

WEEK TWO  
NORTH CAROLINA AT EAST CAROLINA

GREENVILLE, N.C. -- Freshman quarterback Holton Ahlers ran for two of East Carolina's four rushing touchdowns while Reid Herring threw for another score as the Pirates beat North Carolina 41-19 on Saturday.

Herring threw for 290 yards while directing a turnover-free performance for ECU (1-1), which was coming off a dispiriting home loss to Championship Subdivision opponent North Carolina A&T. That increased the pressure on third-year coach Scottie Montgomery to show progress after 19 losses in 25 games -- enough so that Montgomery noted this week's game was "very critical for our coaching career."

His team responded in an emotional in-state matchup, while the Tar Heels (0-2) offered another display of bad penalties and offensive struggles.

Jordan Brown ran for UNC's only touchdown, while Freeman Jones kicked four field goals. But the Tar Heels converted 5 of 16 third downs and managed 35 yards of third-quarter offense as the Pirates stretched a 21-19 halftime lead.

THE TAKEAWAY

UNC: The Tar Heels are 0-2 for the second straight season, and the problems are mounting for seventh-year coach Larry Fedora. They had ill-timed penalties, quarterback Nathan Elliott struggled to keep the offense moving consistently and the defense has yet to record a takeaway in two games. The Tar Heels were down nine players due to NCAA suspensions for secondary violations tied to players selling team-issued shoes, then lost tailback Antonio Williams (96 yards on six carries) in the second quarter when he was ejected for a helmet-to-helmet block that sent ECU cornerback Colby Gore to the hospital for evaluation.

ECU: Montgomery definitely needed this one, even if only to ease the already intense pressure a bit. Among the positive signs: The Herring-led offense converted 11 of 19 third downs while finding success on the ground (220 yards) and through the air. That also marks the program's seventh win in nine games against Atlantic Coast Conference teams.

Final	1	2	3	4	T		
UNC	6	13	0	0	19		
ECU	7	14	7	13	41		
Scoring Summary -----							
FIRST QUARTER						UNC	ECU
UNC FG 13:04							
Freeman Jones 32 Yd Field Goal							
6 plays, 60 yards, 1:56						3	0
ECU TD 9:21							
Anthony Scott 6 Yd Run (Jake Verity Kick)							
8 plays, 84 yards, 3:43						3	7
UNC FG 2:11							
Freeman Jones 44 Yd Field Goal							
10 plays, 54 yards, 2:54						6	7
SECOND QUARTER						UNC	ECU
UNC TD 13:18							
Jordan Brown 12 Yd Run (Freeman Jones Kick)							
7 plays, 71 yards, 2:38						13	7
play							
ECU TD 6:08							
Holton Ahlers 1 Yd Run (Jake Verity Kick)							
16 plays, 86 yards, 7:10						13	14
UNC FG 2:59							
Freeman Jones 49 Yd Field Goal							
10 plays, 40 yards, 3:09						16	14
ECU TD 1:15							
Trevon Brown 22 Yd pass from Reid Herring (Jake Verity Kick)							
7 plays, 86 yards, 1:44						16	21
UNC FG 0:00							
Freeman Jones 42 Yd Field Goal							
9 plays, 64 yards, 3:42						19	21
THIRD QUARTER						UNC	ECU
TD 10:19							
Darius Pinnix 48 Yd Run (Jake Verity Kick)							
3 plays, 55 yards, 1:11						19	28
FOURTH QUARTER						UNC	ECU
ECU TD 14:23							
Holton Ahlers 21 Yd Run (Jake Verity Kick)							
11 plays, 96 yards, 4:56						19	35
ECU FG 11:28							
Jake Verity 44 Yd Field Goal							
4 plays, 7 yards, 1:21						19	38
ECU FG 5:33							
Jake Verity 25 Yd Field Goal							
10 plays, 26 yards, 5:10						19	41
Team Stats						UNC	ECU
First Downs						17	27
Total Yards						395	510
Total Plays						69	82
Avg Gain Per Play						5.7	6.2
Net Yards Rushing						161	220
Rushes						25	49
Yards Per Rush						6.4	4.5
Net Yards Passing						234	290
Comp-Att						25-44	19-33
Yards Per Pass						5.3	8.8
Times Sacked						1	0
Yds Lost To Sacks						-13	0
Interceptions						0	0
Punts						5	4
Punt Average						0.0	0.0
Penalties						7	4
Penalty Yards						65	40
Fumbles						3	2
Fumbles Lost						0	0
Possession						24:56	35:04
Individual Stats							
RUSHING							
UNC	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Antonio Williams	6	96	16.0	0	48		
Jordan Brown	13	59	4.5	1	20		
Cade Fortin	1	17	17.0	0	17		
Javonte Williams	2	7	3.5	0	8		
Nathan Elliott	1	1	1.0	0	1		
Team	2	-19	-9.5	0	0		
ECU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Anthony Scott	17	73	4.3	1	26		
Darius Pinnix	5	65	13.0	1	48		
Hussein Howe	15	50	3.3	0	10		
Holton Ahlers	8	36	4.5	2	21		
Reid Herring	4	-4	-1.0	0	13		
PASSING							
UNC	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Nathan Elliott	22	38	219	5.8	0	0	
Cade Fortin	3	6	15	2.5	0	0	
ECU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Reid Herring	19	32	290	9.1	1	0	
Holton Ahlers	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	
RECEIVING							
UNC	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Anthony Ratliff-Williams	4	84	21.0	0	28		
Rontavius Groves	2	40	20.0	0	34		
Jordan Brown	2	26	13.0	0	28		
Dyami Brown	3	24	8.0	0	10		
Jake Bargas	1	18	18.0	0	18		
Thomas Jackson	4	14	3.5	0	12		
Dazz Newsome	3	13	4.3	0	5		
Antoine Green	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Roscoe Johnson	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Carl Tucker	2	3	1.5	0	3		
Javonte Williams	2	-9	-4.5	0	0		
ECU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Trevon Brown	4	90	22.5	1	35		
Tahj Deans	2	54	27.0	0	39		
Deondre Farrier	5	52	10.4	0	19		
Blake Proehl	3	32	10.7	0	11		
Leroy Henley	1	25	25.0	0	25		
Anthony Scott	2	20	10.0	0	13		
Darius Pinnix	1	10	10.0	0	10		
Hussein Howe	1	7	7.0	0	7		