



**POST GAME QUOTES**  
**Southern Miss Golden Eagles vs. East Carolina Pirates**  
**Sept. 15, 2007 • Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium • 6 p.m.**



East Carolina Head Coach Skip Holtz

Opening-

"I kept saying if they get a field goal, at least it gives us the opportunity to block it or for them to miss it. The best we could do was just tie it, there are a lot of things that could happen, I wasn't about to quit on our defense."

Injuries-

"Reynold's was a hamstring; he did it on the one long punt when he ran it down the field. They came out and cut us and in the first two plays and we lost Mark Robinson and Khalif Mitchell in the first two plays. We got Mark Robinson back in the second half, and Khalif tried to tape up and get up and go, but he just couldn't. I know they went out and got an x-ray, but all I know is he was out, I don't know the status at this point.

Patrick Pinkney holding everything down-

"He did. He turned and made some really big plays, he got in the rhythm. He got back where he was running the offense a little bit. It was like we were out of whack in the first half, but when you have penalties and things like that, that's what happens to you. Then you're trying to make 15 yards. It's like going down there and missing a field goal. I don't know how many we have missed inside the 20 at this point, but we have missed enough for a lifetime. When Ben came off the field, he said that he just didn't feel like he was in rhythm. I told him to tell me what I do I have to do to get you in rhythm. I don't know why I need to ask you that question, I've never had that response; so that's how it was offensively, no consistency. "

"I thought that was probably big play was an understatement. [Fletcher] did a great job. He caught it, a couple of guys overran it, and missed a couple of tackles, and then he stuck it up inside. Fletcher is a tremendous back. He did a heck of a job running the ball. He runs hard, he runs physical, and he breaks tackles. I was really impressed with him; I think we can take some lessons on how he runs."

"I did not think our running game was very good and I don't think our running backs are making a lot happen. I don't think we are creating a lot of holes for them, but when we do, we are not making a lot of things happen on our own."