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Va. Tech Hokies vs. East Carolina Pirates
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Skip Holtz

East Carolina

Head Coach

“What a great win. I’m so proud of these players. I can not say how proud I am of them. The way they competed, the way they hung in there. The way that they tried, they never gave up. It would have been so easy at so many times to just give up. We kept making it so hard on ourselves. We come back at halftime and I told the team, we’re giving it away. Let’s just make them beat us and try to eliminate the mistakes. It was just a rollercoaster, going back and forth, up and down. I’m just so proud of these players, the way that they competed. They never gave up, they never quit, they kept believing. The leadership was awesome.”

“Patrick Pinckney today, I said he was having a great camp, we gave him some time to sit back there. He’s been throwing the ball accurately, he’s elusive, he’s been doing some great things to lead this team offensively. The fans were awesome, what a great win for the program and for the fans and alumni. When you see all that purple and gold in this stadium here in Charlotte, it’s been an awesome, awesome experience.”



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Patrick Pinkney

East Carolina

Quarterback

Re: Scheduling

“It’s what we wanted. That’s how Coach Holtz set the schedule and we put a team effort together.”

Re: Drive to Pull it Within Two

“Everybody made plays. That’s what the offense has to do, it has to execute. Everybody did their job.”

Re: Difference in Halves

“Yeah, we were inconsistent. But we knew that at halftime. We were shooting ourselves in the foot. Virginia Tech came out and played hard. But we had to take care of ourselves and we came out and executed in the second half. And that’s why we won. This game is over and we have to get ready for West Virginia.”



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Quentin Cotton

East Carolina

Linebacker

Re: His Feelings

“Great feeling, great win. Virginia Tech was a great team. It was a hard fought game, it just happened that we came out on top.”

Re: Defensive Play

“You know what the saying is, defense wins championships and offense sells tickets. Coach told us from the get-go that it was going to be two battles of the defense and we just need the O to come along. And just that team camaraderie, how we stuck together throughout. Don’t get me wrong that Virginia Tech is a great team, I give them the utmost respect, the ACC defending champions. But we just came out and played hard and we came out on top.”

Re: Coach Holtz’s comments before final drive

“He just told us that we had to go out there and play defense. That’s what you came to East Carolina to do, so go out there and do it.”



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Nick Johnson

East Carolina

Linebacker

Re: Impact of Victory

“It’s big for us, but it’s even bigger for our community back there in Eastern North Carolina. It’s a top program like Virginia Tech, a good team, a real good team. I’m sure they will have lots of success this season. It’s just exciting, it really hasn’t hit me yet that we pulled out that victory.”

Re: Feeling of Getting an INT in Hometown Stadium

“It’s an awesome feeling to come back home and make a play to help change the game. The whole defense had a stellar game, I was glad we pulled it out. It’s an unbelievable feeling. We’ll just go back to Greenville and celebrate this and get ready for West Virginia.”