



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



Southern Miss Head Coach Jeff Bower

Opening Comment:

"We didn't play nearly as well the second half as we did the first half and I'm sure they had something to do with it. I saw some missed tackles. We got to have somebody down there. When we had to step up and play when the game was on the line we had to show some mental toughness. And I'm really proud of our players on both sides of the ball."

On Third Quarter For ECU:

"We didn't block them well. They have a good defensive front. They had a good push on us all night long."

Big Win For First Conference Game:

"Good teams are going to make a run. At 14-nothing at the half...we played well on both sides of the ball. I told them at half time all good football teams are going to make a run at you some time. You're going to have to make plays and run the ball."

On Game Plan At The End Of The Game:

"We were trying to score and run the time off the clock. I had never done that as long as I've been coaching. I told them not to score but not to lose yards. Finally they got that number five back there on that kick-off return and we're going to get as much time off that clock as we could."

"We were going to run the first play...we were trying to score from then on."

On Damion Fletcher's Good Play:

"We made some good plays. I would still like to look for some consistency. He's made some big time plays for us."

"I think we played a very good football game tonight. We played a really good team. They do some good things. It was a heck of a ball game...two teams playing really hard."

Shawn Nelson's One-handed Catch:

"Heck of a play...the ball was thrown too high. He made a really good play again."

On Tory Harrison:

"We've got to get his confidence back. He's a good player. He's got to learn to cover up the ball. He got hit really hard on the fumble. He's got to cover that ball up in traffic. I don't know what happen on the kickoff. I wasn't looking there. He's a good player. We've got to have him."