

STADIUM

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Pirates

DOWDY STUDENT STORES

OFFICIAL STATS

14	RUSHING	1
46	PASSING	0
60	TOTAL	1
1:39	TOP	1:04

BAGWELL FIELD



NORTH CAROLINA Educational Lottery

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DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM

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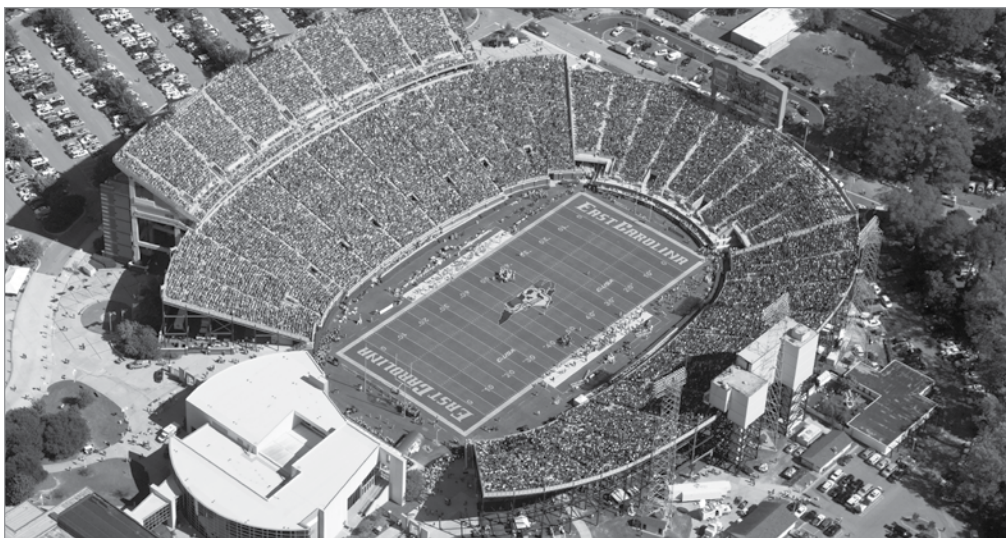
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Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium



The Early Years

The original plan for ECU's current football facility was announced Oct. 7, 1961, by Dr. Leo Jenkins, Chancellor of the College, at a meeting of the Society of Buccaneers. Within a year, \$283,387 had been raised, although the goal had been only \$200,000. With the funds in hand, Ficklen Stadium was built.

The James Skinner Ficklen Memorial Stadium was dedicated Sept. 21, 1963, as East Carolina defeated Wake Forest, 20-10.

The original stadium consisted of the permanent stands on the south side, a small press box, and the old lighting system which was removed after the 1974 season. Total cost was \$300,000.

The north side permanent seating was constructed in 1968, increasing the stadium seating capacity to 20,000.

The Namesakes

In April 1994, Ron and Mary Ellen Dowdy, of Orlando, Fla., announced a \$1 million gift to the ECU Educational Foundation. The gift would go toward the ongoing expansion of ECU's football stadium, which was renamed Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Ron Dowdy, who was a member of the school's Board of Trustees, currently oversees commercial leases, residential apartments, and several other enterprises as part of Dowdy Properties in Orlando. Dowdy, a 1966 graduate of ECU, has been involved with many civic organizations, including the Executive Committee of the Florida Citrus Sports Association, the Board of Directors for the Florida Citrus Bowl, the Board of Directors at Humana Hospital Lucerne in Orlando and the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee in Orange County.

The late James Skinner Ficklen, a Greenville resident, distinguished himself as one of America's leading tobaccoists. At the time of his death in 1955, Ficklen was President and Chairman of the Board of the E.B. Ficklen Tobacco Company of Greenville. He was a close friend of the college and established a financial aid foundation, the Ficklen Foundation, to aid students of the college.

Bagwell Field

Since graduating in the early 1970s, Al and Debby Bagwell have been gracious friends of the university with Al serving on the Pirate Club's Executive Committee in 1994-95 and being appointed to the University's Board of Visitors in 1998. The couple from Lake Gaston, Va., was honored in 1997 for their gift to the Pirate Club's Shared Visions Campaign. For their contributions on behalf of the University and to the ECU Educational Foundation, the Bagwells had their name become a permanent mark on the ECU landscape as the field is now recognized as Bagwell Field at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Stadium Lighting

The first major renovation in Ficklen Stadium was the lighting system, a change that occurred just before the 1975 season opened. The old inner stadium lights on six poles were removed and replaced with six towers outside the stadium. The system is a combination of metallic and incandescent lights. There are 288 fixtures of 1500 watts each on six 162-foot towers. Cost of the system was \$450,000.

Early Expansion

A radical change greeted fans as the 1978 season opened. An expansion on all four corners boosted the stadium's seating capacity from 20,000 to 35,000, the third-largest stadium in North Carolina. The expansion was made possible with \$2.5 million through a drive in the spring of 1977.

In addition to more seats, the current press box with three levels and an elevator for access was built. The press box has space for 92 writers and an entire floor for broadcast media.

Last Expansion

After additions on the north side (upper deck in 1998 and club-level seating in 1999) increased the stadium's capacity to 43,000, East Carolina completed a 7,000-seat expansion project in the east endzone that pushed the seating availability to 50,000 in time for Ruffin McNeill's Pi-

rate head coaching debut in September, 2010. In addition, Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium received an aesthetic enhancement the same year when 10,200 purple chairback seats replaced existing bleachers inside the 35-yard lines on both sides of the facility.

Playing Surface

During the summer of 1983, a complete renovation was done on the playing surface. A new drainage system, a new base of gravel and sand, new treated topsoil, and a new grass (Tifton 419 Hybrid Bermuda). Most recently, the facility was completely re-sodded during the late spring of 2014.

Scoreboard

A new 84'-wide x 28'-tall high definition-rated score/video board accompanied the 7,000-seat endzone expansion in the summer of 2010. The new board, which ranks among the 25 largest in college football, features state-of-the-art video capabilities for fan enjoyment. In addition, a new auxiliary scoreboard was added to the Murphy Center on the west side to give spectators easy visibility access from all viewing locations. 🏠

Stadium, Pirate Traditions



Cannon

A tradition that dates back to at least 1967, the cannon in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium's endzone is fired at the end of the National Anthem, when the team runs onto the field, when the Pirates score and at the conclusion of all games.

Purple Haze

The classic Jimi Hendrix tune is played prior to the start of every home football game as the Pirates take to the field through a cloud of purple smoke. The team entrance was enhanced in 2010 with an inflatable pirate head the team runs through to reach the west endzone.

Mascot

The costumed Pirate mascot became associated with East Carolina in 1983. Other team mascots through the years have been a dog, "Pete," which accompanied the team in the 1970s, students dressed as parrots or pirates, and even a live wildcat, which served as the mascot in 1930-31.



First Down Pirates!

The "First Down ... Pirates" cheer was initiated by former public dress announcer Jon Moore and has continued since his retirement. The cheer follows a key ECU first down play when the announcer gives the spot of the ball and saying, "Where it is a first down ..." followed by the crowd's yell of "Pirates!"

No Quarter

The Pirates adopted a new set of flag raising ceremonies at home football games in 2007, and perhaps the most popular one has been the "No Quarter." Hoisted prior to the fourth quarter to replace the traditional black skull and crossbones Jolly Roger symbol, the red "No Quarter" flag signifies the Pirates will now take no prisoners and give no quarter to their enemy.

Alma Mater

The ECU Alma Mater is "Hail to Thy Name So Fair." It first appeared in the 1940-41 ECTC Student Handbook where it was attributed to a student by the name of Harold A. McDougle ('44). McDougle later became a part-time instructor in the Music Department at ECTC (1946-47) and a music teacher at Greenville High School (1947-48).

School Colors

The school colors for East Carolina University - purple and gold - go back to the time when the first students arrived on campus in 1909. ECU historian Dr. Mary Jo Bratton, the author of "East Carolina University The Formative Years 1907-1982," said the selection of school colors represented one of the first traditions established by the students. In the early fall of 1909 the administration asked students for their suggestions on school colors. Old gold and royal purple won the vote.

In the following year, the colors carried over to the school's first baseball team, a club team that won most of its games. According to Bratton, the opening game produced a 6-2 win for East Carolina against a local Greenville team. The newspaper account of the game credited the effective cheering of the young ladies of the school for "winning the victory for the purple and gold." 🏠



Top Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Crowds

	Attendance	Opponent	Date	Score
1.	50,610	North Carolina	Oct. 1, 2011	L, 35-20
2.	50,410	NC State	Oct. 16, 2010	W, 33-27 (OT)
3.	50,345	Southern Miss	Nov. 5, 2011	L, 48-28
4.	50,277	UCF	Nov. 19, 2011	W, 38-31
5.	50,191	Navy	Nov. 6, 2010	L, 76-35
6.	50,145	Marshall	Oct. 23, 2010	W, 37-10
7.	50,096	Virginia Tech	Sept. 14, 2013	L, 15-10
8.	* 50,092	NC State	Nov. 20, 1999	W, 23-6
9.	50,023	UAB	Sept. 24, 2011	W, 28-23
10.	50,010	Tulsa	Sept. 5, 2010	W, 51-49
11.	49,410	Tulane	Oct. 29, 2011	W, 34-13
12.	49,404	Virginia Tech	Sept. 10, 2011	L, 17-10
13.	49,108	SMU	Nov. 26, 2010	L, 45-38 (OT)
14.	49,023	Appalachian State	Sept. 1, 2012	W, 35-13
15.	48,327	Navy	Oct. 27, 2012	L, 56-28

*denotes utilization of portable bleachers

Home Game Total — Season

Year	G	Attendance	Average	Record
2011	6	300,069	50,012	3-3
2010	6	297,987	49,665	4-2
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Road Game Average — Season

Year	G	Attendance	Average	Record
1986	6	319,357	53,223	0-6
1985	6	313,550	52,258	1-5
1996	5	236,001	47,200	3-2
1987	6	273,929	45,655	2-4
1995	6	262,670	43,778	3-3

All Games Average — Season

Year	G	Attendance	Average	Record
2010	13	564,754	43,443	*6-7
2012	13	560,175	43,090	*8-5
1985	11	466,732	42,430	2-9
2008	14	580,597	41,471	*9-5
1996	11	448,672	40,788	8-3

*bowl appearance

2013 C-USA Attendance Leaders

No.	School	Avg. Attendance
1.	East Carolina	43,985
2.	UTSA	29,214
3.	UTEP	28,375
4.	Marshall	25,023
5.	North Texas	23,509
6.	Southern Miss	22,752
7.	Tulsa	19,893
8.	Tulane	19,747
9.	Rice	18,785
10.	Middle Tennessee	18,714
11.	Louisiana Tech	18,666
12.	FIU	15,453
13.	Florida Atlantic	14,552
14.	UAB	10,548

2013 Non-AQ BCS Attendance Leaders

No.	School (overall national rank)	Avg. Attendance
1.	East Carolina (54th)	43,985
2.	Fresno State (63rd)	37,843
3.	Boise State (68th)	34,366
4.	San Diego State (71st)	33,224
5.	Air Force (73rd)	32,652

Pirates in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium (1963-2013)

Year	G	Attend.	Average	Record	Of Note ...
1963	5	51,500	10,300	5-0-0	ECU defeats Wake Forest, 20-10, in front of 17,000 people in first game at Ficklen Stadium
1964	4	47,322	11,831	3-1-0	
1965	4	56,834	14,209	4-0-0	
1966	5	60,164	12,033	3-2-0	Ficklen Stadium is home to the Pirates' first Southern Conference championship team
1967	5	65,505	12,901	3-2-0	
1968	5	66,187	13,237	2-3-0	
1969	5	45,837	9,167	1-4-0	
1970	4	48,264	12,066	1-3-0	
1971	5	72,585	14,517	3-2-0	
1972	5	65,311	13,066	5-0-0	ECU beats The Citadel, 27-21, in first televised game at Ficklen Stadium
1973	5	84,352	16,870	5-0-0	
1974	5	82,376	16,475	5-0-0	
1975	5	77,844	15,537	4-1-0	
1976	5	88,691	17,738	5-0-0	
1977	4	84,464	21,617	3-1-0	
1978	5	125,644	25,129	5-0-0	Over 100,000 people come through turnstiles for first time in stadium history
1979	5	116,693	23,339	5-0-0	
1980	5	97,789	19,558	2-3-0	
1981	5	103,476	20,695	3-2-0	Pirates score a stadium-record 66 points in 66-23 win over East Tennessee State
1982	4	87,169	21,792	4-0-0	
1983	4	113,967	28,492	4-0-0	Pirates go undefeated at home and finish ranked No. 20
1984	4	104,972	26,243	2-2-0	
1985	5	153,182	30,636	1-4-0	
1986	5	123,089	24,617	2-3-0	
1987	5	138,297	27,659	3-2-0	
1988	6	146,508	24,418	1-5-0	
1989	5	135,568	27,114	4-0-1	
1990	5	136,639	27,328	3-2-0	
1991	5	155,415	31,083	5-0-0	ECU records its first-ever victory over South Carolina; Jeff Blake's one-yard option TD run and subsequent two-point conversion lifts Pirates past No. 23 Pittsburgh
1992	5	164,068	32,814	3-2-0	
1993	5	134,482	26,896	2-3-0	
1994	5	159,805	31,961	3-2-0	Junior Smith rushes for 60 yards vs. Southern Miss to become ECU's all-time leading rusher
1995	5	151,889	30,378	5-0-0	
1996	5	146,324	29,264	4-1-0	
1997	5	164,375	32,875	3-2-0	ECU joins Conference USA after 20 years as an independent
1998	5	158,716	31,743	3-2-0	
1999	5	200,495	40,099	4-1-0	ECU beats N.C. State, 23-6, in the Wolfpack's first-ever trip to Greenville in front of 50,092
2000	6	217,742	36,290	4-2-0	
2001	5	186,875	37,375	2-3-0	
2002	5	148,144	29,626	3-2-0	
2003	6	198,073	33,012	0-6-0	North Carolina makes its first-ever trip to Greenville in front of 44,040 at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
2004	5	153,418	30,684	2-3-0	ECU surpasses the 5 million mark in total attendance
2005	5	165,230	33,046	3-2-0	
2006	6	223,006	37,168	4-2-0	
2007	6	249,219	41,537	4-2-0	ECU eclipses the 40,000 mark in five of six games; Pirates top Tar Heels 34-31 in home opener
2008	5	210,080	42,016	4-1-0	Pirates draw full capacity (43,000) in three of five games; East Carolina stuns No. 8 Mountaineers 24-3 in home opener on ESPN
2009	7	292,191	41,742	6-1-0	ECU announces sell-outs for all six regular season games; Pirates defeat Houston in C-USA title game at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
2010	6	297,987	49,665	4-2-0	A 7,000-seat expansion is completed and capacity is pushed to 50,000
2011	6	*300,069	*50,012	3-3-0	Pirates set new single-season records in total and average attendance for the second-straight campaign in 50,000-seat stadium
2012	6	282,076	47,013	5-1-0	ECU surpasses the 7 million mark in total attendance
2013	6	263,910	43,985	5-1-0	50th Anniversary celebration; topped 1 million attendance mark since expansion
Totals	253	7,415,328	29,310	172-86-1	

*school record

Strength & Conditioning



The Murphy Center, still considered one of the athletic department's newest facilities, is located between Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and Minges Coliseum. It's one of the largest and best-equipped strength and conditioning centers in the country.

ECU's Board of Trustees approved the project in the spring 1997, thus putting it into the athletics department staff's hands to make this 52,475-square-foot, two-story strength and conditioning/Pirate Club multipurpose center a reality.

ECU's strength and conditioning programs for its student-athletes are based out of the 22,000-square-foot first floor of the \$13 million facility. The weight room has revolutionized the Pirates' strength and conditioning efforts.

The center opened for workouts in June 2002 and was dedicated at ECU's home football game on September 14, 2002.

The second floor of the building features a private dining area for recruits as well as a 9,000-square-foot banquet hall and a large terrace with a view of the football stadium for Pirate Club functions.

Scattered throughout the facility is a stunning array of photomurals, sports memorabilia and trophies.

Because of its location behind the Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium endzone and its connection to Minges Coliseum, the Murphy Center is an ideal place for Pirate Club members to socialize at both football and basketball games.

East Carolina University's student-athletes train for competition under the direct supervision of Assistant Athletics Director for Strength and Conditioning Jeff Connors. The 2014-15 full-time strength staff consists of assistants Blaine Kinsley, Dan Millington, Matthew Slachetka and Aaron Walker. 🐉

Athletic Training

The student-athlete at East Carolina University has the luxury of having one of the most dedicated health care teams in the Southeast. Directed by Mike Hanley, Assistant Director of Athletics for Medical Services, along with trainers Nathan Clark, Ben Crawford, Jake Moore (head football athletic trainer), Jennifer Rangelova, Sharon Rogers, Zac Womack, Ashley Yartin, Tracy Yoshikawa, and team physician Dr. Joe Armen, the ECU Athletic Training program provides every Pirate student-athlete the best available care for their injuries. Hanley, the 2009 National Athletic Trainer's Association (NATA) Trainer-of-the-Year, and his staff are assisted by a wide array of community-based physicians and other health care providers. 🐉

Housed in the Ward Sports Medicine Building adjacent to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and Minges Coliseum, the main athletic training room is a modern facility complete with the latest equipment. Satellite athletic training rooms are located in Minges Coliseum, Murphy Strength and Conditioning Center, Clark-LeClair Stadium and the Olympic Sports Complex. 🐉

Athletic Training Staff

Mike Hanley	Assistant AD for Medical Services
Nate Clark	Associate Athletic Trainer (Men's Basketball)
Ben Crawford	Assistant Athletic Trainer (Track & Field)
Jake Moore	Head Football Athletic Trainer
Jennifer Rangelova	Associate Athletic Trainer (Softball)
Sharon Rogers	Assistant Professor (Men's/Women's Golf)
Brian Wiese	Assistant Athletic Trainer (Football)
Zac Womack	Head Athletic Trainer (Baseball)
Ashley Yartin	Associate Athletic Trainer (Women's Basketball)
Tracy Yoshikawa	Assistant Athletic Trainer (Soccer)
Katie Walsh Flanagan	Education Program Director
Linda Miller	Office Assistant and Insurance Coordinator
Krista Carano	Graduate Assistant
Kayla Payne	Graduate Assistant
Jessica Russo	Graduate Assistant
Alyssa Tendall	Graduate Assistant

Professional Consultants

Dr. John Siegel	Team Physician Emeritus
Dr. Joe Armen	Team Physician/Student Health Services
Dr. Randy Fussell	Dentistry
Dr. Phil Perdue	Orthopedics
Dr. Chris Hasty	Orthopedics
Dr. Stuart Lee	Neurosurgery
Dr. Walt Jenkins	Physical Therapy
Dr. Kevin Youngs	Physical Therapy
Dr. Dennis McGee	Chiropractic
Dr. Greg Murphy	Urology
Dr. Peter Wagner	Cardiology
Jared Miller	Sports Medicine Fellow