



POST GAME QUOTES
West Virginia Mountaineers at East Carolina Pirates
Sept. 6, 2008 • Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium • 4:30 p.m.



East Carolina Head Coach Skip Holtz

On the Victory:

"I don't think you can put it into words. I am so proud of these players the way they have come out and competed the last few weeks. We played two elite programs and I am just proud of the way our team has grown. They are playing with desire, passion and togetherness. It is so fun right now to stand on that sideline and watch our defense play as good as it is. Every facet of our team from the offense to special teams was fantastic tonight. The players really believe in themselves right now."

On Keeping West Virginia Out Of the Endzone:

"That was just a phenomenal job by our defense. West Virginia is a team that scores a lot of points with their speed. I am just so pleased with the job that Greg Hudson has done. All of our defensive coaches had a great game plan that was simple. We were not going to win this game with scheme but we could have easily lost it from being confused by their complex offense."

On Running the Ball to Dominate Time of Possession:

"We milked the clock at the end but there were some very positive signs from the running game. I was not happy with some of our fourth down plays running the ball but I am coach and will never be completely satisfied. I just cant put into words how happy I am right now."

On Preparing for Tulane:

"I told them to go out and enjoy this win with their families, friends and the alumni but only enjoy it for 24 hours. We have to come in tomorrow and prepare for Tulane. I think our senior leaders will help us immensely in preparing for conference play."

West Virginia Head Coach Bill Stewart

On the Turnovers:

"East Carolina played a great game and played very hard. The first fumble we had was a result of us attempting to stretch for the first down. It just got knocked away from us. I thought the ball was down before the fumble but it doesn't matter in the long run. After that, we could not get into a rhythm. Our mental mistakes helped beat West Virginia today."

On Recovering From the Game:

"There are some things that need to be ironed out and there will be things that are ironed out. We will work hard and learn from this game. We need to get better defensively and work on our receivers. It is a long season and the naysayers cannot end our players' season after two games."

On West Virginia's Third Down Plays:

"They did a good job of shutting us down on third down. The stats do not lie. We converted 25 percent of our chances while East Carolina converted 50 percent. "

On West Virginia's Running Game:

"I thought we had some big running plays but we just ran up against a good defense today. We will go back to the drawing board and get ready for next week. We have to watch the film and prepare for Colorado."