



POST GAME NOTES
East Carolina Pirates at UAB Blazers
Nov. 22, 2008 • Legion Field • 7:00 pm (EST)



INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- **Captains:** Patrick Pinkney, Pierre Bell, Zack Slate and Matt Dodge.
- **Consecutive starting streaks:** Jay Ross (21), C.J. Wilson (20), Van Eskridge (18), Pierre Bell (17), Davon Drew (15), Cory Dowless (11) and Sean Allen (11).
- **Streaks snapped:** Dekota Marshall (10).
- **First career starts:** Dustin Lineback (LB).
- **Patrick Pinkney** completed his first four passes of the game for 60 yards including a 10-yard TD strike to Davon Drew ... Finished the game completing 19-of-25 passes for 222 yards with one TD and two INTs ... Recorded sixth 200-plus yard passing game of the season and eighth of his career ... For his career he now has 289 completions (sixth all-time at ECU) and 3,387 passing yards (seventh all-time at ECU).
- **Rob Kass** led the Pirates to a come back win in the fourth quarter guiding the offense in the fourth quarter and taking the lead 17-13 with 2:20 remaining ... Completed 1-of-2 passes for 17 yards.
- **Michael Bowman** returned three kickoffs for 67 yards including his first career in the first quarter for 22 yards.
- **Linval Joseph** had six tackles in the game (two solo, four assists) including a one-yard TFL in the first quarter ...
- **Zack Slate** had six tackles (five solo, assist) on the night.
- **Nick Johnson** tied Bell for the team lead with nine total stops (six solo, three assists).
- **Brandon Simmons** rushed for 14 yards on four carries including a two-yard TD run in the fourth quarter with 2:20 remaining in the game ... He now has five TDs on the season (3/rush; 2/rcv).
- **Travis Simmons** returned three punts on the night for 45 yards ... Finished with five total tackles (two solo, three assists).
- **Kevin Gidrey** caught his second pass of the season in the first quarter (four yards).
- **J.R. Rogers** rushed for a career-high 54 yards on a career-best 10 carries, including a career-long run of 14 yards in the first quarter ... Followed that up with a nine-yard run in the first ... Had one KO return for 36 yards (third quarter).
- **Norman Whitley** had 11 carries for 17 yards ... Caught one pass for 17 yards.
- **Davon Drew** caught a career-high seven balls for a career-best 95 yards to lead all receivers.
- **Ben Hartman** extended his current school record to 74 consecutive PATs made with his extra point conversion in the fourth quarter ... Was 2-for-2 on the night in PATs ... Converted on 1-of-3 on FGAs (made: 47; missed: 43, 42) ... Hartman has now made at least one FG in eight consecutive games dating back to N.C. State (2008).
- **Darryl Freeny** caught a career-best four passes and tied a career-high with 36 yards receiving.
- **Joe Womack** caught a career-high three passes for a career-best 53 yards ...
- **Pierre Bell** tied for the team lead with nine stops (six solo, three assists) including a two-yard TFL in the second quarter ... Now has nine TFLs on the season and 19.5 for his career ... Picked off his second pass of the season and fifth of his career with 1:14 remaining in the game halting a UAB drive and preserving the Pirates win.
- **Reyn Willis** caught his second pass of the season in the second quarter, 24 yards, which was a career-long.

TEAM NOTES

- With the 17-13 win, ECU:
 - Wins the East Division and will play for its first C-USA Championship on Dec. 6 at a site to be determined.
 - Won nine of the last 13, 11 of the last 16 and 14 of the its last 20 games.
 - Won six of its last seven road games against C-USA members
 - Won seven of its last nine games against C-USA East Division members.
 - Is now 7-4 overall and 5-2 in C-USA play.
 - Won at least seven games in the last three seasons (7 in 2006 and 8 in 2007).
- ECU scored on its opening possession of the second quarter (Hartman 47-yard FG0 and now has scored on 11-of-22 opening-half drives this season).
- Davon Drew's 10-yard TD reception in the first quarter from Patrick Pinkney extended ECU's current streak to 137 games without being shutout. The last time ECU was blanked came on Oct. 4, 1997 against Syracuse in the Carrier Dome (56-0).
- Drew's TD reception in the first quarter was ECU's first TD in the first quarter since the WVU game on Sept. 6, 2008 (8-game span).
- Joe Webb's three yard TD run to on UAB's first possession of the game was the first time ECU's defense has allowed an opponent to score on its opening drive of a game this season.
- ECU had five receivers with a reception of 10 or more yards (Drew-22, 24, 10, 16, 12; Willis-24; Womack-41; Freeny-17; Whitley-17).
- ECU had a season-high five TOs (three fumbles/ two INTs) which is the most since UCF (6) Oct. 29, 2005.
- For the first time in 24 games, the Pirates did not record a sack in a game. The last time was that happened was at N.C. State in 2005.