



**POST GAME NOTES**  
East Carolina Pirates at Southern Miss Golden Eagles  
Nov. 15, 2008 • M.M. Roberts Stadium • 3:00 PM



**INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

- **Team Captains:** Patrick Pinkney (offense), Pierre Bell (defense) and Ben Hartman (special teams).
- **Consecutive starting streaks:** Jay Ross (20), C.J. Wilson (19), Van Eskridge (17), Pierre Bell (16), Davon Drew (14), Cory Dowless (10), Sean Allen (10) and Dekota Marshall (10).
- **First career starts:** Darryl Freeney (WR).
- **Starting streaks snapped:** Zack Slate (26 games).
- **Patrick Pinkney** completed his first seven passes of the game for 83 yards before an incompleting in the second quarter ... Finished the game completing 20-of-34 passes for 189 yards and two interceptions ... He now has 280 career completions, which ties him for sixth place on the schools all-time completions charts.
- **Norman Whitley** rushed for 71 yards on 14 carries
- **Alex Taylor** caught a career-high four passes for 42 yards.
- **Davon Drew** caught one pass for 39 yards (tied career-long).
- **C.J. Wilson** had seven tackles (five solo, two assists) in the game including two TFLs (-15 yards) ... Registered his 7.5 sack of the season in the third quarter and now has 18.5 sacks for his career ...
- **Reyn Willis** caught his first career pass in the first quarter (six yards).
- **Joe Womack** caught two passes on the day including a 34-yarder in the first quarter (career-long) ... Finished with a career-high 51 yards
- **Ben Hartman** was 1-for-4 on the afternoon (made: 31; missed: 35, 41, 39) ... He has made at least one FG in seven consecutive games dating back to the N.C. State contest (2008), which is a new personal-best streak ...
- **Travis Simmons'** six yard punt return in the second quarter was the first of his career.
- **Robert Jones** combined with C.J. Wilson on a 3-yard TFL in the first quarter... Finished the game with two tackles (solo, assisted) both were TFLs (-4 yards).
- **Jay Ross'** lone tackle came at the end of the first quarter when he dropped Austin Davis for an 11-yard loss ... He now has 2.5 sacks on the season and five TFLs ...
- **Dwayne Harris** caught six passes for 28 yards ... He has recorded at least four receptions in 9-of-10 games played this season with a career-best 10 receptions coming against N.C. State (9/20) ... Moved into fourth place on the schools single-season receptions chart (58) with his six receptions.
- **J.J. Milbrook** stripped the ball from Shawn Nelson in the third quarter and returned it 26 yards ... It was his first forced fumble and fumble recovery of the season ... Finished the game with one tackle (solo).
- **J.R. Rogers** caught his first collegiate pass out of the backfield for nine yards in the fourth quarter.
- **Van Eskridge** tallied seven stops (six solo, assist) and shared the team lead with **Pierre Bell** (six solo, assist), Scotty Robinson (five solo, two assists) and Wilson. Robinson's seven tackles was a new career-high.

**TEAM NOTES**

- **Attendance:** 30,658
- The 21-3 loss snaps ECU's three-game winning streak and they fall to 6-4 overall and 4-2 in C-USA action.
- Ben Hartman's 31-yard FG in the second quarter extended the Pirates school record to 136 games without being shutout. The last time ECU was blanked came on Oct. 4, 1997 against Syracuse in the Carrier Dome 56-0.
- ECU's three points is a Skip Holtz era low and the fewest points since 1997 when the Pirates were shutout by Syracuse (see above note).
- ECU had four receivers with a reception of 10 or more yards (Harris-12; Womack-34, 17; Taylor-14; Drew-39).
- ECU did not score on either opening drive has scored on 10 of its 20 opening-half drives this year.
- The Pirates have not scored an offensive TD in the first quarter since West Virginia (9/6/08). They have only scored three points in the first quarter in the last four games and nine since Oct. 11, 2008 against UVA.
- Ten different ECU receivers caught at least one pass in the game.
- ECU's 66 yards rushing was the lowest since their 56-yard performance earlier in the season at Tulane (9/13/08).
- The 255 total yards of offense was a season-low for the Pirates.