went 51 yds & got a TD w/8:45 left. FSU went 44 yds in 8 plays & got a 38 yd FG w/2:10 left.

VIRGINIA 30 Clemson 10 - CU moved 80 yds & scored TD, 7-0. UVA drove 60 yds for 21 yd FG, 7-3. CU started at the UVA 42 after 22 yd return & settled for 43 yd FG & 10-3 lead. UVA went 56 yds & nailed 43 yd FG, 10-6. UVA went 58 yds for TD & 13-10 halftime lead. UVA pitched a shutout in 2H & after nailing 50 yd FG had a 337-156 yd edge. UVA converted on 14 of 20 third down plays while CU converted just 5 of 14.

CLEMSON 35 Utah St 6 - CU nearly pulled off the shutout w/USU getting a TD on the final play of game. CU went 78 yds for TD w/10:28 left 2Q & led only 7-0 at half. In the 3Q CU went 62 yds for TD, 14-0. CU got a 39 yd pass & 3 plays later a TD, 21-0. CU blk'd a punt & rec'd it in the EZ for TD, 28-0. CU's Miller ret'd a punt 54 yds to the 32. Nine plays later CU got TD, 35-0. 3rd string QB Jackson came in for USU & went 88 yds in 10 plays & got TD.

CLEMSON 10 Maryland 7 - CU was pinned at its own 7 & punted but it was blk'd & MD rec'd at the 17 & 6 plays later got a TD, 7-0. CU went on a 73 yd 18 play drive & had a 1st & goal at the 9 but settled for a 22 yd FG w/:09 left in the half, 7-3. CU went 57 yds in 9 plays on 3rd & goal a pass fell inc, but pass interference gave them a FD at the 2 & Merriweather got a TD on the next play w/just :23 left.

CLEMSON 26 NC State 20 - NCS had 5 TO's & lost despite a 24-17 FD & 381-267 yd edge. CU fumbled on 2nd play of game & NCS kicked a 27 yd FG. CU settled for 21 yd FG, 3-3. NCS was int'd & ret'd 19 yds for TD & CU led 10-3. NCS went 80 yds for TD. NCS went 12 plays & 52 yds & after having 2 TD's called back on pen they were int'd in EZ w/:03 in 2Q. At half, NCS had a 169-127 yd edge & 11-5 FD edge. In 3Q CU went 49 yds for TD, 17-10. NCS was int'd & CU ret'd it 25 yds & nailed 47 yd FG, 20-10. NCS fumbled at own 25 & CU added 36 yd FG, 23-10. NCS went 80 yds for TD, 23-17. NCS was int'd & CU got 42 yd FG. NCS nailed 44 yd FG, 26-20. NCS got to 29 but was int'd on last play.

Clemson 24 MIAMI FL 17 - UM had 260-156 yd edge at half & 17-3 lead but CU had 215-106 yd edge in 2H & won 4th straight gm for 1st time in 4 ssns. With UM up 10-3, UM drove 67 yds & got 14 yd TD run w/:19 left half, 17-3. At half UM had 260-156 yd edge, 16-6 FD edge. In 3Q, CU went 76 yds in 7 plays for TD, 17-10. CU went 50 yds for TD w/13:47 left to tie. The game went to OT & CU went on 4 play drive for TD. UM got a 15 yd pass down to the 10 but their 4th down pass fell inc.

DUKE 16 Clemson 13 - A good portion of 24,714 fans were clad in orange. CU drove 60 yds for 20 yd FG. Duke drove 59 yds for 27 yd FG, 3-3. CU fmbld the KO at own 19 & Duke settled for 21 yd FG, 6-3. CU went 59 yds in 12 plays for 32 yd FG, 6-6 at half. CU went 77 yds in 11 plays for a TD, 13-6. Duke went 54 yds for TD to shockingly tie it. Whitehurst threw deep pass & his WR fell down & Duke got the int. On 4th & 4 after 3 time-outs Brooks nailed 53 yd FG for the stunning upset.

CLEMSON 29 S Carolina 7 - It was rumored during week that Spurrier would take over SC & that this may be Lou Holtz's final gm. Unfortunately SC didn't show up. SC didn't get FD until 10:37 was left in 2Q & punted 9x's. SC fmbld opening KO & CU went 9 yds for TD, 7-0. CU went 58 yds in 9 plays & got TD, 14-0. CU was int'd at SC 23 & got 54 yd TD pass to Boyd, 14-7. CU opened 3Q w/an 80 yd 14 play drive for TD (xpng), 20-7. CU got 21 yd FG, 23-7. Rathe came in at QB for SC & was int'd & CU ret'd it 6 yds to 12. CU got 24 yd FG, 26-7. CU drove 47 yds for 20 yd FG, 29-7. The 2 tms were involved in bench clearing brawl which cost both tms a bowl gm.