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East Carolina Head Coach Scottie Montgomery

On the Senior Class

"They battled. They are great people that really worked. They had to go into a tough transition their senior year. They just really battled."

On his thoughts on the game

"We fought hard but this game is one of those games, especially when you play against a team like Navy, the two three-and-out possessions, the scored touchdowns and the muffed kickoff return make it hard to get into the game when you are trying to steal possessions."

On Zay Jones breaking FBS career receptions record

"I am so happy for him. He has just been wonderful. He had a seamless transition into this new staff and new situation and new mindset. I couldn't be happier for him."

On being a part of Zay's season and breaking the record

"You never get to be a part of something like this. I have never been a part of anything like this where the guy had the chance to break the record at the beginning of the year. He had so far to go to get it done. We are so happy he was able to get it done in front of his family but really in front of Pirate Nation."

On his thoughts about next week

"We have another game. We have to get one on the road. We will come out and prepare. That is a beat up team down there, no question about it. It was really hard for us on defense at the end of the second quarter to get guys out there. We have to do what we can to get healthy and head up to Temple to get a victory."



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Navy Head Coach Ken Niumatalolo

"It was great. Nobody gave us much respect this year. I think our kids took that to heart this offseason. As late as last Thursday I think there were some people who wanted Houston, but our kids kept their mouths quiet and kept working the whole time. I'm proud of the way they played. We are excited about this win."

On what changed in the second quarter

"We just had to stay patient. We gave up some. We had a missed assignment on that early post route they got. We just had to settle down a little bit defensively and offensively we just had to be patient."

On Will Worth

"He's leading the way. The way we're playing is a direct reflection of him. We're tough. We're hard-nosed. We don't relent. We don't back down. It's just tenacity. His grit and determination have just enveloped our whole team."

"The people who believed in Will were Will, his parents and Coach Jasper. You were hoping that he could play well but at this level. He's just been playing exceptional and he's playing at an extraordinary level right now. Just hats off to the kid. He's a good kid who comes from a great family. He has great parents. He's been the backup all these years and has just kept working. I'm very happy for him."

On the defense

"We just had to settle down. The kickoff team helped us getting guys down. I think once we settled down we were fine."

"We've been playing for this for a long time. We've wanted to be in the championship game for a while. We've had a plan all along to play in the championship game and follow Army all along."

On Jamir Tillman's catch

"It's the same thing I talked about earlier about having will and coming up with the big plays. Jamir just keeps coming up with big plays after big plays. He's helped make it a phenomenal year for us."