



## POST-GAME NOTES

Va. Tech Hokies vs. East Carolina Pirates  
Aug. 30, 2008 • Bank of America Stadium • 12 p.m.



### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Starting streaks: **Zack Slate** (18), **Jamar Bryant** (14), **Doug Palmer** (14) and **Jay Ross** (11).
- **Dekota Marshall** (WCB), **Brandon Simmons** (RB) and **Kevin Gidrey** (FB) recorded their first career starts.
- **Patrick Pinkney** scored from three-yards out in the fourth quarter (second career rushing TD). Pinkney completed 19-of-23 passes for 211 yards with one TD. His 82.6 completion percentage established a new single-game school record previously set by James Pinkney in 2005 against Duke (17-of-21; 81.0 %). Pinkney tied a career-high with 11 rushes for 33 yards (career-high) with one TD.
- **Kevin Gidrey** caught his first collegiate pass coming out of the backfield in the second quarter for five yards.
- **Quentin Cotton** picked off his third career interception in the first quarter on Va. Tech's first drive of the game returning it one yard. His other interceptions came against Memphis (2006) and Southern Miss (2007). Cotton (19.5 career) combined on a sack with Zack Slate in the second quarter for a loss of six yards. He finished with five total tackles (3-solo, 2 assisted), 0.5 TFL and one pass breakup.
- **Matt Dodge** booted five punts or 298 yards on the day.
- **Scotty Robinson** picked up his fourth career sack in the second quarter when he dropped **Sean Glennon** for a six yard loss.
- **Terrance Campbell** saw action for the first time since the Papa John's Bowl (2006) against USF when he started all 13 games as a redshirt freshman. He sat out the 2007 season after a medical hiatus.
- **Dwayne Harris** had 142 all-purpose yards (32-rush, 68-receiving and 42 kick return). Hauled down a career-long 27-yard pass in the second quarter and followed with another reception of 13 yards. In all he accounted for 57 yards in the second. Also has a career-long 22-yard KOR.
- **Ben Ryan** was 0-for-1 on FG attempts (miss-39). He was 3-for-4 on PATs on the afternoon.
- **Zack Slate** (13.5 career) combined with Cotton on a sack of Glennon (-6 yards) in the second quarter. He finished four tackles (all assisted).
- **Nick Johnson** picked off his first career pass in the second quarter returning it 19 yards to the Va. Tech one-yard line. He added three total tackles (all assisted).
- **Jonathan Williams** scored from one-yard out his second of his career. First career TD was against UAB in 2007. Williams finished with nine carries (career-high) for 48 yards and one score.
- **Josh Smith** saw his first action in a Pirate uniform in the second quarter and recorded two total tackles (solo, assisted).
- **Davon Drew** hauled down five catches for 65 yards (career-high) including a 26-yarder in the third quarter that tied his career-high.
- **Jamar Bryant** caught a 12-yard TD pass from Pinkney on ECU's first possession of the third quarter. It was his seventh career TD. Bryant caught four balls for 34 yards.
- **T.J. Lee** caught a career-high two passes for 26 yards. Lee blocked his first career punt, picked up the ball and scored from 27 yards out for the go ahead touchdown.

### TEAM NOTES

- Attendance: 72,169 (confirmed sellout – 3<sup>rd</sup> largest college attendance at Bank of America stadium and largest regular season game attendance). It is also the 11<sup>th</sup> largest crowd to watch ECU play.
- ECU's last win against Va. Tech came on Sept. 12, 1992 in Greenville, N.C. (W, 30-27). It marks back-to-back victories over top 25 teams dating back to 2007 Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl (41-38). Since 1990 ECU is 9-20 against nationally-ranked teams and under Skip Holtz ECU has a 2-3 ledger.
- East Carolina becomes the first team in the 13-year history of Conference USA Football to EVER win back-to-back games over nationally ranked teams. The Pirates closed out the 2007 season with a 41-38 victory over No. 22 Boise State in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl.
- In four years under head coach Skip Holtz, East Carolina has now posted wins over five different ACC schools (Virginia Tech in 2008, North Carolina in 2007, Virginia and N.C. State in 2006 and Duke in 2005).
- The victory over is the first for a Conference USA school over a nationally-ranked BCS AQ school since 2002.
- ECU extended its current streak without being shutout to 127 games when Williams rumbled in from one yard out in the second quarter. The last time ECU was blanked came on Oct. 4, 1997 against Syracuse (56-0) in the Carrier Dome.
- ECU had four players record catches of 10 or more yards (Harris-27, 13; Drew-26, 12, 12; Lee-14, 12; Bryant-12,10).
- Stephan Virgil returned a 30-yard fumble for a touchdown in the second quarter marking consecutive games that an ECU opponent has scored on a fumble (Marty Tadman – Boise State, 47 yards in Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl on 12/23/07).
- Va. Tech scored on both ECU turnovers on the afternoon (both fumbles in the second quarter).
- ECU has forced at least two TO's in nine of the last 10 games and 12 of the last 14 games dating back to the 2007 season.
- Va. Tech blocked ECU's PAT in the second quarter returning it for a 2-point conversion. The last blocked PAT by an opponent was on Sept. 20, 2003 by Jerome Nichols (Wake Forest). It was the first blocked PAT returned for a 2-point conversion since the rule change was implemented. The block snapped a streak of 134 successful kicking PATs (last missed Cam Broadwell vs. West Virginia in 2004).
- T.J. Lee's blocked punt that he picked up for at TD in the fourth quarter was the first since Nov. 16, 2002 against UAB (Antwane Yelverton) a span of 64 games.