

S.C. State Remains Perfect in League; Heads to Playoffs

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A 55-0 rout over N.C. A&T closed out regular season

The South Carolina State University Bulldogs closed out the regular season with a 55-0 routing of the Aggies of North Carolina A&T Saturday at Aggie Stadium in Greensboro, NC.

SC State closes out the regular season 10-2 overall, and a perfect 8-0 league record, while the Aggies end their season 3-9 overall and 1-7 in the conference.

South Carolina State recorded three straight shutouts the first since 1971. "We are happy with the outcome and proud of our team but we still got some work to do," said Pough. "Despite being up 21-0 in the half I didn't feel good because A&T is a good team, but I was happy to see us turn it up a notch in the second half."

The Bulldogs, who clinched the league title last week in a 32-0 win over Morgan State in Baltimore, Md., already earned an automatic berth to the Division I-AA playoffs.

Starting quarterback Malcolm Long returned back in the lineup for the Bulldogs after missing three games due to injury. Long the sophomore quarterback completed 12-19 for 181 yards and two touchdowns.

All-MEAC running back Will Ford came into today's contest trailing Morgan State's Devan James with 11 yards for the rushing title. Ford finished with 23 rushes for 169 yards and a touchdown to claim the league's rushing crown.

"We were all happy as a team and staff that Will won the league's rushing title," stated Pough.

The first-half was all SCSU jumping out to a quick 7-0 lead on an 81-yard punt return by junior defensive back Phillip Adams at the 12:30 mark in the first quarter. A 28-yard toss from sophomore quarterback Malcolm Long to Matt Washington gave the Bulldogs a 14-0 lead with 7:27 mark in the second quarter.

Travil Jamison's two yard run with 0:19 seconds left would close out the half and give the Bulldogs a 21-0 lead.

The Bulldogs controlled the second half with Long connecting to Phillip Morris on a 31-yard touchdown pass. A four yard run by Travil Jamison and three yard punch by Ford increased the lead to 41-0 at 1:04 mark in the third quarter.

Jamison found the end zone again on a two yard run to give SC State a 48-0 lead going in the fourth quarter. Senior running Kenneth Smalls sealed the deal on one yard run to give the Bulldogs a 55-0 victory.

Also leading the way for SC State were junior Travil Jamison with 17 rushes for 60 yards and three touchdowns. Senior wide receiver Phillip Morris caught four passes for 84 yards and a touchdown. Junior punt returner Phillip Adams had six returns for 137 yards and a score.

Marshall McFadden spearheaded the SCSU defense with eight tackles. The Bulldogs also finished with 511 total yards on offense, while the Aggies finished with just 41 in the loss.

South Carolina State will salute the Bulldog football team Sunday, Nov. 30, at 6 p.m. at Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center in conjunction with the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision selection show on ESPNU, which can be viewed at the arena. The event is free and open to the public.

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