

2008 GAME RECAPS

† **East Carolina 27 Virginia Tech 22** - EC had 369-243 yd edge. VT started at EC48 but was int'd at the 9. VT went 51/11pl but was SOD at the 5. EC fmb'l & VT ret'd it 30yd for a TD & EC fmb'l'd ensuing KO & VT drove 25yd for a TD. EC went on a 70/10pl drive but miss'd 39yd FG. VT was int'd & ret'd 20yd to VT1 & EC got a TD with 1:16 left 1H, 14-7. EC open'd the 3Q w/a 61/9pl drive for TD. The xp was blk'd & ret'd for 2 so they trailed 16-13. VT went 9pl & miss'd 44yd FG. EC went on a 41/9pl drive but was SOD at the VT 32. VT went 68/3pl for a TD, 22-13 (xpng, 14:56). After 2 punts, EC went 73/9pl for a TD, 22-20 (3:36). VT got 1 FD & EC got a 27yd blk'd PR for a TD with 1:52 left & VT was SOD on 4th & 7.

EAST CAROLINA 24 WV Virginia 3 - EC dominated as they finished with a 386-251 yd edge. They took their opening drive 80/11pl for a TD. WV's QB White fmb'l'd at the EC 39. EC converted on 4th & 1 for FD to their 44 & went 56/14pl for a 42yd FG, 10-0. WV went 68/10pl for a 26yd FG, 10-3. EC missed a 44yd FG (1:30 1H) but then after a fmb'l (1:11) drove 35/3pl for a TD pass with :47 left, 17-3. EC went 86/12pl for TD on 1st poss of 3Q, 24-3 (6:05). WV punt'd on their next 3 poss. They were SOD at the EC 45 with 2:33 left.

E CAROLINA 28 TULANE 24 - EC ranked. TU opened w/a 13pl drive but was int'd at the EC32. Early 2Q, EC was int'd at own 35. TU settl'd for 47yd FGA that was blk'd & ret'd 44yd for a TD, EC 7-0. TU was SOD at the EC1 (3:32) but EC fmb'l'd 4pl later & TU drove 10/3pl for a TD, 7-7 (:59). EC gained 36yd but miss'd a 41yd FG. TU had a 143-76yd edge 1H. The 1st 4 poss of 2H were TD's. EC scored 1st & led 14-7 & 21-14, 21-21 (2:51 3Q). EC fmb'l'd at their own 31 & TU got 2 FD's to set up 1st & gl at the 6 but settl'd for 28yd FG, 24-21 (13:40). EC punt'd (11:27) then fmb'l'd at own 36 with 6:39 left. TU gained 1yd & opted to punt for a TB (5:46). EC went 80/9pl incl a 4th & 2 conv to TU24 & got a 24yd TD pass on next play, 28-24 (1:41 4Q). TU got 1 FD but was int'd at own 47.

NC STATE 30 E Carolina 24 (OT) - EC came in as a possible BCS buster. EC had an 24 yd for TD, 7-0. Two poss later (after 20 yd punt) NCSt with QB Wilson went 46/10pl for a TD, 7-7 (14:53 2Q). Two poss later EC went 77/8pl for a TD, 14-7 (9:00). EC was int'd with 2:15 left 2Q & NCSt went 48/9pl & had a FD at EC 14 but fmb'l'd & EC led 14-7 at half with 169-153 yd edge. NCSt went 60/7pl & on 3rd & 17 got a 20 yd TD pass, 14-14. EC went 63/4pl for a TD, 21-14 (9:40 3Q). After 2 punts, NCSt went 58/11pl for a 41 yd FG, 21-17. EC went 64/11pl but was SOD on 4th & gl at the 1. EC went 56/8pl for a 21-yd FG, 24-17 (4:27). NCSt ret'd KO 44 yd & got a TD with 1:12 left to force OT. EC got 1 FD but fmb'l'd after a sk & NCSt got a 10 yd TD run.

Houston 41 E CAROLINA 24 - After an exchange of TO's, UH drove 21/2pl for TD but EC got a 11yd IR TD, 7-7 (6:28 1Q). UH went 78/5pl for TD then a fmb'l set up EC for a 26yd FG on a 19yd drive, 14-10 (14:57 2Q). UH went 48/11pl & 46/8pl & miss'd 2 FG's (29, 44). UH went 80/9pl for TD with :11 left 1H & had 366-94yd edge but only led 21-10. EC took their third 3Q pass 70/6pl for TD to trail 21-17. UH went 65/13pl settl'g for a 24yd FG then got an 84yd TD pass. UH ret'd an int to the EC3 & tacked on TD, 38-17 (12:04 4Q).

VIRGINIA 35 E Carolina 20 - UVA was int'd on the 1st drive at own 42 & EC got a 45yd FG. EC miss'd a 51yd FG but got another int & drove 34/9pl for a 35yd FG, 6-0. UVA got a 79yd TD run by Peerman, 7-6. EC got off a 1yd punt & next play Peerman got a 60yd TD run, 14-6. UVA then went 61/6pl, 53/6pl for TD's to lead 28-6 (1:27) & miss'd a 38yd FG on last play of 1H. UVA had a 327-138yd edge 1H. EC open'd 3Q with 41/10pl drive for a TD. 2 poss later EC went 81/9pl for a TD, 28-20. UVA was SOD at EC 33 but EC fmb'l'd & UVA on 4th & 12, fak'd a FG for a 12yd TD pass, 35-20 (7:07). EC punt'd on next poss & fmb'l'd at own 45 on follow'g poss.

E CAROLINA 30 Memphis 10 - UM lost top 2 QB's in the 1st 12 plays & Toney (1 career att) QB'd most of the gm hitting 11/15 for 65. UM made a game of it as EC fmb'l'd a P at their own 7 & UM managed a TD on 3rd down, 7-0. EC fmb'l'd at their own 18, but UM miss'd a 40yd FG. EC got a 68yd TD run by Williams, 7-7 (6:20 2Q). UM went 58/16pl & settled for 20yd FG, 10-7 at HT. EC opened 3Q with 57/6pl drive & on 3rd & 8 got a 42yd TD pass. EC convtd a 4th & 4 & got 28yd TD pass to lead 20-10. EC then went 61/9pl for a 22yd FG, 23-10 (11:51 4Q). EC got a 26yd IR & went 32/6pl for a TD, 30-10 (4:59).

East Carolina 13 UCF 10 (OT) - UCF went 48/8pl for 49yd FG, 3-0. EC went 31/7pl but miss'd 48yd FG (14:20 2Q). UCF went 35/7pl but miss'd a 52yd FG (10:52). UCF went 80/6pl & on 3rd & 8 got 54yd TD pass with just 1:40 left 1H, 10-0. EC got 2 FD's but miss'd 46yd FG (:23). UCF had a 180-104yd at HT. EC opened 3Q with 66/12pl drive for a 27yd FG (7:57). EC rec'd an onside kick but fmb'l'd 6pl later at the UCF39. After an 8yd EC punt, UCF was at own 44 but faked a punt on 4th & 11 & were SOD at own 46. EC went 10pl, incl a 4th & 10 convers, & got a TD for 10-10 tie (1:31 4Q). Each team turned it over in the final minute. UCF was int'd on the first play of OT & EC booted a 39yd FG for the win.

E CAROLINA 19 Marshall 16 (OT) - MU was int'd on a deep pass on their 1st poss & int'd at 50 on their 2nd. 12pl later EC got a 32yd FG, 3-0. MU went 41/10pl but missed a 26yd FG then went 61/13pl for a 31yd FG, 6-3 (1:41). EC went 73/9pl for a TD with :12 left 1H, 13-3. 1H & had a 177-112 yd edge. MU opened 3Q w/a 53/10pl drive for TD, 13-9 (xpng). EC went 60/14pl but settled for a 21yd FG, 16-9. EC went on an 8pl dr but fmb'l'd at the MU15. EC's 15yd punt with 1:33 4Q set up MU at EC's 40 & they got a 34yd TD pass to Slate, 16-16 (1:21). EC went 52/8pl but missed a 42yd FG on the game's final play. MU missed a 42yd FG in OT & EC got a FD & hit a 27yd FG.

SOUTHERN MISS 21 E Carolina 3 - SM had a 404-255yd edge, but it was closer than the final. EC missed a 35yd FG in the 1Q's only scoring threat. EC settled for a 32yd FG, 3-0 (11:13). SM went 63/12pl for a TD w/4:35 left 1H & EC missed a 40yd FG with :18 left. EC had a 147-123 yd edge at HT. EC missed a 39yd FG mid-3Q then SM went 71/14pl for a TD, 14-3 (14:06). EC was int'd at the SM3 & SM got a 97yd TD pass on the next play, 21-3. EC had 2 P's & was int'd on their L3 poss.

E Carolina 17 UAB 13 - EC won despite a 5-1 TO deficit. UAB open'd w/a 60/9pl drive for TD. EC fmb'l'd at the 50. 3 P's. EC went 69/8pl for a TD, 7-7. EC went on a 10pl drive but miss'd a 43yd FG (7:04). EC was int'd at the UAB39 (5:49). UAB went on a 53/10pl drive but miss'd a 26yd FG (1:16). EC was int'd at the UAB21 (1:01). EC open'd 3Q with a 7pl drive for a 47yd FG, 10-7. EC was sk'd & fmb'l'd at own 15 & UAB got a 23yd FG, 10-10 (8:42). EC went 57/9pl but miss'd a 42yd FG. UAB went 65/10pl but settl'd for 27yd FG, 13-10 (14:12 4Q). EC got 2 FD's & fmb'l'd at the UAB43. EC got a 26yd PR to own 45, convtd 4th & 1 & went 55/9pl for a TD, 17-13 (2:20). UAB got 1 FD but was int'd at the EC31 (1:14).

E CAROLINA 53 Utep 21 - EC got two 1H int's & scored on all five 1H drives to lead 30-7. EC went 70/11pl for a TD then after an int, got a 32yd TD pass, 14-0. After a 30yd PR EC settl'd for 22yd FG & after another int off a WR, EC drove 80/8pl for a TD, 24-0. UTEP drove 74/6pl for a TD, 24-7 but EC got a 69yd KR & a TD with :22 left, 30-7. UTEP miss'd 57yd FG on final play of 1H & EC had a 282-162yd edge. EC went 76/11pl & 45/9pl for a TD & a 48yd FG, 43-7. EC fmb'l'd a punt at the 50 & UTEP got a 50yd TD pass (40-14) & UTEP rec'd the onside but was offsidess & EC drove 12pl for a 38yd FG, 46-14. UTEP got a TD with :51 left but EC ret'd the onside kick 40yd for a TD, 53-21 (:44).

E Carolina 27 TULSA 24 - CUSA Title Gm. TU had a 28-14 FD, but TU QB Johnson had 5 int's & a fmb'l. TU was int'd at the EC17. EC went 83/9pl for a TD, 7-0. TU went on an 8pl drive but had a 14pt swing when Johnson was int'd & ret'd 72 yd for a TD, 14-0. TU scor'd 2 TD's & a FG on their next 3 poss to lead 17-14 but fmb'l'd at their own 16 & EC got a 32yd FG, 17-17 (4:46). TU fmb'l'd at the EC36 on their first 3Q drive & EC's Whitley had a 69yd TD run, 24-17. TU was int'd at the EC5 (14:35) but then went 80/12pl for a TD, 24-24 (8:56). EC went 53/12pl incl a 4th & inches at own 39 & got a 36yd FG with 1:43 left & Johnson threw an int at the EC32 (1:03).