

2002 GAME RECAPS

Florida St 37 N CAROLINA 0 - FSU had TD drives of 69, 70, 66 and 80 yds and led 28-0 w/NC's only scoring opportunities being missed 51 and 37 yd FG's. NC was int'd in the EZ mid 3Q and FSU drove 80 yds for a TD. They added a 26 yd FG after rec'ing a fmb'l and missed a 41 yd FG early 4Q. FSU drove 69 yds but with 2:31 left fmb'l'd on the NC 1.

Syracuse 49 N CAROLINA 47 - NC appeared poised to put the game away leading 34-24 when they fmb'l'd at the SU 7 w/1:58 left in the 3Q. SU was SOD at the NC 2 but drove 38 yds for a TD to pull w/in 34-31 w/ 7:42 left. SU took over w/3:06 left and drove 61 yds 12 plays for a TD to send it to OT. Each team scored a TD in the 1st OT. In the 2nd OT NC was int'd but SU missed a 37 yd FG. Each team scored a TD in the 3rd OT but SU converted their 2 pt conv and stopped NC's on the final play.

WISCONSIN 38 N Carolina 27 - NC ret'd the opening KO 97 yds for a TD but UW drove 47 yds for a TD and got a 3 yd TD drive after a fmb'l. Each team got a TD and UW led 21-14 when they were at the NC 6 w/4:44 left 1H but were int'd in the EZ. In the 3Q UW drove 35 yds for a TD and NC got a 51 yd FG. UW got an 80 yd TD drive and NC missed a 47 yd FG w/ 8:07 left. After a 53 yd int return, UW got a 20 yd FG w/1:30 left. NC ret'd the KO 98 yds for a TD but a clip called it back. The Heels drove 74 yds and got a 25 yd TD pass on the final play.

NC STATE 47 N Carolina 34 - NC went on a 64 yd drive but settled for a 32 yd FG. NCSt drove 80 yds for a TD and blk'd a punt for a TD, 14-3. NCSt added another TD but NC chipped away w/a 37 yd FG and a 64 yd TD pass. NCSt settled for 23 yd FG but NC drove 72 yds for a TD w/0:07 left 1H to pull w/in 24-21. NCSt got an 80 yd TD pass, a 78 yd TD drive and a 65 yd TD drive after a fmb'l to lead 44-21. NC drove 84 yds for a TD but NCSt got a 29 yd FG. NC backup QB Baker 76 yd catch & run TD pass w/ 2:30 left. NC got to the NCSt 24 but ran out of time.

Virginia 38 N CAROLINA 13 - UVA went on a 61 yd drive but punted from the NC 33. NC went on a 58 yd drive but had 2 completions wiped out by pen's and settled for a 50 yd FG, 3-0. UVA got 75, 8 (after fmb'l) and 76 yd drives for 2 TD's and a FG to lead 17-3. NC went 71 yds but settled for a 27 yd FG, 17-6 at the half. UVA went 63 and 67 yds for TD's and a 31-6 lead. The Cavs added a 75 yd TD drive. NC went 75 yds for a TD w/6:58 left. UVA got a roughing the punter on 4th & 21 to give them a FD and finished the game at the NC 1.

N Carolina 28 E CAROLINA 17 - NC's 1st-ever trip to Greenville and 44,040 were on hand for a battle of winless teams on a rainy day. NC drove 62 yds for a TD early 2Q and EC drove 84 yds for a 23 yd FG. EC then drove 45 yds and on 3rd & goal got a TD pass w/17 left for a 10-7 halftime lead. NC drove 38 yds for a TD to lead 14-10. NC fmb'l'd at the EC 43 but then drove 82 yds and missed a 35 yd FG. EC fmb'l'd on its own 36 and NC got a 33 yd TD pass w/11:15 left. EC drove 72 yds for a TD but NC drove 72 yds for a TD w/2:16 left.

Arizona St 33 N CAROLINA 31 - ASU had a 29-18 FD edge and 598-331 yd edge. ASU FB Carney thought a lateral was an inc pass & left it on the ground and NC ret'd it to the 11 setting up a TD for a 14-6 lead mid-1Q. ASU drove 80 yds for a TD (2 pt conv) to tie. ASU drove 61 yds but settled for a 21 yd FG and after a fmb'l'd punt, ASU settled for a 24 yd FG on the final play 1H, 20-14. It was 27-17 ASU when NC drove 83 yds for a TD, 27-24. ASU missed a 32 yd FG w/12:19 left. NC drove 80 yds for a TD. ASU was SOD at the NC 36 w/4:13 left. NC punted w/3:36 left and ASU ret'd the punt 28 yds to the 39. They hit a 42 yd pass to the 5 and on the last play of the game, ASU got a 5 yd TD pass for the win.

CLEMSON 36 N Carolina 28 - Missed opportunities hurt NC as they were int'd at CU's 10 and 3 yd lines in the 1H and they trailed 17-14. In the 2H they led 28-23 before giving up 100 yd KR TD. CU added FG's of 27 and 23 yds to lead 36-28 w/3:25 left. NC drove and had a 2nd & 4 at the 16 and Durant appeared headed for the tying TD but fmb'l'd at the footline and CU rec'd in the EZ for a TB w/4:41 left.

MARYLAND 59 N Carolina 21 - MD settled for 24 and 20 yd FG's on their 1st 2 poss and NC drove 73 yds for a TD and got a 96 yd KR for a TD, 14-6. MD drove 80 yds 15 plays for a TD (2 pt conv) to tie it but NC got a 52 yd TD rec to lead 21-14. MD got a 67 yd KR and drove 33 yds for a TD. MD added a 28 yd drive for a FG and after an int got a 42 yd screen pass for a TD. MD got a 67 yd TD pass w/5:57 left 2Q and after NC fmb'l'd the KO, they drove 20 yds for another TD to make it 45-21 and their 39 2Q pts set an ACC record. In the 3Q MD drove 92 yds for a TD and NC was SOD at the MD 11. After NC fmb'l'd a punt, MD drove 20 yds for a TD, 59-21. NC's final 2 drives were SOD at the MD 33 and 27.

N CAROLINA 42 Wake Forest 34 - WF's 1st 3 drives went 13, 13 & 12 plays but resulted in 2 blk'd FG's and a TD while NC had just 2 FD's, 7-0 Wake. WF fmb'l'd a punt setting up a NC TD. WF got a 52 yd TD pass but the xp was blk'd & ret'd by NC for 2, 13-9. NC got their 1st offensive drive of the game going 69 yds for a TD w/1:52 left 1H to stunningly lead 16-13. NC added a 35 yd FG to open the 3Q and after WF fmb'l'd the KO drove 22 yds for a TD, 25-13 (2 pt ng). NC drove 69 yds but settled for a 26 yd FG and after an int drove 70 yds for a TD and a commanding 35-13 lead after 3Q's. WF drove 78 and 80 yds for TD's to pull w/in 8 but NC got a 45 yd TD pass. WF got an 11 yd int return for a TD w/4:59 left, 42-34. NC ran out the clock ending the game at the WF 14.

GEORGIA TECH 41 N Carolina 24 - NC led 7-3 but were int'd at midfield which set up GT for an 8 play TD drive, 10-7 with 4:59 left in half. NC drove 85 yds for a TD, 14-10 w/a 171-139 yd edge at the half. The first 3 poss of the 2H were 12, 8 and 17 play drives w/GT getting a TD and a FG and NC settling for a 38 yd FG to trail 20-17. NC fmb'l'd at the GT 14 and GT went 86 yds for a TD to lead by 10. NC drove 70 yds for a TD but GT answered w/a 73 yd TD drive w/4:25 left, 34-24. GT ret'd a punt 73 yds for a TD. NC went on an 18 play drive but 4 cracks at the EZ from inside the 10 came up short.

Duke 30 N CAROLINA 22 - Duke won for the 1st time vs NC since 1989. They dominated the 1H with a 283-39 yd edge settling for 27, 19 and 42 yd FG's and led 23-0 at the half. NC drove 80 and 42 yds for TD's to pull w/in 8. Duke drove 76 yds for a TD, 30-15. NC was int'd but later drove 76 yds for a TD w/5:35 left to pull w/ 8. Duke punted w/2:36 left but NC was sk'd on 4th & 3.