## WEEK FOUR EAST CAROLINA AT SOUTH FLORIDA

TAMPA, Fla. -- Jordan Cronkrite had the go-ahead 80-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter and South Florida beat Hurricane Florence-impacted East Carolina 20-13 in the American Athletic Conference opener for both teams on Saturday night.

East Carolina relocated to Orlando, Florida by bus Sept 12th as the storm approached the North and South Carolina coastlines. The Pirates didn't travel to Blacksburg, Virginia for a scheduled game Sept. 15th at No. 13 Virginia Tech due to safety concerns and potentially hazardous travel conditions before and after that game.

Cronkrite's run put USF up 20-13 with 10:13 left. He finished with 129 yards on 15 carries.

The Bulls had been limited to 31 yards rushing entering the fourth quarter.

Blake Barnett went 12 for 20 for 181 yards and one touchdown for USF (4-0). He also ran for a 2-yard score.

ECU (1-2) used two quarterbacks. Reid Herring completed 21 of 48 passes for 253 yards and Holton Ahlers picked up 48 yards on 12 rushes while completing 1 of 2 passes for 3 yards.

Barnett hooked up with Darnell Salomon for a 66-yard TD pass and a 13-7 lead early in the second.

Jake Verity had a 28-yard field to make it 13-10 as the first half ended. The kick came two plays after Herring walked gingerly off the field following a 5-yard to run to the 5 with 15 seconds left.

Herring retuned for the Pirates initial second-half possession.

After forcing a turnover, ECU pulled to 13-all on a 24-yard field goal by Verity early in the third quarter.

Ahlers scored on a two-yard run as East Carolina opened the game with a nine-play,  $82\mbox{-yard}$  drive.

USF got within 7-6 on Barnett's two-yard dash late in the first. The extra-point try was blocked.

## THE TAKEAWAY

THE TAKEAWAT East Carolina: The Pirates kept it close through the third quarter using a ball control offense that outgained USF 305-199. ECU had the ball for more than 29 minutes, running 69 plays compared to the Bulls' 40, going into the fourth quarter.

South Florida: The Bulls remained, along with No. 16 Central Florida (3-0) and Cincinnati (4-0), among the only undefeated teams in the AAC. All three are in the East Division. The Bulls play at Cincinnati, which rallied from a 24-7 halftime deficit Saturday to beat Ohio 34-30, on Nov. 10th

## NUMBERS

Barnett has eight touchdown passes and ran for four more this season. Solomon has caught a TD pass in three consecutive games. It was the Bulls 150th win, coming in their 22nd season. Verity has made all of his seven field-goal attempts this season.

Final ECU	<b>1</b> 7	<b>2</b> 3	<b>3</b>		<b>4</b> 0	<b>T</b> 13	
USF	6	7	0		7	20	
Scoring Summary					EC	יט	USF
ECU TD 11:08 Holton Ahlers 2 Y 9 plays, 82 yards USF TD 3:33		ake Ver	ity Ki	ck)	7	,	0
Blake Barnett 2 Y 9 plays, 68 yards SECOND QUARTER		oby Wei	ss PAT	block	ed) 7 <b>EC</b>		6 <b>USF</b>
USF TD 13:46 Darnell Salomon 66 Yd pass from Blake Barnett (Coby Weiss Kick) 3 plays, 81 yards, 1:03 7 13 ECU FG 0:00							
Jake Verity 28 Yd 16 plays, 69 yard THIRD QUARTER ECU FG 9:58		oal			1 <b>E</b> C		20 <b>USF</b>
Jake Verity 24 Yd Field Goal 9 plays, 33 yards, 4:47 FOURTH QUARTER USF TD 10:13						13 20 ECU USF	
Jordan Cronkrite 3 plays, 95 yards		n (Coby	Weiss	Kick)	1	3	20
Team Stats			ECU		USI	7	
First Downs			24		9		
Total Yards Total Plays			412 96		294 52	ł	
Avg Gain Per Pl	ay		4.3		5.7	7	
Net Yards Rushi			156		115	5	
Rushes			46 3.4		32 3.6	=	
Yards Per Rush   Net Yards Passi	na		256		179		
Comp-Att	5		22-50		12-		
Yards Per Pass			5.1		9.0	)	
Times Sacked Yds Lost To Sac	kc		6 -31		1 -6		
Interceptions	V.S		1		0		
Punts			8		9		
Punt Average			0.0		0.0	)	
Penalties Penalty Yards			2 10		3 33		
Fumbles			0		1		
Fumbles Lost			0		1		
Possession			38:10		21:	:50	
Individual Stats							
RUSHING							
ECU	Rush				TD	Lon	
Holton Ahlers Hussein Howe	12 7	48 40	4.0 5.7		1 0	15 20	
Anthony Scott	11	39	3.5	5	0	13	
Darius Pinnix Reid Herring	12 2	30 1	2.5 0.5		0	6 5	
Deondre Farrier	1	0	0.0		0	0	
Trevon Brown	_ 1	-2 •			0	0	
<b>USF</b> Jordan Cronkrite	Rush 15	Yds 129			<b>TD</b> 1	<b>Lon</b> 80	
Johnny Ford	5	13	2.0	6	0	6	
Team Blake Barnett	3 9	-8 -19	-2. -2.		0 1	0 8	
PASSING					-	ŭ	
ECU Boid Horring	Comp 21	<b>Att</b> 48	<b>Yds</b> 253	<b>Y/A</b> 5.3	<b>TD</b> 0	Int	QBRat 40.3
Reid Herring Holton Ahlers	1	2	3	1.5	0	1 0	50.8
USF	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Blake Barnett RECEIVING ECU	12 Rec	20 <b>Yds</b>	181 Avg	9.1	1 <b>TD</b>	0 Long	39.4
Trevon Brown	6	99	16.5		0	47	
Blake Proehl Deondre Farrier	5 4	50 33	10.0 8.3		0	20 13	
Leroy Henley	1	31	31.0		0	31	
Terrell Green	3	27	9.0		0	13	
Anthony Watley Anthony Scott	2 1	13 3	6.5 3.0		0	10 3	
USF	Rec	Yds	Avg		TD	Long	
Darnell Salomon	2	79 30	39.5		1	66	
Johnny Ford DeAngelo Antoine	1 2	39 28	39.0 14.0		0	39 13	
Jordan Cronkrite	3	13 12	4.3		0	9 7	
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