

WEEK FIVE  
EAST CAROLINA at OLD DOMINION

**East Carolina holds off late Old Dominion threat, 24-21**

NORFOLK, Va. -- Warren Saba blocked a punt for a touchdown, Horton Ahlers passed for two more and East Carolina held off Old Dominion 24-21 Saturday night.

Each team scored a field goal on its first possession, but the tide began to turn when Saba blocked a Bailey Cate punt and recovered the ball for a four-yard touchdown.

A series later, Cate pinned the Pirates (3-2) back at the 4 with a 49-yard punt. Demetrius Mauney tore off a 21-yard run to kick off the 96-yard scoring march. Ahlers teamed with Blake Proehl on a 72-yard TD for a 17-3 halftime lead. The 14-point lead is ECU's largest after a half against an FBS team since the 2015 season.

Old Dominion's (1-3) Kesean Strong dove across from the 1 -- he also picked up the two-point conversion -- with 2:13 remaining as the Monarchs cut the gap to 24-21.

ECU was able to run out the clock in four plays for the win and also snap a 10-game road losing streak that began in the 2017 season.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
ECU	10	7	0	7	24
ODU	3	0	10	8	21

**Scoring Summary -----**

	ECU	ODU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
ECU FG 11:59 Jake Verity 29 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 87 yards, 3:01	3	0
ODU FG 5:58 Nick Rice 26 Yd Field Goal		
11 plays, 66 yards, 6:01	3	3
ECU TD 3:06 Warren Saba 4 Yd Return of Blocked Punt (Jake Verity Kick)		
3 plays, -4 yards, 1:32	10	3
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
ECU TD 12:21 Blake Proehl 72 Yd pass from Holton Ahlers (Jake Verity Kick)		
4 plays, 96 yards, 1:08	17	3
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
ODU TD 12:17 Stone Smartt 5 Yd Run (Nick Rice Kick)		
3 plays, 36 yards, 1:03	17	10
ODU FG 8:30 Nick Rice 39 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 24 yards, 2:40	17	13
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
ECU TD 10:36 Anthony Watley 5 Yd pass from Holton Ahlers (Jake Verity Kick)		
8 plays, 75 yards, 3:39	24	13
ODU TD 2:13 Kesean Strong 1 Yd Run (Kesean Strong Run for Two-Point Conversion)		
8 plays, 58 yards, 2:01	24	21

Team Stats	ECU	ODU
First Downs	12	16
Passes for First	5	11
Rushes for First	5	4
Penalties for First	2	1
Third Down Efficiency	4-16	8-19
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-0
Total Yards	309	293
Total Plays	57	72
Avg Gain Per Play	5.4	4.1
Net Yards Rushing	107	90
Rushes	36	42
Yards Per Rush	3.0	2.1
Net Yards Passing	202	203
Comp-Att	8-21	20-30
Yards Per Pass	9.6	6.8
Times Sacked	4	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-22	-9
Interceptions	2	2
Punts	6	7
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	7
Penalty Yards	46	75
Fumbles	3	3
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Time of Poss	23:31	36:29

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

EAST CAROLINA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Demetrius Mauney	10	52	5.2	0	21
Tyler Snead	2	24	12.0	0	20
Trace Christian	10	21	2.1	0	11
Tay Williams	3	18	6.0	0	9
Holton Ahlers	7	1	0.1	0	4
Jonathan Coleman II	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Team	3	-8	-2.7	0	0
OLD DOMINION	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Stone Smartt	22	76	3.5	1	37
Robert Washington	5	9	1.8	0	10
Blake Watson	2	4	2.0	0	4
Kesean Strong	4	3	0.8	1	2
Messiah deWeaver	2	2	1.0	0	4
Matt Geiger	4	0	0.0	0	2
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Cornell Hendrick Jr.	2	-3	-1.5	0	1

**PASSING**

EAST CAROLINA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Holton Ahlers	8	21	202	9.6	2	2	14.5
OLD DOMINION	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Stone Smartt	20	30	203	6.8	0	2	21.8

**RECEIVING**

EAST CAROLINA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Blake Proehl	2	100	50.0	1	72
Deondre Farrier	2	61	30.5	0	53
C.J. Johnson	1	21	21.0	0	21
Tyler Snead	1	8	8.0	0	8
Trace Christian	1	7	7.0	0	7
Anthony Watley	1	5	5.0	1	5
OLD DOMINION	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Nigel Fitzgerald	1	45	45.0	0	45
Hasaan Patterson	4	41	10.3	0	16
Chris Cunningham	3	33	11.0	0	13
Kesean Strong	4	33	8.3	0	18
Steven Williams	2	21	10.5	0	11
Marcus Joyner	1	17	17.0	0	17
Donta Anthony Jr.	2	8	4.0	0	6
Blake Watson	1	6	6.0	0	6
Matt Geiger	2	-1	-0.5	0	1