

# 2008 GAME RECAPS

† **Alabama 34 Clemson 10** - Atlanta. Bama dominated coming in #24 and CU #9. Bama had a 239-0 rush edge and 419-188 yd edge. CU's only TD came on a 96 yd KR TD. Bama led 23-3 at the half with a 249-89 yd edge and dominated the line of scrimmage.

**CLEMSON 45 The Citadel 17** - CU went 69/3pl for a TD and led 7-0 after 1Q. CU went 78/4pl and 58/9pl for TD's to lead 21-0 (4:25). CIT on 3rd & 7 got a 37 yd pass and on 2nd & 12 a 41 yd TD pass, 21-7 (1:42). CU went 54/5pl for a TD and then after an int got a 1pl, 26 yd TD pass, 35-7 3Q. CU went 55/7pl for a TD on their next drive, 42-7 (13:44). Each team went on a long drive for a short FG then CIT got a 50 yd TD pass w/1:17 left.

**CLEMSON 27 NC State 9** - On the 1st play of the game, NCSt got a 33 yd IR TD (xpng). CU went 76/9pl for a TD, 7-6. Two poss later CU went 62/8pl but settled for a 22 yd FG, 10-7 (10:39). CU went 59/2pl for a TD, 17-6 (8:03). Each punted on their next 2 poss. CU had a 230-92 yd edge at half. NCSt went 73/13pl but settled for a 22 yd FG, 17-9 3Q. CU went 34/8pl for a 31 yd FG then got a key int at the 4 yd line w/9:28 left. CU went 96/13pl for a TD w/1:21 left. NCSt drove to the CU24 and CU got the int and it was ret'd 71 yds but he was tk'd at the 29 yd line.

**CLEMSON 54 S Carolina St 0** - CU went 69/5pl for a TD then went on an 8pl drive and was int'd at the SC38. SC missed a 39 yd FG. CU went on a 49/9pl drive but was int'd at the 22 and only led 7-0 after 1Q. CU went 60/9pl, 25/6pl (after int), 50/7pl for TD's and led 30-0 at half with a 240-63 yd edge.

**Maryland 20 CLEMSON 17** - CU had a 269-99 yd edge in the 1H. They took their opening drive 64/10pl for a 26 yd FG. CU took its 2nd poss 95/9pl with a Spiller 95 yd TD, 10-0. CU fmbld the punt at its own 19 and MD got a 23 yd FG, 10-3 (14:53). A backward pass by CU was rec'd by MD at the 31 and they got a 30 yd FG, 10-6. CU went 80/6pl for a TD, 17-6 (7:17). Early 3Q CU had a 59 yd TD run called back on a hold and punted. MD got a 75 yd run on a reverse by Heyward-Bey down to the 4 setting up a TD to get back in it, 17-13. MD went 45/7pl for a TD and the lead, 20-17 (10:25). MD converted on 3rd & 8 and 3rd & 5 and ran out the clock at the CU45.

**WAKE FOREST 12 Clemson 7** - CU gave another anemic performance on offense with just 21 yds rushing and hit 15 of 35 passes. WF was w/o starting K Swank. WF went 62/14pl and settled for a 42 yd FG. CU early 2Q had negative yds and did not get their 1st FD until mid-2Q. In the 3Q, CU went 70/8pl and stunningly led 7-3 after 3Q's despite being dominated. Harper was int that was ret'd 9 yds to the 16 and WF got a 32 yd FG (12:57). The key play of the game, WF on 3rd & 24 from its own 8, converted with a 28 yd pass for a FD. WF continued on a 78/15pl drive for a TD w/5:28 left.

**GeorgiaTech 21 CLEMSON 17** - CU was playing its 1st game under HC Dobo Sweeney. Willie Korn started the game but was inj'd and Cullen Harper, who was supposed to undergo surgery and lost the starting job, played the rest of the game. CU was int'd and ret'd 34 yds for a TD, 7-0. Each team fmbld and GT was stopped on a fake punt at midfield and CU got a 40 yd FG 6pl later, 7-3 (4:49). GT went 80/9pl and got a TD w/30 left in the half, 14-3 (14:57 yd edge). GT opened the 3Q with a 7pl drive but fmbld and CU went 44/4pl for a TD, 14-10. CU then went 80/8pl for a TD (2:16) and the lead, 17-14. GT went 60/9pl and got a TD w/5:22 left, 21-17.

**Clemson 27 BOSTON COLLEGE 21** - CU went 80/4pl for a TD, 7-0. CU went 71/3pl for a TD, 14-0. BC went 64/14pl but missed a 37 yd FG. Two poss later CU went 70/14pl but settled for a 27 yd FG. CU had a 240-155 yd edge and led 17-0 1H. Mistakes got BC back in the gm. An int set up BC for a 7 yd TD drive (9:44). BC not only blk'd a punt, they ret'd it for a TD to get back in it, 17-14 (10:36). CU was int'd and ret'd 24 yds to the 21. On 4th & 4, BC got a TD pass and stunningly took the lead, 21-17. Spiller (out earlier - concussion) came in and got a 63 yd KR and CU drove 15/4pl for a TD to retake the lead. CU added a 43 yd FG, 27-21 (2:26).

**FLORIDA ST 41 Clemson 27** - CU dominated early with an 80/5pl drive for a TD and a 51/9pl drive for a 41 yd FG. The rest of the game belong to FSU. FSU nailed a 52 yd FG that bounced off the upright and in and then got an 18 yd IR TD to tie it. FSU went 56/10pl for a 37 yd FG. FSU fmbld the punt at its own 9 and CU had 2nd & gl and Harper was being sk'd but he lofted a TD pass and CU retook the lead, 17-13. Two poss later FSU went 70/10pl for a TD w/1:21 left, 20-17. FSU opened the 3Q with a 63/9pl drive for a TD, 27-17. Roughing the K allowed CU to continue on an 88 yd drive for a 20 yd FG, 27-20. FSU went on a 51/7pl drive to the CU12 but was int'd in the EZ on a tipped pass. FSU went 68/7pl for a TD, 34-20 (10:31). CU got a 97/11pl drive for a TD w/2:00 left but FSU rec'd the onside kick and got a 41 yd TD run.

**CLEMSON 31 Duke 7** - The game opened w/4 punts and on Duke's 2nd drive star QB Lewis was inj'd and missed the rest of the game. Duke would generate 8 FD's and 85 yds pass after. CU went 58/6pl for a TD then 37/11pl. They had a TD pass called back and on 4th & 20 missed a 53 yd FG. CU went 52/10pl for a 39 yd FG, 10-0 (4:10) then went 52/8pl for a TD and led 17-0 at the half with a 260-41 yd edge. Spiller got an 83 yd TD run on CU's 2nd offensive play of the 3Q, 24-0 and after an int CU went 47/4pl for a TD, 31-0. CU was SOD at the Duke30 and 28 on their next 2 drives. Duke ret'd a 38 yd punt 18 yds to the CU28 and on the next play got a 28 yd TD pass to avoid the shutout w/6:21 left. Duke's final drive ended on an int at the CU9 (2:34).

**Clemson 13 VIRGINIA 3** - UVA was int'd at its own 20 (3:51 1Q) and CU on 1st & 5 got a 13 yd TD pass from RB Spiller to WR Grisham, 7-0. UVA fmbld at the CU49 and CU got a 32 yd FG (10:47 2Q). UVA went 60/13pl for a 34 yd FG, 10-3 (5:36). CU was SOD at the UVA46. CU went 41/14pl but missed a 58 yd FG on the final play of the half and had 140-98 yd edge. UVA was SOD on 4th & 1 at the CU46 (6:38 2Q) and CU fmbld on a botched shotgun snap which lost 23 yds and CU fell on it at the UVA23 (2:24). On the next play, UVA got a 53 yd TD pass but a ? offensive pass interf made it 1st & 25 and they would punt 4pl later. 2 punts. UVA was SOD at the CU32 (11:59) and int'd at the CU30 (7:27). CU got a 31 yd IR and drove 30/10pl for a 23 yd FG w/2:37 left. UVA was int'd at its own 33.

**CLEMSON 31 South Carolina 14** - CU opened going 3 & out but a def holding call on the punt gave them a FD. They later fmbld at the 30. SC got 2 FD's to the CU40 but on 3rd & 20 was int'd at the 15. CU went 85/10pl for a TD then blk'd a punt and went 24 yd for a 22 yd FG, 10-0. 2 punts. SC was int'd and ret'd 11 yds and CU went 51/2pl for a 49 yd TD pass, 17-0 (8:33). CU then got a 24 yd IR to the SC41 (5:42). Three plays later CU got a 20 yd TD run, 24-0. SC was SOD at the CU41 (2:12) but rec'd a fmbld on the next play and went 33/4pl for a TD and trailed 24-7 (3:1). CU missed a 36 yd FG. SC opened the 3Q with a 69/8pl drive for a TD, 24-14 (11:32) and forced a punt but SC went 3 & out and CU went 44/11pl for a TD, 31-14 (3:58). CU's next drive was 12pl but they missed a 41 yd FG (7:52). SC went on a 13pl drive but from the 16 was int'd at the 7 (4:25).