

2004 GAME RECAPS

Virginia Tech 20 NC STATE 16 - Sunday. Misleading final. NCSt had a 438-232 yd edge but lost. NCSt opened going 83 yds for a TD but VT answered with a TD, kept alive by a pers foul, 7-7. NCSt settled for 33 yd FG mid-2Q but VT got a 44 yd FG (2:33). NCSt went 71 yds for a 27 yd FG, despite 255-99 yd & 15-6 FD 1H edge. They led 13-10 at half. VT was pinned at own 1 and had a 3rd down pass fall inc but a pers foul kept drive alive and went 88 yds for a 28 yd FG, 13-13. NCSt fmbld at own 43, forced a punt but was pinned at 1. This time a 19 yd PR by VT set them up at NCSt 20 and on 3rd & 9 VT got a 19 yd TD pass (12:24 4Q). NCSt went 57 yds for a 35 yd FG, 20-16 (8:09). VT went on a 7:30 drive. They missed a 46 yd FG but the NCSt player lost his footing and even trying to avoid the K, got called running into K giving VT a FD. NCSt got ball back (:39) after a punt and got to VT 31 but were int'd at 6.

NC STATE 54 E Kentucky 10 - NCSt rec'd a fmbld on opening KO for a TD 2 plays later. NCSt led 38-0 on a TD on the first play of 2Q w/the 31 pts in 1Q being most S/80. The entire 1Q was played in EK terr w/just 1 drive starting on NCSt's side. EK's only TD came on a 20 yd fmbld ret for TD (4:20 1H). It was 38-7 at half and 48-10 after 3Q's.

N Carolina 31 NC STATE 24 - NC QB Baker was 1 of 9 for 3 yds in 1H & NCSt had a 108-104 yd edge. NC blk'd a punt for a TD 1Q, 7-0. NCSt got a 22 yd FG after 1st & goal at 3. A bad snap on punt set up NCSt for a 14 yd (1 pl) TD run, 10-7. NCSt fmbld at own 2 and NC got a TD (13:22 1H) on 3rd & goal, 14-10. NC missed 38 yd FG (7:23) but NCSt had no time-outs left & had a FD at NC 3 (end of half). NCSt got a 73 yd KR, setting up a 26 yd drive for a TD and then got a 39 yd (1 pl) TD pass, 24-14 3Q. NC came back w/80 and 82 yd drives for TD's, 28-24 after 3Q's. NC missed a 41 yd FG (14:06). They went on a 55 yd drive for a 24 yd FG (5:53). NCSt punted (4:08) & their final drive got to the NC 40 but final 3 passes fell inc.

NC State 17 GEORGIA TECH 14 - Thursday. NCSt was int'd on 1st series. GT took over at 38 and fmbld at the 11, six plays later, but ruled inc pass. They missed a 27 yd FG. NCSt went 80 yds w/a 40 yd TD pass, 7-0. NCSt, after an int, got a 36 yd FG (3:27 1H), 10-0 with a 145-127 yd edge. In the 3Q GT converted on 4th & 6 for a FD during a 97 yd drive for a 27 yd TD pass, 10-7 (6:57). Two poss later, a pass bounced off of TE's hands and GT int'd & ret'd to the NCSt 47 and 5 plays later they had a TD for their 1st lead, 14-10 (14:47 4Q). GT went 60 yds but missed a 24 yd FG. NCSt got an 80 yd TD pass (7:39), 17-14. After exchange of punts, GT took over (2:06). They drove to the 2 but a FD pass into the EZ bounced off of C Johnson's hands and was int'd.

Clemson 31 NC STATE 10 - Thursday. NCSt punted from CU 49 and missed 36 yd FG on first 2 poss. CU did not get FD until 3rd poss for a key play 3 plays later. On 3rd & 4, under heavy pressure, Whitehurst threw a screen pass which was almost int'd & ret'd for TD by DL. The ball went thru his hands and was caught by Stuckey and 3 NCSt defenders, who were around Stuckey, celebrated the int. Stuckey was able to go 22 yds running past them for a crucial FD and CU finished the 83 yd (8 pl) TD drive. CU went 72 yds for TD and, after an NCSt fmbld, went 62 yds for another TD, 21-0. NCSt drove 80 yds for TD but CU answered w/an 80 yd TD drive and NCSt settled for 25 yd FG, 28-10 at half. CU missed 39 yd FG but NCSt was SOD at CU 31. CU went on an 11 play drive for a 30 yd FG, 31-10. In 4Q CU was int, had a punt blk'd & were SOD 2x. NCSt had 1 drive int & were SOD on their own 5.

WAKE FOREST 27 NC State 19 - NCSt had a 303-225 yd edge but could not overcome 3 int's, including 2 which were ret'd for TD's. WF got early 27 and 40 yd FG's and a 34 yd IR for TD, 13-0 (4:26 1Q). WF was at its own 7 and Mauk (starting for inj'd Randolph) took two sk's, including 1 for safety, 13-2. After exchange of punts, NCSt drove 62 yds for TD (:49 1H), 13-9. NCSt had 1st & goal at the WF 6 on opening drive of the 3Q but settled for 21 yd FG, 13-12. WF fmbld at their own 19. Stone came in and, on 2nd play, got a 19 yd TD pass, 19-13 (8:55). Two poss later WF drove 47 yds for TD & Stone threw an int, which was ret'd 23 yds for TD, 27-19 after 3Q's. NCSt was int'd in EZ from the 28, punted from midfield and was SOD at own 44 on their final 3 poss.

NC STATE 21 S Mississippi 17 - NCSt had 425-246 yd edge but kept SM in gm with 4 TO's. NCSt RB Brown rushed for 248 yds and Marcus Stone got his 1st start but hit 10 of 26 for 128 yds w/2 int's. SM drove 22 yds for TD after rec'ing fmbld, 7-0 after 1Q. NCSt missed 38 yd FG and was int'd at 49. NCSt was SOD on 4th & 2 at SM 35 and w/4 1H TO's, trailed 7-0, despite 150-110 yd edge. NCSt went on 10 play drive but were SOD on 4th & 2 at SM 39. A rough P call allowed SM a FD & drove 61 yds for TD, 14-0. NCSt went 80 yds for TD, 14-7 after 3Q's. SM got their only scoring drive of the 2H going 62 yds for a 24 yd FG (14:08), 17-7. NCSt got 61 yd TD run by Brown (13:14) and went 52 yds for TD (5:08). SM punted and fmbld on L2 drives.

NC State 20 FLORIDA ST 15 - RB Brown rushed for 179 yds & on 2nd play, got 65 yd TD run, 7-0. After 6 punts, FSU went on an unusual drive, returning a punt 18 yds to NCSt 29. It was an 11 play drive for FG but NCSt was called for leaping over line, giving them FD & settled for 25 yd FG 4 plays later, 7-3. FSU drove 69 yds for TD, 10-7, 7:38 1H. NCSt went 50 yds for 48 yd FG, 10-10 at half. NCSt went on 80 yd drive for a 22 yd FG, after having 1st & goal at 6 & dropped a wide open TD pass on 3rd & goal (8:21 3Q). FSU was int'd & ret'd 43 yds. NCSt drove 29 yds for TD, 20-10 after 3Q's. The next 4 poss were punts but FSU blk'd punt & rec'd at 31. They gained 0 yds & nailed 48 yd FG, 20-13 (5:41). NCSt punted again (2:44) & FSU blk'd it & rec'd at 19 but on 2nd & goal from 12 were int'd in EZ but DB brought it out to 3. NCSt took int'l safety (:53). FSU started on 45, but on 3rd & 11 were int'd & ret'd to FSU 28 (:09).

BOSTON COLLEGE 30 NC State 10 - Tough loss for NCSt. They got a 96 yd TD pass (10:13 1Q) and a 48 yd FG, 10-0. On 3rd & 21, BC got a 38 yd pass for a FD & on 3rd & 10 a pass interf gave them another FD and they continued on a 73 yd (12 pl) drive for a TD, 10-7. BC got a 52 yd pass, setting up a 20 yd FG (3:22 1H). With :37 left 1H, BC had a huge play, a 31 yd IR down to the NCSt 17, for a TD 2 plays later to stunningly lead 17-10. BC went 74 yds for a TD on their 2nd poss of the 3Q, 24-10. NCSt drove the ball to the 20 but 2 sk's forced a 50 yd FG, which came up short. BC, trying to run the clock, got a 3rd & 5 47 yd run down to the 4, for a TD 3 plays later, 30-10 (xpng, 1:50).

NC STATE 24 Middle Tennessee 3 - MTS dominated with 18-8 FD & 278-238 yd edges but lost by 21 pts. Their opening 2 poss were 71 yds and 38 yds but settled for 2 short FG's, missing one & only led 3-0. NCSt got 27 yd FG, 3-3 (8:24 1H). NCSt blk'd punt w/2:25 left 1H and rec'd at the 10 for a TD on next play and 10-3 lead. NCSt opened 3Q with 50 yd (4 pl) drive for TD and got a 50 yd IR for TD, 24-3. MTS' final 3 poss were 9, 10 & 9 plays. They were SOD at the 20 & 18 and, after having FD at 15, ended w/a 4th & 27 pass for 0 yds (2:26).

NC STATE 20 Maryland 14 - Both needed win for bowl eligibility. MD dominated 1H w/12-1 FD & 146-38 yd edge just 7-3. MD fmbld punt on own 33, setting up NCSt FG. MD went on (12 pl) drive but missed 45 yd FG & went on 11 play TD drive, 7-3 (2:35). MD missed 44 yd FG (1:09 1H). NCSt's 2nd drive of 3Q went 51 yds and on 4th & goal got TD run, 10-7 (4:37). NCSt got a key play when Hudson ripped the ball out of rec's hands & ret'd int 28 yds for TD (9:50 4Q), 17-7. MD had their 3rd TO, 4 plays later, fmbld at 16 & NCSt added FG, 20-7 (6:44). MD went 75 yds for TD (4:21).