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Party Like Its Biscardi

Chants upset Louisiana on last second FG

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Most know it as the Sun Belt Conference. Those inside know it's the Fun Belt. Wednesday night, Coastal Carolina and Louisiana put on an instant classic proving that statement correct. Where Junior place-kicker for the Chanticleers, Manny Biscardi drilled a 40 yard field goal with only seconds remaining to give Coastal Carolina the victory, 30-27. Truly, a puff out your cheeks moment.

Biscardi had swagger on the sideline while Coach Chadwell intentionally burned the last few remaining seconds off the clock so that Louisiana would basically have no chance for a real possession on a possible final drive. It was a good sight to see because earlier in the game Biscardi missed an extra-point.

In a back and forth game, both teams dictated tempo, pace and style throughout. Punch and counter punches were made throughout. In doing so, special teams on both sides of the ball proved important. The Chant's punter, Charles Ouverson had 4 punts. All four were fair caught inside the Ragin' Cajun 20 yard line.

The nation's number four scoring offense might have lowered their average score per game, but make no mistake, the offense was still controlling and dominant. Redshirt quarterback Grayson McCall, not only put up an impressive stat line but most importantly controlled the clock and possession for 38:11, which is basically 64% of the game. McCall had two more passing touchdowns and a third on the ground, with no turnovers.

The Chants had a balanced attack rushing for 212 yards and passing for another 202. This was without their big play tight end, Isaiah Likely, who was missing with an injury. Senior runningback had 113 total yards and two scores. While wide out, Jaivon Heiligh had season highs in both receptions with 8 and yards in 108, plus a touchdown.

On the final drive of the game, Coastal took possession at their own 16 yard line and drove the ball for 10 plays churning up 5:26 of the clock. Runningback Reese White rushed the ball for 26 yards on the final possession of the game helping the Chants move down the field to the Louisiana 23 yard line. Then, it was Biscardi time.

Coastal Carolina now sits alone in first place in the Sun Belt Eastern Division.

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