



## POST-GAME QUOTES

*SMU Mustangs at EAST CAROLINA Pirates*

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### **East Carolina Head Coach Scottie Montgomery**

-Falling behind early in the game:

"Huge, from the get-go too big of a whole and then defensively we couldn't get a stop. If you take a look at this game there are two categories that we lost the game in, turnovers and third down conversions. We couldn't get them off the field, they got us off the field and we turned the ball over. We moved the ball as well as any other game we have been in. It was just heartbreaking to see us turn the ball over like that."

-Mindset moving into the next two weeks

"It's a big time evaluation process for everybody; coaches, players. We have to restart the process and what we ask of our guys when they start this process is to be courteous and courageous because that is what it is going to take to become a better football program."

-Thought about playing youth over seniors

"I will never flip the clock on these seniors. The guys that have played hard for us, the seniors that have worked every day, in here early in the morning and here late at night, we are not going to turn the page on them. We will try to get some more people playing and to see some new guys playing there is no question about that but we will never flip the page on the seniors."



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### **SMU Head Coach Chad Morris**

-On the performance coming off of Memphis loss:

"There was a lot of embarrassment coming into this week. Coming off the performance that we had last week, we had to make a decision Sunday night. It was a self-check that went into play. We had a great week of practice. There was a lot of unbelievable preparation that had been done all week long. I knew we would respond and we did. We put in too many hours of hard work not to respond with our performance tonight."

On the success of the running game:

"It was great to have those two young men to come out of the blocks and be able to run the football. When you are able to run the football three things happen: the passing game opens up, Courtland Sutton is effective when you run the ball and you saw that tonight and we were able to create turnovers. Last week, we weren't able to create any turnovers. This week, we created some turnovers and were able to score off a couple of them. It is just amazing how it works hand-in-hand."

-On the play of Horace Richardson:

"He came up big in the right moment. Especially coming out right before the half ended. They go down and score and then they get the ball right back. They had the momentum and were moving. How we were able to respond defensively and come back and score was huge. Again, it says so much about those guys. It was great to see our seniors making some plays. It was about a response this week. It was about a challenge and response and these guys stepped up and responded the right way. We were able to come back this week and now back into our home stadium to redeem ourselves."