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Finished collegiate career as one of the nation's top all-purpose backs in history ... ECU's initial First-Team All-America selection since 1999 (Pro Football Weekly) ... Authored a total of 18 school single-game, season and career records at conclusion of senior campaign ... Came within just 136 yards of matching his combined freshman, sophomore and junior year rushing totals (1,559) during his senior season (1,423) alone ... Leaves program as its most prolific single-season scorer (144 points) ... ECU's all-time kickoff return (2,715) and all-purpose yards (6,993) leader ... Earned all-purpose yard average national (FBS) statistical title in 2007 (227.7 ypg) ... Started 36 of 47 games played ... Led Pirates in rushing as a freshman, sophomore and senior ... Was often used as a pass-catching weapon out of the backfield as evidenced by his school-record 125 receptions and 1,296 receiving yards by a running back ... Recorded at least one reception in 41 of 47 career games played ... Ranks third on school's all-time rushing charts (2,982) and sixth on receptions list (125) ... Posted nine career 100-yard rushing and two 100-yard receiving games ... Fumbled just twice on the road during his four-year career and averaged just 2.5 fumbles per season overall.

2007: Started all 13 games at running back ... Finished senior campaign with 2,960 all-purpose yards (1,423-rush/ 528-receiving/1,009-KOR) ... A First-Team All-America selection as a return specialist by *Pro Football Weekly* – the first Pirate to earn top national honors since 1999 ... Also named to the *CollegeFootballNews.com* and *SI.com* All-America squads (honorable mention) ... Named 2007 Conference USA Media Special Teams Player-of-the-Year ... First-team 2007 C-USA Media All-Conference selection as a kick returner ... Topped all FBS players to capture national statistical championship in all-purpose yards (227.7) while also standing among the Top 25 in scoring (4th/11.08), kickoff return average (18th/28.03) and rushing (24th/109.46 ypg) ... Finished regular season play ranked among NCAA active career leaders (FBS) in all-purpose yards (1st), kickoff return yards (2nd), all-purpose yards per game (2nd) and kickoff return yards per game (9th) ... Matched or bettered the program's single-game record for all-purpose yards on three occasions – 372 vs. UCF, 408 vs. Memphis and 408 vs. Boise State (rated as the second and third-highest all-purpose yard FBS performances in 2007) ... Ran for a personal-best 301 yards (fifth-best single-season FBS rushing performance in 2007) against Memphis on 20 carries (also stands as the second-best single-game rushing performance in ECU history) ... Followed with a Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl-record 223-yard ground effort vs. Boise State, helping set an all-time single NCAA Bowl record for all-purpose yards (408) ... Established or tied 18 ECU single-game, season and career records during course of campaign ... Set a pair of C-USA career return records: KOR yards (2,715) and kickoff returns (115) ... Rushed for 1,423 yards on 236 carries (6.0 avg.) with 17 rushing TDs ... Caught 37 passes (second on the team) for 528 yards and six scores ... Scored at least one TD in 12-of-13 games played (0 vs. UTEP) ... Recorded a pair of four-touchdown games (UCF, Memphis) ... A two-time C-USA Player-of-the-Week selection (Special Teams-10/8/07 and Offensive-11/5/07) ... Earned an ESPN Gameday Final helmet sticker for his performance against Memphis (11/3) ... Tenth Pirate in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season ... Posted five 100-yard rushing games (147/Houston, 126/UTEP, 301/Memphis, 155/Tulane, 223 Boise State) ... Recorded lone 100-yard receiving game against North Carolina (136) ... **vs. Va. Tech (9/1):** Recorded his 21st career TD on a two-yard run in the second quarter ... Rushed the ball 10 times for 29 yards with a long of 12 coming in the first quarter on a 3rd-and-4 ... Lone kick return of 24 yards came in the first quarter ... Finished with 53 all-purpose yards (29/run and 24/KR) ... **vs. UNC (9/8):** Scored three TDs (2/receiving and 1/rushing) for the second time in his career (3 rushing vs. Marshall in Nov. 19, 2005) ... Hauled down five passes for 136 yards ... One of six Pirates with a reception of 10 or more yards (10, 23, 24 and 78) ... The 78-yard TD reception in the first quarter was the second-longest catch of his career (81 vs. Rice on Oct. 8, 2005) ... Had 258 all-purpose yards on the night (18/run, 136/receiving, 104/KOR) ... **vs. Southern Miss (9/15):** Rushed 13 times for 45 yards ... Caught three passes for 29 yards including a TD (25th of his career) ... Returned two kicks for 59 yards ... Finished with 133 total yards (45/rush, 29/receiving, 59/KOR) ... His 20-yard rush in the first quarter was a then season-long ... **vs. West Virginia (9/22):** Scored ECU's lone TD of the game on a three-yard rush, the 26th of his career ... Rushed 14 times for 76 yards to lead the team ... Had three catches for 13 yards and returned four kicks for 102 yards ... Finished with 191 all-purpose yards (76/rush, 13/receiving, 102/KOR) ... **vs. Houston (9/29):** Rushed 24 times for 147 yards (5th most in his career) collecting his fifth 100-yard rushing game ... Had four receptions for 24 yards ... Returned two kicks for 50 yards ... Collected 221 all-purpose yards (147/rush, 24/receiving, 50/KOR) ... Scored a pair of rushing TDs (14 and 43) the 27th and 28th of his career ... His 43-yard scamper was then the longest of the season and longest since Nov. 18, 2006 (at Rice) ... **vs. UCF (10/6):** Scored four TDs (2/rush, 1/receiving, 1/KOR) ... Set a then school record for all-purpose yards after racking up 372 (89/rush, 89/receiving, 194/KOR) ... His 96-yard KOR for a TD to open the second half tied his career-long ... Rushed 23 times for 89 yards ... Caught five passes for 89 yards including a 72-yarder from Rob Kass that went for a TD ... Returned four kicks for 194 yards ... **vs. UTEP (10/13):** Picked up his second 100-yard rushing performance of the season (23/126) ... Collected 243 all-purpose yards (126/rush, 117/KOR) ... Returned four kickoffs for 117 yards with a long of 36 coming in the second quarter ... **vs. N.C. State (10/20):** Collected 142 all-purpose yards (63/run, 22/receiving, 61/KOR) ... Scored on a one-yard run in the second quarter, his eighth rushing TD of the season ... Rushed 19 times for 63 yards ... **vs. UAB (10/27):** Racked up a game-high 144 all-purpose yards (79/run, 41/receiving, 24/KOR) ... Scored on a 20-yard run in the third quarter, his ninth rushing TD of the season and 24th career rushing TD ... Led all ground gainers with 79 yards on 15 attempts (5.3 avg.) ... Both receptions came in the third quarter from Patrick Pinkney ... One of five Pirates to record a catch of 10 or more yards (33) ... **vs. Memphis (11/3):** Ran for 301 yards and four TDs while racking up 408 all-purpose yards (all career-highs) ... Averaged 15.1 yards per carry (20 attempts), while posting the second-highest single-game rushing performance in school history (351 by Scott Harley vs. NC State on 11/30/96) ... The 408 all-purpose yards (301/rush, 12/receiving, 95/KOR) broke his own school record of 372 set against UCF earlier in the season (10/06/07) ... Scored on runs of 16, 44, 70 and 50 yards out to help the Pirates post the fifth-highest single-game rushing effort (491) in school history ... His 70-yard TD run in the third quarter was the second-longest TD run of his career and second-longest rush of his career (86 vs. Wake Forest '04) ... Received national recognition from ESPN when he was awarded an ESPN Gameday Final helmet sticker for his play (third Pirate ever to receive

honor: James Pinkney '06 and Patrick Pinkney '07) ... **vs. Marshall (11/10)**: Rushed 12 times for 72 yards (6.0 avg) ... Scored team-best 19th TD on a four-yard run ... Caught a pair of passes for 45 yards (17 and 28) ... One of three receivers with a reception of 10 or more yards ... Returned two kicks for 26 yards with a long of 15 coming in the fourth quarter ... Finished the game with 143 all-purpose yards (72/rush, 45/receiving, 26/KOR) ... **vs. Tulane (11/24)**: Recorded fourth 100-yard rushing game of the season (155 on 27 carries) ... Scored three TDs (2/rush and 1/receiving) marking the fourth time he has scored at least three times in a game ... Led all receivers with four catches for 85 yards ... One of five receivers to record a catch of 10 or more yards (17, 28 and 33) ... Finished with 240 all-purpose yards (155/run and 85/receiving) ... **vs. Boise State (12/23)**: Matched own school standard set earlier during season with an all-time NCAA Bowl record 408 all-purpose yards to lead Pirates past No. 22 Broncos in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl at Aloha Stadium ... Eclipsed the previous national post-season best of 359 set in 1995 by Alabama's Sherman Williams against Ohio State in the Citrus Bowl ... Rushed for a SHB-record 223 yards on 28 carries, besting previous game standard set by UCF's Kevin Smith in 2005 ... Averaged 8.0 yards per run ... Tallied a pair of touchdowns on a 68-yard run and an 18-yard pass reception from Patrick Pinkney ... Was ECU's second-leading receiver with three grabs for 32 yards ... Also racked up 153 kickoff return yards on six attempts – an average of 25.5 yards per return ... Reached a triple-digit rushing in the first quarter of play (106) before recording 181 at halftime ... Rushing total also represented an all-time ECU bowl record, surpassing the previous best of 195 by Leonard Henry (2001 GMAC Bowl vs. Marshall) ... Selected as game's MVP.

2006: Had a team-best 972 all-purpose yards (314 rushing, 176 receiving and 482 kickoff return) ... Played in 12 games and made five starts (Navy, UAB, Memphis, West Virginia and USF) ... Selected to the All-Conference USA (first-team) squads as a kick return specialist ... Ranked fourth among all C-USA kick returners average (23.0) and stood 43rd nationally ... Named C-USA Special Teams Player-of-the-Week (10/30) for efforts against Southern Miss that included a career-best 96-yard kickoff return for a TD that also garnered national recognition by ESPN ... Set a new school record for receiving yards by a running back (768) with his 15-yard grab against N.C. State in the first quarter ... Led team in kick return yards (482) ... Recorded at least one reception in nine of 12 games played ... Posted only 100-yard rushing effort of the year against Memphis (106) ... Scored four touchdowns (Navy/1, Memphis/2 and Rice/1) ... Season-long rush of 43 yards came against Rice ... Led team in rushing four times ... Had 18-game consecutive start streak snapped due to toe injury (Virginia) ... **vs. Navy (9/2)**: Accounted for 54 all-purpose yards (16 return, 28 rushing, 10 receiving) ... Three-yard TD run in the second quarter marked the third straight game with a ground score ... Had one catch for eight yards ... **vs. UAB (9/9)**: Rushed for a team-best 51 yards on 12 carries ... Had runs of 16 (1st quarter), 11 (2nd) and 20 (4th) ... Had 112 all-purpose yards (54 return, 51 rushing and 7 receiving) ... Returned kicks for 19 and 35 yards ... **vs. Memphis (9/16)**: Carried the ball 22 times for a game-high 106 yards ... Rushed for a pair of touchdowns (from six and five yards out) ... Returned two kickoffs for 52 yards ... Finished the game with 180 all-purpose yards (106 rush, 22 receiving and 52 return) ... **vs. West Virginia (9/23)**: Carried the ball just five times (turf toe) for seven yards ... Did not serve as ECU's kickoff returner ... **vs. UVA (10/7)**: DNP-INJ (toe) ... **vs. Tulsa (10/14)**: Returned to action but experienced limited action, carrying the ball four times for 11 yards ... Had one reception for nine yards ... Returned a pair of kickoffs for 26 yards (19 and seven) ... **vs. SMU (10/21)**: Caught five balls for 45 yards ... Picked up just one rushing yard on one attempt ... Returned three kickoffs for 78 yards, including a then career-long 51-yarder return to open the second half ... **vs. Southern Miss (10/28)**: Had 136 all-purpose yards to lead all players ... Booked first career kickoff return TD (96 yards), which also ranked as the sixth longest kick return in school history ... Received national recognition by ESPN as one of its "Top 10 Plays-of-the-Day" ... Had one rush for six yards while also catching a pair of passes for 20 yards ... **vs. UCF (11/4)**: Rushed five times for 16 yards ... Returned one kickoff for 13 yards ... **vs. Marshall (11/11)**: Picked up 70 all-purpose yards ... Had five receptions which included a season-long 17-yarder in the second quarter ... **vs. Rice (11/18)**: Racked up a team-high 12 rushing attempts and gained 83 yards ... Broke off a season-long 43-yard TD scamper in the third quarter ... Returned one kickoff for 23 yards ... **vs. N.C. State (11/25)**: Had one reception for 15 yards in the first quarter and added a single rushing attempt (-2 yards) ... Returned two kickoffs for 25 yards (13, 12) ... **vs. USF (12/23)**: Caught one pass for eight yards in a start at the Papajohns.com Bowl ... Returned four kickoffs for 58 yards ... Finished the contest with 66 all-purpose yards.

2005: Started all 11 games at the tailback slot ... Topped team in rushing with 684 yards on 176 carries (3.9 ypc) while scoring six ground TDs ... Second on unit in receiving with 35 catches (356 yards/10.2 ypr) ... On the other end of two scoring passes (Rice, Memphis) ... Racked up 459 kickoff return yards on 21 bring-backs ... Team leader in all-purpose yards with 1,499 (136.3 ypg) ... Established a new ECU career record for most receptions by a running back (67) ... Authored a team-high total of eight "big plays" (20+ yards) – five rushing and three receiving ... Recipient of team's Janet Overton Decal Award (45) ... **vs. Duke (9/3)**: Led the team in rushing with 65 yards on 20 attempts ... Longest run from scrimmage came on a 24-yard scamper ... Also registered four receptions for 48 yards ... Set a then-career-long with a 33-yard reception ... **vs. Wake Forest (9/17)**: Carried the ball 13 times for a gain of 102 yards (7.8 ypc) ... Added a third-quarter touchdown run which fueled ECU's comeback bid ... Made three catches for 29 yards out of the backfield and racked up 253 all-purpose yards ... **vs. West Virginia (9/24)**: Picked up a game-high 92 rushing yards on 22 carries ... Gained 66 ground yards in the first 30 minutes vs. Mountaineers ... Second on the team with a career-high seven receptions for 39 yards ... **vs. Southern Miss (10/1)**: Led team with 70 yards rushing on 18 carries ... Also returned four kickoff returns for 100 total yards, the longest on a 37-yard breakout ... Topped offense in receiving with five grabs for 41 yards ... **vs. Rice (10/8)**: Racked up a career-high 129 receiving yards, which included a personal-long 81-yard TD catch from James Pinkney late in the fourth period ... Led the team in carries (13) but gained just three yards ... Saw action on the Pirates' special teams with one kickoff return for 27 yards ... With his 129 receiving yards - combined with Aundrae Allison (109) to become the first teammates to record duo 100-yard receiving games since October 23, 1999 (Lamont Chappel/100 and Marcellus Harris/109) ... **vs. SMU (10/15)**: Carried the ball 25 times for 63 yards ... **vs. Memphis (10/22)**: Booked five receptions for 40 yards and rushed six times for a gain 22 yards in a limited Pirate ground game ... Returned two kickoffs for a total of 53 yards, with the longest being a 28-yarder that set up the Pirates' offense at the ECU 31 for the game's opening drive ... **vs. UCF (10/29)**: Had nine totes for 56 yards as well as grabbing two receptions for five yards ... **vs. Tulsa (11/12)**: Led unit in rushing with 53 yards on 10 carries ... His 39-yard gain established a new season-long ... Did not make a catch out of the backfield, halting his consecutive games with a reception streak at 18 ... **vs. Marshall (11/19)**: Carried the ball 18 times for 106 yards, his third career triple-digit rushing effort ... Scored a career-high three touchdowns (2, 2, 16) ... Hauled in one Pinkney pass for a gain of 21 yards ... **vs. UAB (11/26)**: Closed out the season with 52 yards on 22 attempts ... Scored on a 10-yard run as the first quarter expired ... Notched 60 kickoff return yards on three attempts.

2004: Enjoyed high-impact true freshman season, playing in all 11 games while making seven starts (Wake Forest, Louisville, Tulane, Southern Miss, USF, Memphis and N.C. State) ... Selected to the Conference USA All-Freshman squad as a running back and kickoff return specialist ... Chosen as program's "Outstanding Newcomer-of-the-Year" ... Led the Pirates in rushing yards (561), kickoff return yards (765) and all-purpose yards (1,562) ... Ranked 74th in KOR and 24th in all-purpose yards (nationally) ... Also recorded team-highs with 134 carries (4.2 ypc) and rushing touchdowns (two vs. Tulane, one each against Wake Forest, Army and Memphis) ... Averaged 20.7 yards per kickoff return (37 attempts) ... Set a total of eight ECU freshman single-game or single-season records ... Ranked as ECU's second-leading receiver with 32 catches for 236 yards (7.4 ypc, 21.5 ypg) ... On receiving end of two scoring tosses (Southern Miss and USF) ... Rushed for seven yards on a pair of carries vs. WVU ... Averaged 20 yards per kickoff return (5-100) against Mountaineers in collegiate debut ... Rushed for 96 yards and a touchdown vs. Wake Forest ... 86-yard jaunt vs. Demon Deacons was the second-longest rush ever by an ECU freshman and seventh longest overall ... Returned two kickoffs for 42 yards (21.0 ypr) against Wake Forest ... Led Pirates in rushing with 29 yards against Cincinnati ... Returned three kickoffs for 74 yards, including a career-long 39-yarder versus the Bearcats ... Started at tailback against Louisville carrying the ball 20 times for 65 yards ... Returned seven kickoffs for a total of 132 yards (18.8 avg.) against the Cardinals ... Set career-highs in carries (31), yards rushing (158) and touchdowns (2) in win over Tulane ... Set career-highs in receptions (7), yards receiving (73), long reception (29) and receiving touchdowns (1) against Southern Miss ... Carried the ball 12 times for 39 yards and a touchdown in win over Army (zero kickoff returns) ... Ran the ball eight times for 22 yards (team-best 23-yard single carry gain) and caught two passes for 18 yards against Houston ... Returned two kickoffs for 53 yards (26.5 avg.) vs. the Cougars ... Collected 212 all-purpose yards against USF (63 rushing, 58 receiving, 90 kickoff returns) ... Scored Pirates' only offensive touchdown versus USF with an 18-yard touchdown reception ... Rushed for 43 yards on 13 carries, caught six passes for 43 yards and returned two kickoffs for 43 yards versus Memphis ... Held to just 15 rushing yards (13 carries) and eight receiving yards (two catches) in season finale vs. N.C. State but racked up a season-high 144 kickoff return yards (6 attempts/24.0 ypr) against the Wolfpack ... Caught a pass in 10 straight games - the longest active streak on the squad ... Inked with the Pirate program as a wide receiver during the traditional signing period.

High School: An All-Orange County selection as a senior ... Earned MVP honors for play during the Orange County All-Star Game ... Rated among the top 100 players in state of Florida by *SuperPrep Magazine* ... Rushed for more than 1,000 yards as a junior ... Scored eight touchdowns during senior year despite missing four games ... Recorded prep power numbers of 265 (clean-lift) and 315 (bench-press) ... Timed at 10.62 in the 100-meter sprint ... Ran anchor leg on fastest 4x100 relay team in the nation and won Golden South and Golden West national titles in track. **Personal:** Full name is Christopher Duan Johnson ... Born September 23, 1985 at Orlando, Fla. ... Major is communications

JOHNSON'S CAREER RUSHING STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	APC	TD	LONG
2004	11/7	134	614	53	561	4.2	5	86 (WFU)
2005	11/11	176	761	77	684	3.9	6	39 (TLS)
2006	12/5	78	346	32	314	4.0	4	43 (RICE)
2007	13/13	236	1,468	45	1,423	6.0	17	70 (UM)
Totals	47/36	624	3,189	207	2,982	4.8	32	86 (WFU)

*Career-high rushing attempts – 31 vs. Tulane (10/09/04)**Career-high rushing yards – 301 vs. Memphis (11/03/07)**Career-high rush TDs – 4 vs. Memphis (11/03/07)***JOHNSON'S CAREER RECEIVING STATISTICS**

Year	G/GS	NO	YDS	AVG.	TD	LONG
2004	11/7	32	236	7.4	2	29 (USM)
2005	11/11	35	356	10.2	2	81 (RICE)
2006	12/5	21	176	8.4	0	17 (MAR)
2007	13/13	37	528	14.3	6	78 (UNC)
Totals	47/36	125	1,296	10.4	10	81 (RICE)

*Career-high receptions – 7 vs. USM (10/23/04), WVU (09/24/05)**Career-high reception yards – 136 vs. North Carolina (09/08/07)**Career-high reception TDs – 2 vs. North Carolina (09/08/07)***JOHNSON'S CAREER KICKOFF RETURN STATISTICS**

Year	G	NO	YDS	AVG.	TD	LONG
2004	11	37	765	20.7	0	39 (UC)
2005	11	21	459	21.9	0	43 (WFU)
2006	12	21	482	23.0	1	96 (USM)
2007	13	36	1,009	28.0	1	96 (UCF)
Totals	47	115	2,715	23.6	2	96 (USM)

*Career-high kickoff return game – 194 vs. UCF (10/06/07)***JOHNSON'S EAST CAROLINA RECORD BOOK (either broken or tied)**

Game - most all-purpose yards	408 (UM/BSU)
Game - highest KOR average	48.5 (UCF)
Game - most KOR TDs scored.....	1 (UCF)
Season - most rushing TDs scored.....	17
Season - most reception yards by RB	528
Season - most reception TDs by RB	6
Season - most points scored.....	144
Season - most TDs scored.....	24
Season - most all-purpose yards	2,960
Season - most kickoff return yards.....	1,009
Career - most receptions by RB	125
Career - most reception yards by RB.....	1,296
Career - most reception TDs by RB	10
Career - most TDs scored	44
Career - most all-purpose yards.....	6,993
Career - most kickoff returns.....	115
Career - most kickoff return yards	2,715
Career - most KOR TDs scored	2