

2006 GAME RECAPS

Rutgers 21 N CAROLINA 16 - RU RB Rice rushed for 201 yds. The Knights went on a 93/12pl drive for a TD 1Q & NC answered with a 80/7pl drive for a TD on the 1st play 2Q, 7-7. RU fmbld at the NC 9 but after an int drove 63/8pl for a TD (2:01), 14-7. NC went on a 36/9pl drive for a 47 yd FG on the last play 1H. RU had a 210-173 yd edge. RU drove 78/11pl for a TD, 21-10 (3:50 3Q). NC went on a long 74/14pl drive. On 3&gl from the 2 they had a TD called back & were SOD. NC drove 89/12pl for a TD with 5:09 left (2 ptng), 21-16. NC got to the RU 29 but was int'd.

Virginia Tech 35 N CAROLINA 10 - Misleading final. NC got an early 46 yd FG & punted after getting to VT35. VT would get pair of 2 yd TD drives, one after an int, the other after a blk'd punt. NC also had FD at VT15 but was int'd in EZ, 14-3 at half & NC had 6-3 FD & 86-68 yd edge. QB Sexton came in for 4 drives generating 1 FD & on 3&11 had a shot at FD but opted to slide a yd short instead of taking a hit. VT drove 55/8pl for a TD after punt. NC was SOD at midfield then drove to VT39. This time Sexton was int'd & ret'd 70 yds for TD, 28-3. Sexton was int'd again & 2 plays later VT got 41 yd TD run, 35-3. NC went 80/8pl for TD w/1:25 left & finished with 16-9 FD edge but thanks to 5 TO's & a blk'd punt, somehow did not cover.

N CAROLINA 45 Furman 42 - FUR actually finished with 521-446 yd edge & was trying to repeat its surprising 28-3 win in 1999. NC started Cam Sexton at QB & he played entire game hitting 14 of 20 passes for 265 yds. NC took an early 14-0 lead. FUR drove 65/8pl for TD, 14-7 (9:04). NC on 3&10 got a 20 yd pass & continued on a 80/9pl TD drive, 21-7 (4:58). FUR drove 77/13pl for TD, 21-14 (14:12) & opened 3Q w/a 80/11pl TD drive. Furman then drove 72/5pl for TD to lead 28-24 (3:23). NC answered w/a 81/6pl TD drive, 31-28 (:50). Furman drove 80/8pl for TD and NC drove 72/5pl for TD, 38-35 (9:30). NC drove 41/11pl for TD w/1:53 left, 45-35. Furman drove 80/8pl getting 12 yd TD pass w/:13 left.

CLEMSON 52 N Carolina 7 - RFR Sexton got his first road start & NC had 1 FD until final drive of 2Q. CU led 35-0 at half. NC drove 35/8pl but was SOD w/:04 left 2Q at CU43. CU scored TD's on 1st 3 poss of 2H, 52-0 (1:06 3Q). NC drove 80/12pl drove for TD, 10:30 but CU ran out the clock as they were SOD at the 18 w/:45 left after a 62/16pl drive.

MIAMI FL 27 N Carolina 7 - NC punted from its own 3 & UM started at their 37 & ran trick play where DB Ponder hit wide open Shields on reverse pass for 37 yd TD, 7-0 (4:05 1Q). UM got 39 yd FG (7:42 2Q), 10-0. NC went 65/4pl for TD, 10-7 (5:38). NC was down by 3 & had the ball at their own 48 when Sexton was int'd w/1:29 left 2Q. UM went 56/7pl for TD w/:08 left, 17-7. James ripped off 62 yd TD run, 24-7 (9:27 3Q). NC was int'd at UM30 & UM got 40 yd FG, 27-7 end 3Q. UM got 73 yd punt early 4Q to change field position. Dailey led NC's last 2 drives but they ended on a punt from 46 & fmbld at UM32 (1:58).

Usf 37 N CAROLINA 20 - NC drove 70/6pl for a TD, 7-0 (8:32 1Q). USF missed a 47 yd FG but twice NC had big plays wiped out by 15 yd pen's. USF drove 66/7pl for a TD & after an int drove 35/5pl for a TD. After another int, they drove 21/5pl for a TD. NC faked a 53 yd FG for a FD to the 15 but a pers foul brought it back to the 30 & they settled for a 29 yd FG with :51 1H. They trailed 20-10 despite a 218-216 yd edge. USF opened the 3Q with a 71/8pl drive for a TD & NC got a 52 yd FG, 27-13. NC had a perfect onside kick which Barth rec'd but the ball stopped rolling after 9.5 yds, USF's ball setting up a 2 yd TD. Both went on long TD drives & it was 34-20 after 3Q's. USF drove 71/15pl for a 26 yd FG.

VIRGINIA 23 N Carolina 0 - ESPN Thurs game. UVA took open poss 65/11pl for 31 yd FG. NC went on a 39/9pl drive but fmbld at UVA20, their best scoring chance of 1H. UVA went on a 59/10pl drive for 43 yd FG, 6-0 (10:24 2Q) then took over w/2:40 left & drove 47/11pl for 43 yd FG, 9-0 at half w/177-56 yd edge. NC brought in Dailey at QB & after a TO, UVA drove 55/4pl for TD, 16-0 (9:29). NC was int'd at own 19 & UVA got TD 2 plays later to close the scoring.

Wake Forest 24 N CAROLINA 17 - WF benefitted from 3-1 TO edge, blk'd punt for TD & got an int in EZ at the end to win by 7 despite being outgained 370-289. WF blk'd a punt for TD 3:20 into gm. NC, led by Dailey, drove 80/13pl for TD. WF drove 80/9pl for TD, 14-7 (14:41 2Q). After 2 punts, NC drove 72/9pl for TD, 14-14. NC was driving again but was int'd at WF26 w/:50 left 2Q stopping a 16/9pl drive. 3Q NC drove 57/8pl & got 35 yd FG (6:56) & WF drove 56/15pl & got 41 yd FG, 17-17 (14:14). NC fmbld at own 39 & WF got TD on next play, 24-17. NC took over at their 20 w/4:00 left. They conv on 4&3 and 4&2 then got 43 yd pass down to 2 yd line. A QB run lost 3 yds then spiked ball. With :11 left, NC was int'd in EZ.

NOTRE DAME 45 N Carolina 26 - ND opened w/a 65/6pl TD drive. NC drove 80/8pl for TD to tie it. ND answered w/a 74/10pl TD drive, 14-7 end 1Q. ND drove 57/7pl for TD & 45/7pl for 27 yd FG, 24-7. NC's Tate ret'd KO 90 yds for TD but Zbikowski got 52 yd PR TD (2:54). At half ND had 284-62 yd edge & led 31-13. NC opened 3Q w/a 83/10pl TD drive, 31-19 (xp blk'd). ND ret'd KO 50 yds & drove 43/3pl for TD, 38-19. NC got 72 yd TD pass to Nicks, 38-26. ND drove 61/12pl for TD, 45-26. ND ended the game at NC20.

Georgia Tech 7 N CAROLINA 0 - NC held GT to just 221 yds. GT drove 83/20pl for a TD, 7-0 (12:11 2Q). NC drove 69/9pl but on 2&3 from 11 was int'd in EZ w/:15 left 2Q. NC had 133-117 yd edge. NC drove 35/12pl getting to GT39 but punted 45 yds for TB w/3:19 left on 4&16. GT got 1 FD & punted w/1:05 left.

N CAROLINA 23 NC State 9 - NC drove 74/11pl for TD, 7-0. They then drove 53/9pl & after a 1&gl at 7, settled for 20 yd FG, 10-0 after 1Q. NC had 147-13 yd edge. NCSt 2 poss later, drove 93/13pl & got 22 yd FG, 10-3 (6:54). NCSt then drove 67/13pl but settled for 44 yd FG, 10-6, on half's last play. NC got 54 yd FG, 13-6 (8:16 3Q), then drove 56/9pl & nailed 37 yd FG, 16-6 (1:15). NCSt drove 57/12pl & got 41 yd FG, 16-9 (10:12). NCSt was int'd at NC47 then pinned at own 16 on 4&6 was sk'd & NC rec'd for TD, 23-9 (2:23). NCSt drove 66/7pl but was int'd to end it.

N Carolina 45 DUKE 44 - Duke drove 52/7pl for 25 yd FG, 3-0. Each tm went on long TD drives, 10-7 (6:25 1Q). NC got 83 yd TD pass on 3&10, 14-10, 1Q. NC ret'd an int 43 yds to Duke20 but settled for 20 yd FG, 17-10 (8:25). After exchange of TO's, Duke drove 32/4pl for TD, 17-17. Duke drove 69/6pl for TD, 23-17 (:35, xpng) but Tate ret'd KO 97 yds for TD (NC 24-23 1H). NC drove 71/11pl for TD, 31-23 (5:09 3Q). Duke drove 80/7pl for TD & 2 pt, 31-31 (1:10). Tate ret'd punt 54 yds for TD (12:43) & NC got 45 yd TD run, 45-31. Duke drove 77/10pl for TD, 45-38 (4:15) then got 21 yd IR TD 3 plays later (xpng) & NC rec'd onside kick & ran out clock. in final game for John Bunting.