



# GATOR BOWL HISTORY

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## QUICK FACTS

**Gator Bowl Appearances:** 5

**Gator Bowl Record:** 0-5

**Last Gator Bowl Played:** December 30, 2022

## APPEARANCE HISTORY

**1st Game:** January 1, 1946

South Carolina Gamecocks vs. Wake Forest Demon Deacons

14 26

**Stadium:** Gator Bowl Stadium

**Attendance:** 7,362

**Coached By:** Johnnie McMillian

**Team MVP:** N/A

**36th Game:** December 29, 1980

South Carolina Gamecocks vs. Pittsburgh Panthers

9 37

**Stadium:** Gator Bowl Stadium

**Attendance:** 72,297

**Coached By:** Jim Carlen

**Team MVP:** George Rogers, RB

**40th Game:** December 28, 1984

South Carolina Gamecocks vs. Oklahoma State Cowboys

14 21

**Stadium:** Gator Bowl Stadium

**Attendance:** 82,138

**Coached By:** Joe Morrison

**Team MVP:** Mike Hold, QB

**43rd Game:** December 31, 1987

South Carolina Gamecocks vs. Louisiana State Tigers

13 30

**Stadium:** Gator Bowl Stadium

**Attendance:** 82,119

**Coached By:** Joe Morrison

**Team MVP:** Harold Green, RB

**78th Game:** December 30, 2022

South Carolina Gamecocks vs. Notre Dame Fighting Irish

38 45

**Stadium:** TIAA Bank Field

**Attendance:** 67,383

**Coached By:** Shane Beamer

**Team MVP:** Spencer Rattler, QB



Mazda Gator Bowl Ticket, 1987

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## ICONIC PLAYERS, COACHES & MOMENTS

- The first Gator Bowl ever in 1946 was played between the Gamecocks and the Demon Deacons. The Gamecocks lost 26-14.
- In the 1980 game, the Gamecocks were led by Heisman Trophy winner, George Rogers. Even though he was MVP of the game, the Gamecocks still lost.
- In the 1984 game, Mike Hold threw for 170 yards, but it was not enough to beat the Cowboys.
- The 1987 Gator Bowl began its corporate sponsorship from Mazda. Harold Green gave a solid effort for the Gamecocks who caught for 45 yards and a score. The Gamecocks lost 30-13.



Harding Brown, 1987



#9 Todd Ellis, 1987

- In the 2022 Gator Bowl, Spencer Rattler threw for 246 yards and two touchdowns, but it was not enough to beat the Fighting Irish.



Spencer Rattler, 2022



Xavier Legette, 2022

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