

2021 FOOTBALL



Post-Game Individual Notes

TULANE Green Wave (1-4, 0-1 AAC) at EAST CAROLINA Pirates (3-2, 1-0 AAC)

Oct. 2, 2021 • Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium • Greenville, N.C.



- **Gameday Captain:** Fernando Frye and Ja'Quan McMillian ...
- **Consecutive Streaks Extended:** Tyler Snead (20), Jireh Wilson (14), Holton Ahlers (10), Bruce Biven (10) ...
- **Start Streak Snapped:** Xavier Smith (17 games) and Sean Bailey (13 games) ...
- **Holton Ahlers** completed 21-of-32 passes for 288 yards and two TDs ... Moved into third place on ECU's all-time passing yards list (8,359) passing James Pinkney (8,173/2003-06) ... Scored his third rushing TD of the season in the first quarter (17 yards) and now has 16 for his career ... It was his second-longest TD run of his career (20 yarder at UCF in 2019) ... Accounted for a three of scores on the day (2 pass, 1 rush) ... Connected with Tyler Snead on a 53-yard TD reception (2Q) and Rahjai Harris on a three-yard score (2Q) ... On the season has accounted for 10 scores (7 pass, 3 rush) and added first career receiving TD vs. Marshall (27 yards) ... Completed 657-of-1,143 for 8,359 yards and 58 touchdowns while throwing 27 interceptions ... Thrown multiple TD passes in a game 17 times in his career (3/'18, 5/'19, 6/'20, 3/'21) with a career-best six at SMU in 2019 ... Has thrown at least one scoring pass in 25 of 35 career games ... Accounted for 74 career touchdowns (58 passing, 16 rushing) ... Of those 58 aerial scores, 49 have come in league play ... Passed and ran for a score in the same game nine times (2/'18, 4/'19, 1/'20, 2/'21) ...
- **Owen Daffer** tallied career-high in points (10) in the game and has 35 on the season ... Was 1-for-2 on FGAs (made: 23/1Q; missed: 40/2Q) and 7-for-7 PATs ... On the season made 5-of-6 FGs (2/ASU, 1/SC, 1/CSU, 1/TLN) this season ... Has hit on 20-of-21 PATs 2021 (1/ASU, 2/SC, 6/MAR, 4/CSU, 7/TLN) ... Also established new career-highs in PATs (7), kickoffs (9) and total kickoff yards (563) vs. Tulane ...
- **Mason Garcia** threw his first career TD pass in the fourth quarter connecting with Ryan Jones on a 14-yard strike ... Rushed three times for six yards ...
- **Rahjai Harris** rushed for 70 yards on 20 carries with a TD ... Hauled down one pass for three yards with a TD ... Scored a pair of TDs (1 rush, 1 rec) pushing his career total to eight TDs (6 rush, 2 rec) ... Caught his first TD pass of the season (3 yards/2Q) and second of his career ... Scored three TDs on the season (2 rush, 1 rec) ...
- **C.J. Johnson** extended streak with at least one reception to 16-straight games ... Has multiple receptions in all five with his four for 52 yards on the day ... Recorded at least one reception in 25 of 26 career games (multiple 20 times) ...
- **Ryan Jones** set career-highs in receptions (six) and receiving yards (58) ... Scored his second career TD on a 14-yard strike from Mason Garcia (other was 38-yarder against App State) ...
- **Ja'Quan McMillian** picked off 11th career pass (4Q) and has four on the season for 44 return yards and a score ... Added three pass breakups on the night and has 12 on the season (24 for career) ... Intercepted a pass in four of five games (1/ASU, 1/MAR, 1/CSU, 1/TLN) this season ... Booked six stops (four solo) with 1.5 TFLs ... Registered at least one tackle in all 26 career games (multiple 23 times) ... Tallied at least four tackles in a game 15 times in his career with a career-high 10 twice (10/ASU '21, 10/CSU '21) ...
- **Keaton Mitchell** registered his third-straight 100-yard game with a career-high 222 yards on 15 carries (last ECU running back with three-straight 100-yard games was Rahjai Harris in 2020) ... His 222 rushing yards are the most since Chris Johnson had 223 against Boise State in the 2007 Hawai'i Bowl ... First Pirates with 200-plus rushing yards in a game since Breon Allen had 211 against North Carolina on Sept. 20, 2014 - span of 83 games ... Scored on a 68-yard run in the first quarter for his third rushing TD of the season (fifth of his career) ... Now has five career 100-yard rushing games (2/'20, 3/'21) ... Scored five TDs on the season (1 rec/ASU, 1 rush/MAR, 1 rush/CSU, 2 rush/TLN) ... Has eight career career TDs (3/2020, 5/2021) six coming on the ground ... Tallied 100-plus all-purpose yards in a game six times (2/'20, 4/'21) ...
- **Audie Omotosho** caught four passes for 76 yards (one shy of tying his career-high) ...
- **Xavier Smith** tallied a game-best nine tackles (five solo) with a two-yard TFL ... Registered a half TFL in three of five games in 2021 for minus six yards ... Had starting streak snapped at 17 games (was the longest on defense) ... Booked at least one tackle in 27 consecutive games (multiple in 24 times) ... Registered 12.5 career TFLs for minus 40 yards ...
- **Tyler Snead** caught four passes for 78 yards with one score ... With his six-yard grab in the first quarter moved into solo fifth on the Pirates all-time receptions list (156) passing Jason Nichols (1994-97/152) ... Moved into sixth place on ECU's all-time receptions yards with his 53-yard reception in the second quarter for a score (1,799 career receiving yards) ... Extended streak of catching at least one pass in 26-straight games with his six-yard catch in the first quarter ... Hauled in at least one reception in 28 of 30 contests (multiple 26 times) ... Has reached the end zone 19 times in his career (16/rcv, 1/rush, 2/KOR) ...

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ECU Records and Streaks:

- Has forced at least one turnover in 13-straight games (and in 24 of the last 25) ...
- Has netted at least one interception in the last seven games (most since 2013 - nine in games in a row) ...
- Has converted 14 of 16 of its 2021 redzone visits into points (and 21 of 24 in the last 6 games) ...
- Has tallied a total of 49.0 TLFs and 14.0 sacks in its last seven games ...
- Has won nine of 11 games against Tulane at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium ...
- Has won 13 of its last 15 Homecoming games ...

Pirate Team Notes:

- **Attendance:** 33,475 (ECU goes over 9 million in attendance since 1963) ...
- With the win, the ECU opened conference play 1-0 in The American for just the third time (others: 2014/win vs. SMU 45-24, 2017/win at UConn 41-38) ...
- ECU has won three-straight games for the first time since 2014 when they earned five-straight victories ... Also, first three-game AAC win streak since 2014 (SMU, USF, UConn) ... Wins during current streak are against Temple (2020), SMU (2020) and Tulane (2021) ...
- ECU extended its current streak without being shutout to 292 games (a school record) on Owen Daffer's 23-yard field goal in the first quarter ... Last time the Pirates were blanked was on Oct. 4, 1997 (56-0 at Syracuse) ... On the flipside, ECU has not recorded a defensive shutout since blanking Duke 38-0 on Sept. 2, 2000 in Durham, N.C. - a span of 261 games on Michael Pratt's 16-yard TD pass to Ygenio Booker in the second quarter ...
- ECU's 17-point lead at the end of the first quarter (17-0) is the largest Pirate lead in the first period since joining The American in 2014 (previous was 14 points against SMU in the 2020 season finale, 21-7) ...
- The Pirates 376 yards in the first half are the most in an AAC game for ECU topping the previous mark of 337 against SMU in the 2020 season finale ...
- ECU has a +62 (76-14) combined halftime point differential in its last two AAC home games (+38 vs. SMU/2020, +24 vs. Tulane/2021) ...
- The Pirates 31 first half points were a season-high and the most since scoring 45 in the first half against SMU in 2020 ...
- ECU's 310 yards rushing on the day was a season-high (previous was 168 at Marshall) ... It was the most rushing yards by the Pirates since running for 491 at Memphis on Nov. 3, 2007 ...
- Keaton Mitchell notched his third consecutive 100-yard rushing performance of the season with his 222 yards on 15 carries with two scores ... The last running back with three-straight 100-yard games was Rahjai Harris in 2020 (115/UCF, 172/Navy and 118/Tulsa) ... Mitchell rushed for 135 at Marshall, 125 vs. Charleston Southern and 222 against Tulane for a total of 482 yards over the three-game span ...
- ECU threw three TD passes in the game and has thrown at least one TD pass in 40 of last 48 games (104 of last 118 games) - did not record passing score vs. UNC/2012, MAR/2013, TEM/2014, TOW/2015, UCONN/2015, USF/2015, JMU/2016, USF/2018, TEM/2018, NCSU/2018, NCSU/2019, Navy/2019, Georgia State/2020, Navy/2020, CIN/2020 ...
- Dating back to the Georgia State game a year ago (Oct. 3), the Pirates have forced at least one turnover 13 consecutive contests (3/GSU, 2/USF, 2/Navy, 3/TLS, 1/TLN, 1/CIN, 3/TEM, 3/SMU, 1/ASU, 3/SC, 3/MAR, 1/CSU, 4/TLN) - a total of 30 during that span (18/INT, 12/FR) ...
- With Jireh Wilson's INT at the end of the first half, the Pirates have intercepted a pass in seven-straight games dating back to the 2020 season (most since 2013 - nine games in a row) ...
- ECU's defense picked off three passes marking the first time in 79 games with three pass thefts (3 vs. Cincinnati on 11/13/2014) ...