

2006 GAME RECAPS

FLORIDA 34 S Miss 7 - Spurrier ret'd along w/the '96 Nat'l Champ Tm & got the loudest applause of the night. Leak was sk'd 2x & hurried even more often. UF played w/o both starting DT Harris & M. Thomas (susp). UF only led 21-7 into 4Q. UF open w/an int at its 28. SM got TD 3 plays later, 7-0. SM started at its own 9 & went [47/9] to UF44 but was int'd at the 13. UF went [87/8] for TD, 7-7. After 21 yd PR, UF started at SM36 & 5 plays later got TD, 14-7 (6:02 2Q). Early 3Q UF went for it on 4&13 & was sk'd. SM missed 46 yd FG. UF went 71 yds for TD, 21-7 (4:51 3Q). SM was int twice, the 2nd ret'd to the 6 & UF needed 2 plays for TD, 27-7 (2ptng). SM was SOD at UF18. UF went [82/7] for a TD w/5:30 left, 34-7. SM w/Reaves at QB, went [59/13] but on 4& 5 at UF19 the pass fell inc.

S MISS 45 SE Louisiana 0 - SEL rec'd a SM fmb'l at the 46 but missed 43 yd FG, their best shot at scoring, 7:30 1Q. SM went [74/4] for TD then [75/6 & 53/7] for TD's, 21-0 (4:14 2Q). They ran a fmb'l in for TD after a sk, 28-0 (2:24). SM got 50 yd FG on their open 3Q drive & then drove [66/8 & 39/6, after int] for TD, 45-0 (1:51 3Q).

S MISS 37 NC State 17 - SM did not punt & held NCSt RB Brown (rush 248 LY) to just 48 here (3.7). SM went [73/15] for 30 yd FG & [77/13] for TD & led 10-0 (11:39 2Q). NCSt got 46 yd TD pass & SM missed 51 yd FG. SM nailed 29 yd FG (2:54) 13-7 but NCSt got 54 yd FG (:35) 13-10. SM went [77/4] for TD & after 40 yd IR got 32 yd FG, 23-10 (10:07). SM fmb'l'd at their own 49 but NCSt after a 1&gl at the 6 was int'd in EZ. SM tacked on [80/7 & 61/13] drives for TD's (8:37 4Q), 37-10. NCSt went [68/7] for a garbage TD w/6:30 left.

S Miss 19 UCF 14 - Tues ESPN. Fortunate SM win. The first 8 poss were punts w/a total of 3 FD's. UCF then went on an [85/16] drive but 23 yd FG bounced off the upright. Three plays later SM got 54 yd TD pass, 7-0. A bad snap on a punt by UCF w/2:10 left in half from midfield saw it roll back to 10 yd line. SM added 20 yd FG w/:17 left, 10-0. UCF got an [80/7] drive for TD & then went [44/9] & Smith broke thru for an apparent TD but fmb'l'd & it went into EZ for TB. SM drove [67/12] for 30 yd FG, 13-7 & then after UCF was pinned at its 1 early 4Q, got 4 yd IR for TD, 19-7. UCF went [71/14] w/a 6 yd TD pass, 19-14 but was sk'd on 4&14 w/2:44 left & SM ran out clock.

TULSA 20 S Miss 6 - Tues nt ESPN. TU got 59 yd TD run on its open drive. After SM was int'd at midfield, TU had FD at the 12 but fmb'l'd. SM went on a [67/14] drive but settled for 36 yd FG, 7-3. TU was SOD at SM35. SM went on a [71/12] drive but dropped TD pass & settled for 29 yd FG & it was 7-6 at half despite TU having 225-184 yd edge. In 2H both moved the ball but generally punted from midfield until TU went [72/5] for TD w/5:13 left. SM got a big KR to SM35 but on 4&gl from the 10 their pass fell inc.

S MISS 31 Houston 27 - A snap went over UH's P head & was rec'd by SM at the 1 yd line set up TD (10:48 1Q). UH went [81/6] for TD. SM went on a [48/12] drive but missed 39 yd FG (3:41 1Q). UH went [30/9] but was SOD on 4&1 at SM26 (9:26 2Q). UH went on a [62/13] drive but missed 33 yd FG on last play of 1H. UH had 170-141 yd edge but trailed by 7. SM went on a [63/12] drive for 39 yd FG, 17-7. SM fmb'l'd at its own 36 & UH got TD 10 plays later, 17-14 after 3Qs. SM went [65/11] for TD & UH answered w/a 74 yd TD pass, 24-21. SM went [73/9] for TD, 31-21 (3:46). UH got 13 yd TD pass on the final play.

VIRG TECH 36 S Miss 6 - VT roughed the P on SM's open poss & they would end up driving [60/9] for 38 yd FG. VT went [71/6] for TD. SM went [62/7] & settled for 37 yd FG, 7-6 (4:17). The teams traded TO's & VT went [44/10] & settled for 26 yd FG, 10-6. SM faced a 3&23 & was called for intentional grd'g in EZ for safety (11:50 2Q) 12-6. VT got 38 yd TD pass on first play & it was 19-6 at half. VT went [53/11] for 34 yd FG, 22-6. VT RB Ore ripped off a 70 yd TD run w/10:39 left, 29-6 & they added 15 yd TD when they could have taken a knee.

E Carolina 20 S MISS 17 (OT) - The first 4 poss were punts & EC went [58/9] & nailed 47 yd FG & led 3-0 after 1Q. SM went [78/6] for TD, 7-3 (13:12). EC's Johnson ret'd KO 96 yds for TD, 10-7 (12:44). SM got 38 yd PR leading to a 43 yd FG (:50). EC went [46/7] but missed 42 yd FG on final play of half. EC overcame a huge play as they went [63/10] & not only were they int'd but ret'd 87 yds for TD, 17-10 (3Q). After a 39 yd PR to EC30, SM missed 50 yd FG (3:31). EC was int'd on a deep pass at SM16 (7:25). SM punted & EC went [60/10] & on 4&gl from the 2, Pinkney's 2 yd TD run tied it w/just :13 left. EC had a 3&gl at the 1 in OT & was stuffed & opted for 18 yd FG. SM was int'd in EZ on their 1st play.

S Miss 42 MEMPHIS 21 - Sun Nt ESPN. SM scored TD's on their first 3 drives going [91/13, 59/5 & 73/3] & led 21-0 after 1Q. SM went [50/6] for TD, 28-0 (6:57). UM went [62/8] for TD (3:13). SM went [40/3] for TD, 35-7 (2:02). UM went [80/6] w/a 35 yd TD pass w/:41 left in half & made it 35-14 & SM had 306-184 yd edge. UM went on a [73/15] drive but missed 28 yd FG. Reaves came in at QB for SM & they went [84/11] for TD w/8:17 left & UM went [53/9] for a garbage TD w/4:33 left.

S Miss 31 TULANE 3 - RB Forté was out for TU & QB Ricard was benched after 3 inc's & an int. Scott Elliott hit just 3 of 8 for 30 yds in his place. SM only led 10-3 at half as they were SOD at the 4 & had 44 yd FG blk'd. They were SOD at TU33 early 3Q & then fmb'l'd at TU42. A 51 yd FG hit the crossbar & they only led 10-3 w/13:30 left. SM then got 50 yd fmb'l ret for TD (12:02) & drove [46/7] for TD, (7:22) & then [65/8] for TD w/ just :40 left.

S MISS 25 Uab 20 - After a scoreless 1Q, SM got 48 yd IR TD, 6-0 (12:12 2Q xpng). After 27 yd punt, SM drove [32/4] for TD, 13-0 (8:25). SM added 47 yd FG on half's final play, 16-0. SM took their 2nd 3Q poss [88/7] for TD & led 23-0 after 3Q's. UAB went [80/11] for TD & after a fmb'l, went [82/5] for TD, 23-13 (2ptng). SM went on a [42/10] drive but fmb'l'd & UAB ret'd it 67 yds for TD w/5:18 left to trail 23-20. UAB started at the 27 but on 4&37 from their 2 were tkl'd for safety w/:38 left.

S MISS 42 Marshall 7 - SM took their open drive [82/9] for TD, they blk'd a punt for TD & led 14-0 (7:29 1Q). UM went [80/8] for TD. After an int SM missed 35 yd FG & then drove [63/13] but a fake FG was stopped. SM rec'd a fmb'l at MU34 (2:40) & got TD 4 plays later w/:33 left in half to lead 21-7 w/a 172-92 yd edge. MU went [64/10] but missed 35 yd FG. SM went [80/12] for TD, 28-7 (4:59 3Q). SM added two 4Q TD's for an easy win.

HOUSTON 34 S Mississippi 20 - CUSA Champ gm. UH had a Robertson Stadium record crowd of 31,818 on a Fri Nt. SM was competitive in 1H taking their open drive [66/9] for 30 yd FG. After UH went [56/8] for TD on their 2nd poss, 7-3 (2:54 1Q) SM went [81/5] for TD, 10-7, 1Q. UH went on a [93/15] drive for TD, 13-10 (xpng, 10:01) but SM went [81/16] getting an 8 yd TD pass w/1:36 left in half, 17-13. UH had a 3&gl at the 2 w/:30 left in half & ran the ball into the line & SM's players laid on the UH RB for the final :20 of half & no delay of gm was called. In 3Q UH had 46 yd option TD run by Kolb on its 2nd poss & a 33 yd TD pass capped an 86 yd drive for TD & they led 27-17 after 3Q's. SM went on a [55/13] drive for 31 yd FG, 27-20 (8:24) but UH got 32 yd TD pass 6 plays later, 34-20. SM last 2 drives were SOD at its own 27 & 42.