



POST-GAME QUOTES
WESTERN CAROLINA Catamounts at EAST CAROLINA Pirates
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East Carolina Head Coach Scottie Montgomery

Opening thoughts on the victory over WCU

“We did a good job this week in practice and knew we would be crisp but all in all I thought it was defense, special teams and offense kind of working together. That’s the one part in the game and one series in the game that we would like to be better at. We had an offensive mental error where we didn’t go all-out into the end and the next play, in special teams, we had a bad punt. Then the next few plays, on defense, they scored on us. That whole deal shows our team that you win like that but you can also lose like that.”

On the quarter back play of Nelson and Summers

“We knew that Phil (Nelson) was going to be special and he was going to be ready. It has been a long time since he has played. We had a whole lot to worry about outside of Phil and he handled his emotions and dealt with them all week. He prepared all week and I wasn’t shocked. James Summers, where do you want to play him at, that’s the question. We have to continue to work to make sure to get him the football but really good football at that position.”

Overall thoughts on the defense

“That is a really good football team we just played against. Offensively and defensively they were gap sound. Offensively they were hard to deal with the zone read and that number twelve Tyrie (Adams), he is a great player. He was as good with his hands as I’ve seen a long time and we have seen zone read everywhere we have been. Coach (Mark) Speir has done a great job with that team.”

Western Carolina Head Coach Mark Speir

Opening Thoughts

“Well certainly not the way we wanted to start out the 2016 season. Felt good initially about how we came out and moved the ball down and moved the ball right down the field and then we have a fumble down on their sideline going into the red zone which can’t happen. You can’t do that against an opponent. You know, I thought Tyrie (Adams) came out and threw the ball extremely well and had poise inside the pocket. Got us out of some bad situations sometimes. You know there going through the second quarter stretch there it was about 24-7 you know we’re playing okay and doing things and then that two-minute drive right there before the half were they score and then we come out and kickoff to them and they drive down the field and then you know the third quarter where we you know we lost composure there a little bit as a football team and then you know we started to have some cramps and some injuries.”

Talks on defensive play

“ You know and some young players in there and we started doing some things that are uncharacteristic and we gave up some big plays and I guess that was the most disappointing thing was that we lost some composure there in the third quarter instead of just keep chopping wood but I guess that’s our job as coaches to just keep that going but you know overall, we just got to learn from it you know there were some spots I mean we show that we can move the football we show that we can tackle, you know we gave up in the past defense and they’ve got great receivers and we gave up.”

Thoughts on upcoming weeks

“This is a team that has prepared hard just lost our composure there a little bit in the third quarter. That was the most disappointing thing. But you know, we got to learn from it and come back and prepare for a good Gardner-Webb football team coming to Cullowhee and biggest thing we’ve got to learn is that we’ve got to stay healthy and make the trip that we are going to count on for next week to go on with our season.”