



POST-GAME QUOTES
Houston Cougars at East Carolina Pirates
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East Carolina Pirates Head Coach Skip Holtz

On the Second Half:

"I give Houston an awful lot of credit. They are a good football team and came in here and executed. Case Keenum had a fantastic game. They took what we gave them and they have great speed on the outside. Every time we had them in a third and long situation, they would come out with a big play. Offensively, we couldn't get anything going and it seemed like a comedy of errors at times."

On the Offense:

"Every time the defense came up with a stop, the offense couldn't get anything going. The defense is going to get more tired when the offense isn't out there and it is just like a snowball effect. We could not capitalize on their turnovers."

On the Time the Defense Spent On the Field:

"Part of it is the offense's fault and part of it is the defense's fault. You can make a stop and get off the field but the offense has to execute as well. We needed to get some first downs and accumulate yards to eat up the clock but it just didn't happen tonight."

On Going Into an Off Week:

"We need an off week mentally and physically. Our first four games were emotional and physical but this one was a little more strategic and played in space. We need to take a hard look at where we are right now but I also think the players need to get away from football a little bit."

Houston Cougars Head Coach Kevin Sumlin

On the Cougar Defense:

"Our defense played well and we were able to play a lot of guys out there. Any time you hold someone to one-of-13 on third downs, you are going to be successful. The difference was us converting on third down and getting them off the field."

On the Houston Turnovers:

"We turned the ball over a lot but they also bailed us out afterwards. We held them to field goals and sometimes even stopped them so it was a great team win. I was very happy with the way the defense bounced back after our turnovers."

On Slowing Down East Carolina:

"Whenever you make someone one-dimensional, it definitely helps. We made them get onto the perimeter in their running game and do some things that they did not want to do. Our game plan was excellent and we executed it."

On the Team's Effort on the Road:

"I am just very happy with the way our team played. They played hard and with energy. We aren't going to make excuses for what happened the last few weeks. We have really been on the road the last month. Again, I was very happy with our energy all week in practice and in the pregame warm-ups today. We could have died down after our many turnovers, but they stayed positive throughout the game."