

# 2003 GAME RECAPS

**GEORGIA TECH 28 Samford 27** - GT opened w/a solid 80 yd, 11 play drive for a TD. SU tried to counter GT's balanced attack w/short, quick passes from its 4/5 receiver formations & QB Nelson hit 29 of 44 for 169 yds. GT went 99 yds in 8 plays for a TD w/14:23 left in the half, 14-0. GT led 21-0 at the half on PJ Daniels' 2nd TD of the day a 46 yd scamper. SU went on a 76 yd 11 play drive & got a TD w/4:12 left in the 3Q, 21-7. GT answered on Daniels' 3rd TD of the day, 28-7.

**Georgia Tech 28 CLEMSON 24** - Score was just 10-7 w/9:00 left & the teams had 5 TD's in 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 & fmb'l'd. On the first play GT got an 11 yd TD pass w/11 left for the win.

**N CAROLINA 34 Georgia Tech 13** - The star here was NC's D which actually held GT without TD in 1H (1st scoreless half in 2 yrs for NC def). GT had 5 TO's w/3 int's & 2 fmb'l's. GT went 83 yds but settled for 26 yd FG. NC was int'd at own 31 & GT settled for 35 yd FG, 6-0. NC punted w/1:52 left in half but punt was fmb'l'd & NC rec'd at 1. McGill ran in for TD & they led 7-6 at half. In the 3Q NC got its first offensive drive of the game going 62 yds in 6 plays for TD, 14-6. NC went 77 yds in 8 plays for a TD, 21-6. GT got a 59 yd pass to Thomas, 21-13. NC went 52 yds in 6 plays for a TD, 28-13. GT fmb'l'd & NC ret'd it for a TD.

**Miami FL 27 GEORGIA TECH 3** - UM QB Berlin was under a lot of pressure & they led 10-3 when Coker put Wright in the game but they were held w/o a FD on his 2 poss & Berlin would finish w/200 yds pass. GT was w/o the ACC's leading rusher, PJ Daniels but still outrushed UM 162-140. The teams traded FG's & then UM went 64 yds in 9 plays for a TD, 10-3. Berlin led UM 47 yds but settled for a 25 yd FG, 13-3. GT was int'd & Berlin hit Leggett w/a 57 yd TD pass on the next play, 20-3 at the half. UM got a 44 yd TD pass from Berlin to Parrish to finish the scoring.

**Georgia Tech 20 MARYLAND 7** - MD was 21-1 at Byrd Stadium under Coach Friedgen & had a 13 game home winning streak. QB Statham was leading the ACC in tll offense & he was pulled after 3Q's & MD had just 82 yds tll offense in the game. GT's PJ Daniels ret'd to the lineup & rushed for 91 yds. After a scoreless 1Q GT got an 11 yd TD rec by Curry & added a 19 yd FG, 10-0 at the half. At the half GT had a 201-66 yd edge & 11-5 FD edge. In the 3Q GT went 65 yds in 5 plays for a TD & got a 27 yd FG, 20-0. MD went 63 yds in 12 plays for a TD w/11:28 left.

**GEORGIA TECH 34 Duke 7** - Duke fmb'l'd on its own 12 & GT got a TD 2 plays later, 7-0. GT went 69 yds in 6 plays & got a TD w/14:05 left in the 2Q, 14-0. GT started at their 46 & got a 27 yd run by Daniels & then nailed a 47 yd FG w/4:25 left in the half. GT fmb'l'd on their own 36 & 6 plays later Duke got a TD w/29 left & trailed 17-7 at the half. At the half GT had a 163-98 yd edge. Duke ret'd the opening KO of the 3Q for a TD but it was called back on a holding pen. GT went 52 yds in 8 plays for a TD, 24-7. Duke never threatened after that.

**Virginia Tech 34 GEORGIA TECH 20** - Thursday. VT was int'd & ret'd 8 yds to 39 & 3 plays later GT had TD. VT ret'd KO to their own 28. Their returnman's knee was clearly down but they ruled it fumble & GT got TD 2 plays later, 14-0. VT went 65 yds & got 34 yd TD pass, 14-7. GT got 46 yd FG, 17-7 at half & VT had 209-153 yd edge. GT was pinned at its 5 & Ball scrambled around & stepped on backline for safety. VT went 67 yds & actually had 1st & goal at 1 but settled for 30 yd FG, 17-12. GT got 34 yd FG, 20-12. VT got 80 yd TD pass (2 pt conv) to tie it. VT drove 83 yds & went ahead on 51 yd TD pass, 27-20 w/3:10 left. GT was int'd & VT ret'd it 64 yds & as Minor stretched the ball out for EZ, ball came loose & it should have been a TB but they called it a TD & VT won by 14.

**Georgia Tech 24 NC STATE 14** - GT had lost all 4 gms in which PJ Daniels had not played coming in. He did not play here & bkup Woods was inj'd after 3 carries but Rashaun Grant (PS#15) rushed for 122 yds on 20 carries. NCS drove but missed 34 yd FG, the first of 3 misses in gm. GT drove to NCS 5 but was int'd & NCS went 95 yds for TD, 7-0. GT started at 50 but Ball was int'd & NCS ret'd it 58 yds for TD but it was called back on holding to 23. NCS missed 40 yd FG. After punt NCS was int'd at GT 44 & ret'd 10 yds. GT went 46 yds for TD, 7-7. GT on 3rd & 12 was int'd & ret'd 60 yds for TD w/just :43 left in half, 14-7. At half NCS had 208-151 yd edge. Ball ret'd & led GT 32 yds in 9 plays & had a 1st & goal but settled for 26 yd FG, 14-10. NCS was int'd & GT drove 51 yds for TD, 17-14. NCS was int'd by Scott who ret'd it 49 yds for TD.

**GEORGIA TECH 30 Connecticut 10** - GT QB Ball threw for career high 288 yds incl pair of TD's. GT's DJ Jones ret'd blk'd punt for TD & blk'd punt. GT had 410-225 yd edge. GT played w/o its top 2 TB's but Rashun Grant rushed for 73 yds in his 1st start. GT opened w/80 yd TD drive. UC answered w/51 yd FG, 7-3. GT led 20-3 at the half on a punt block for TD & 2 Bell FG's. GT blk'd a punt & rec'd at the 15 but settled for a 29 yd FG, 23-3. GT went 85 yds in 8 plays for a TD w/6:15 left, 30-3. UC went 72 yds in 14 plays & got a TD on the last play of the game.

**Virginia 30 GEORGIA TECH 10** - The key here was 4 TO's by GT, 2 of them int in the EZ. UVA went 57 yds in 3 plays for a TD, 7-0. UVA went 56 yds & hit a 33 yd FG, 10-0. At the half UVA had a 125-82 yd edge. GT went 60 yds for a 34 yd FG, 10-3. UVA went 80 yds for a TD, 17-3. GT fmb'l'd a KR & VT rec'd & settled for a 27 yd FG, 20-3. VT went 70 yds in 7 plays for a TD, 27-3 & held on to win 30-10.

**GEORGIA 19 Georgia Tech 13** - Both QB's were inj'd during gm & both bkups struggled w/UGA's Shockley hitting 5 of 16 for 112 yds & GT's Bilbo 3 of 10 for 29 yds. UGA went 59 yds for TD but Greene broke his thumb on 28 yd TD pass to Gibson. It started to rain. Shockley came in at QB for the inj'd Greene. UGA went 43 yds for a 36 yd FG, 10-0. UGA went 69 yds & got a 3 yd TD pass (xpng) to lead 16-0. At the half UGA had a 187-82 yd edge. The 3Q was all GT as they hit 2 FG's & a 14 yd TD drive following a fumbled KO by UGA, but UGA still led 16-13. UGA settled for a 44 yd FG, 19-13 w/2:16 left in the game.