

# No. 12 Georgia bounces back from first loss of the season to beat Kentucky 35-14

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ATHENS — Gunner Stockton and the No. 12 Georgia Bulldogs wasted no time showing they had moved on from a tough loss to Alabama.

Stockton and Dillon Bell each had a pair of touchdown runs, leading the Bulldogs to a 35-14 victory over Kentucky on Saturday.

Georgia (4-1, 2-1 South-eastern Conference) finally got off to a quick start, capping its first two possessions with scoring runs from quarterback Stockton.

There were no signs of anyone still pouting about what happened a week ago, when Alabama won 24-21 to snap Georgia's 33-game home winning streak.

"I wasn't shocked at all by the response of the team," coach Kirby Smart said. "If we continue to get better, we'll be where we need to be."

Stockton had 48 yards on six carries. He completed 15 of 23 passes for 196 yards, including a 16-yard scoring play to Cash Jones.

Bell, a receiver who also has played running back, tacked on a pair of 3-yard TD runs with an end around and a reverse. He set up the scoring pass to Jones with a 33-yard catch.

Cutter Boley had 225 yards passing with a couple of touchdowns for Kentucky (2-3, 0-3), but it wasn't nearly enough to prevent Georgia from winning its 16th straight game in the series.

The Bulldogs haven't lost to Kentucky since 2009.

"I'm excited about our guys getting off to a fast start. That was the goal. That's always the goal," Smart said. "We still have a long way to improve to get where we need to go. But we are physical and we are resilient. That's gonna keep you competitive."

Georgia had trailed at halftime in its two previous games. No such issues in this one.

The Bulldogs took the opening kickoff and went 75 yards in 12 plays, capped by Stockton diving at the pylon for a 7-yard scoring run.

Georgia went nearly the length of the field on its next possession — 96 yards over 13 plays — and Stockton finished it off again. He trotted in for a 6-yard TD after a nifty fake on linebacker Sam Greene.

### STOOPS' FUTURE

Kentucky coach Mark Stoops, the longest-tenured coach in the SEC, angrily denied that he has talked with school officials about a possible buyout.

"I'd hate to give anything like that legs," he said. "There's zero chance I'm walking away. There's no quit in me, so that's unequivocally 100% false. Anyone who tells you that is lying."

In his 13th season, Stoops has a record of 69-76 overall and 28-65 in the SEC.

"I don't want to address that crap no more," he added.

### THE TAKEAWAY

Kentucky: The Wildcats simply made too many mistakes to have any chance of an upset. Poor time management at the end of the first half and a fumble on their first possession of the third quarter allowed the Bulldogs to pull away. And Jacob Kauwe missed a 26-yard field goal to end the first half. Kentucky has now gone 3-9 since a huge upset at Mississippi early last season, with no wins against



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Georgia quarterback Gunner Stockton (14) dives in for a touchdown during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Kentucky on Saturday in Athens, Ga.



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Georgia quarterback Gunner Stockton (14) runs with the ball during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Kentucky on Saturday in Athens, Ga.



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Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops, left, and Georgia head coach Kirby Smart, right, meet at midfield after an NCAA college football game on Saturday in Athens, Ga.

Power Four opponents.

Georgia: The Bulldogs haven't lost back-to-back games in the regular season since 2016. They turned in another strong performance in the trenches, despite losing left tackle Monroe Freeling with a leg injury. Chauncey Bowens ran for 70 yards and Georgia finished with 180 rushing overall. On

the other side of the line, the Bulldogs limited Kentucky to 45 yards running the ball and collected their first fumble recovery of the season.

### SPECIAL PLAY

Receiver London Humphreys set up Georgia's third touchdown with a brilliant play on special teams. Brett Thorson sent a

booming punt toward the left pylon and Humphreys tiptoed along the goal line to bat it

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Georgia wide receiver Zachariah Branch (1) runs with the ball during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Kentucky on Saturday in Athens, Ga.



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Kentucky quarterback Cutter Boley (8) throws a pass during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Georgia on Saturday in Athens, Ga.



## LEGAL NOTICE

### Advertisement For Bids

Simpsonville Fire Department is currently accepting sealed bids for facility renovations to the station located at 121 Citizens Blvd in Simpsonville.


Project General Scope:

- Interior renovations converting existing spaces into:
  - New training room.
  - New janitor/laundry/storage room
  - 3 new dorms
- Interior renovations redesigning existing spaces:
  - Dorm restrooms
  - Kitchen
- Addition of new utility room and mezzanine structure in existing truck bays.

To receive a bid packet containing bid requirements, project scope, plans, and drawings, please submit an email request to bobby454@simpfire.org. A site review may be scheduled by calling (502) 722-5617, Monday-Friday 8am-4pm.

Bid deadline is 5pm on Monday November 11th, 2025. All bids are to be returned in person, with bid placed in a sealed packet to:  
Simpsonville Station 1  
121 Citizens Blvd  
Simpsonville, KY 40067  
During office hours of Monday-Friday 8am-4pm.

Simpsonville Fire Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids.



## LEGAL NOTICE

### PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to KRS 100, the Triple S Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Stratton Center, 215 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky to consider the following:

**Z-492-25 & S-2038-25:** An application for a Zone Change and Preliminary Subdivision Plat with a waiver request by WOW! Foodmart, LLC for property located at 2368 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville, KY from Agricultural (A) and Residential (R) to Medium Density Residential District (R-3). The Preliminary Subdivision Plat proposes 126 multi-family & single-family residential lots on 54.38 acres. The waiver request is from Section 4.205 of the Shelby County Subdivision Regulations to allow two proposed dead end streets, Aristides Drive and Stallaris Drive, to exceed the 1,000 feet maximum dead-end street length.

**S-2036-25:** An application for an Amended Preliminary Subdivision Plat with a variance request by Quire Ventures, LLC & 55 Bypass LLC for Saddlebred Pointe Subdivision located at Freedom's Way & The Pointe Boulevard, Shelbyville, KY. The amended preliminary subdivision plat proposes adding 8.37 acres owned by Quire Ventures, LLC with Lots 1 & 2 (11.17 acres) for a total of 19.54 acres and dividing the property into five lots. The variance request is from Section 678.5 of the Shelbyville Zoning Regulations to reduce the size of Lot 1B from 1.00 acre to 0.82 acres. The property is zoned Highway Commercial District (C-4) with BEQ Overlay.

**S-2039-25** - An application for a Preliminary Subdivision Plat with a variance & waiver request by Skyline BP, LLC for property located at 3835 Benson Pike, Shelbyville, KY. The preliminary subdivision plat proposes 30 lots on 232 acres. The variance request is from Section 652.4 of the Shelby County Zoning Regulations for lot depth to width (4:1) ratio. The waiver request is from Section 4.205 of the Shelby County Subdivision Regulations to allow the proposed dead end street to exceed the 1,000 feet maximum dead-end street length.

More information is on file in the Commission office, 419 Washington Street, Shelbyville, KY and may be inspected during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.