



**POST-GAME QUOTES**  
**NC STATE Wolfpack at EAST CAROLINA Pirates**  
**Sept. 10, 2016 • Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium • 12 noon (EST)**



**East Carolina Head Coach Scottie Montgomery**

**Thoughts about first in-state rivalry game:**

“It is a grand day. I don’t think anybody but Pirate Nation knew what this was going to be like. It was hot out here. Our fans didn’t go anywhere. They were rowdy, they got here early this morning. We couldn’t even get down Charles Street. It is going to be a great day.”

**Thoughts about the game:**

“We knew we left a lot of missed opportunities offensively on the field and we had some stuff start that we wanted to come back too. In the middle of the third quarter I felt like our defensive was starting to settle a little bit. Whenever that happens, you just have to tell the coordinator there is no bullets left in the gun let’s do what we can do.”

**Thoughts about miscues:**

“That is team football. You are going to have some bad plays, gave up some bad plays early in the game. Physically, they have some really good players. We didn’t get a couple of guys on the ground and then we didn’t block a few on offense, but when we got to the fourth quarter and our guys really worked well together.”

**Play of Philip Nelson:**

“Tough as nails. When he came off the field he was yelling at me “let’s go”. It is always about protection of the quarterback. I think they tried to protect him, but unfortunately this is football and he got hit. But he came back and did some really good things with the football. Third downs were great in the second half.”



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**NC State Head Coach Dave Doeren**

**General thoughts:**

“Well the made more plays than we did when it counted. I told our team that we had our chances, that we were not opportunistic at key moments.”

“On both sides of the ball we had penalties that hurt us. Our kicking game, we missed two field goals in the first half which hurt us. In a tight game like that it can always come down to one play, one call. You know there were a lot of different things that we could have done better and we had our opportunities to win the game and didn’t.”

“Every in-state game matters, there’s no doubt about it.”

**On missed opportunities:**

“There were a lot of them. The wide open wheel-rocker that we had down the sideline that was a touchdown, two field goals that we’ve gone over and over in practice. If you have one of the two, that’s overtime. That’s points off the board.”

“We had some third downs where we had a third down and 11 where we were up in the neutral zone and we stop them and then they get another third down and we kick it. Those were the things I’ve been talking about since the end of the season. You know we have to be a more mature team and at the moment of truth and we’ve got to do all the things right to become a better team. We need to get back to work and go win one together.”

**On the two-point configuration:**

“It’s something that Coach Ledford had done at Appalachian State and he runs that unit and we haven’t shown it. We knew that if we wound up in a kick that we’d have numbers and we did. They had two guys out there and we had three. If we catch that, then we walk in and we get two points. I think it was a good play call we just didn’t execute it.”

**Problems on defense:**

“I think that third down hurt us in the first half. There were some plays early in the first quarter that I think we were too aggressive and they got behind us. Number 11 (James Summers) down the sideline we should have had guy outside to cover him and we didn’t execute. Third down defense is something we’ve got to be better at and in the second half.”