FOOTBALL
● East Carolina released its 2011 schedule and added to its long list of opponents from automatic-qualifying BCS conferences with contests against South Carolina (SEC) on Sept. 3, Virginia Tech (ACC) on Sept. 10 and North Carolina (ACC) on Oct. 1 this year. The Hokies and Tar Heels’ visit to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium this fall will mark the first time since 2007 that two AQ teams have been featured on East Carolina’s home schedule in a single season. The Pirates have faced off against 24 opponents from AQ conferences during the last six years – an average of four per campaign.

● Seven (7) ECU games, four at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and three on the road, are scheduled for live television coverage in 2011 according to Conference USA’s release of initial broadcast selections. FOX Sports Networks, a new C-USA television partner, will air the Pirates’ home opener against Virginia Tech on Sept. 10 - the network’s first visit to Greenville for a contest since 2002 - and a pivotal league intra-divisional matchup against UCF on Nov. 19. East Carolina will open the month of October with consecutive appearances on the CBS Sports Network when it hosts North Carolina on Oct. 1 and travels to C-USA rival Houston on Oct. 8. CBSSN will also carry the Pirates’ final non-conference game of the season at Navy on Oct. 22.

● The Pirates completed spring drills April 16, using the period to install a new 3-4 defensive scheme and fill six offensive openings – four on the line and five defensive slots. East Carolina returns nearly 63 percent of its lettermen and 50 percent of its positional starters (five/offense, six/defense) from a 6-7 bowl participant squad in 2010. Only 45 members of the Pirates’ 2011 roster are upperclassmen (40 percent) - 16 seniors, 29 juniors.

● Six returning starters have earned pre-season all-conference accolades from various media sources - PK Michael Barbour (Athlon Magazine, Phil Steele Magazine), WR Michael Bowman (Phil Steele),QB Dominique Davis (Phil Steele; 6th-best NFL talent in C-USA and "Coolest In the Clutch - Lindy's Magazine), CB Emanuel Davis (Phil Steele, Lindy's, Athlon, Blue Ribbon Yearbook; 6th-best NFL talent in C-USA - Lindy's), OT Grant Harner (Lindy's), WR Lance Lewis (Phil Steele, Lindy's, Athlon, Blue Ribbon; 8th-best NFL talent in C-USA - Lindy’s). In addition, newcomer Reggie Bullock (RB) was selected as the league’s pre-season newcomer-of-the-year by both Lindy’s and Blue Ribbon.

● Dominique Davis was named to the Maxwell Award Watch List on July 5. The award, which is given to the most outstanding collegiate player, has been presented annually since 1937.

BASEBALL
● The Pirates finished the season with a 41-21 overall record, which included nine shutouts and a wins over nationally-ranked Virginia, Rice and Southern Miss (twice).

● ECU closed out the campaign falling to No. 1 UVA in the Charlottesville Regional final, its third (regional) championship game appearance under head coach Billy Godwin.

● East Carolina was ranked in a pair of final national polls (No. 25/Baseball America and No. 29/NCBWA).

● Six Pirates were selected in the 2011 MLB First Year Player Draft (one sophomore, two juniors and three seniors). Junior Mike Wright was selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the third round (94th overall) and signed a professional contract. He is the fourth-highest overall pick in school history in regards to overall selection and the fourth to be drafted in the first three rounds. Battery mate Zach Wright was selected in the sixth round (No. 211 overall) by the Philadelphia Phillies and redshirt sophomore Shawn Armstrong was taken in the 18th round (No. 548 overall) by the Cleveland Indians, but neither has yet to sign. Others selected were seniors Seth Maness (St. Louis Cardinals/11th round), Brad Mincey (Florida Marlins/28th round) and Seth Simmons (Arizona Diamondbacks/40th round).

● Eight players earned All-Conference USA honors in 2011. Maness took home first-team accolades for the fourth time in his career. A quartet of Pirates were named second-team in Kevin Brandt, Brad Mincey, Trent Whitehead and Zach Wright, while Ben Fultz, Chase McDonald and Jack Reinheimer were named to the all-freshman squad.

● Following the conclusion of its 2011 season at the Charlottesville Regional, a trio of players were named to NCAA All-Regional Team - Ben Fultz, Chase McDonald and John Wooten.

● Other 2011 award honorees were: Brandt (C-USA Pitcher-of-the-Week), Maness (C-USA All-Tournament Team/ C-USA Pitcher-of-the-Week), Corey Thompson (C-USA All-Tournament Team), Austin Homan (C-USA All-Academic Team), Reinheimer (C-USA Hitter-of-the-Week) and Zach Woods (C-USA Pitcher-of-the-Week).

● Maness and pitching coach Dan Roszel were also honored by College Baseball Daily as the league’s top pitcher and top assistant coach. Maness closed out his four-year career as the Pirates’ all-time leader in wins (38), strikeouts (334), starts (61) and innings pitched (411.2). He also tied the C-USA mark for career wins (38) and ended the season as the NCAA’s career active leader in victories (38).

● In the final NCAA statistical report (released June 28), the Pirates sported the seventh-lowest ERA in the country at 2.67, while ranking among the national leaders in fewest hits allowed per nine innings (17th/7.83 pg), hits (28th/637), winning percentage (34th/.661), strikeouts per nine innings (41st/7.7 pg), walks (42nd/253) and fewest walks allowed per nine innings (48th/3.01 pg).
Individually, Seth Maness ranked among the national leaders in ERA (17th/1.41), completed games (17th/5), wins (24th/10) and fewest walks per nine innings (46th/1.46). Fellow senior Brad Mincey had the ninth-lowest ERA in the nation (1.57), while Zach Wright was 37th in home runs (13).

In six years as the Pirates’ skipper, Billy Godwin owns a 217-138 overall record (.611 winning percentage) and has guided the Pirates to four NCAA post-season appearances, recorded four 40-plus win seasons and three top three C-USA league finishes, which includes the 2009 regular season title.

Ten newcomers experienced action during the season with Reinheimer, Fultz, McDonald and Mike Ussery (junior) all becoming regulars in the starting lineup. Jonathan Holt (freshman), Drew Reynolds (freshman) and Tim Younger (junior) came off the bench regularly in late innings.

**BASKETBALL (MEN)**

The Pirates recently added a pair of transfers to their roster. Maurice Kemp, Jr. (Miami, Fla.) will have two years of eligibility after transferring from Miami Dade College, while Akeem Richmond (Sanford, N.C.) will have to sit out the 2011-12 campaign after transferring from the University of Rhode Island. He will also have two years of eligibility beginning with the 2012-13 season. ECU also received an NLI from Yasin Kolo (Germany), who played last season at Fayetteville Christian Academy.

Redshirt junior DaQuan Joyner and sophomore Wakefield Ellison were both granted their release. Joyner graduated this past spring with his bachelor’s degree, while Ellison elected to transfer to another program.

ECU and Appalachian State will begin a two-year home-and-home series with the first game scheduled for Nov. 22 at Charlotte’s Time Warner Cable Arena.

**BASKETBALL (WOMEN)**

In addition to the incoming freshmen class, head coach Heather Macy will welcome a trio of transfer players – two of which hail from Atlantic Coast Conference institutions. Bryelle Smith (G/Clemson) and Kristine Mial (F/Frederick CC) will suit up for the Pirates next season while Kyani White (G/Virginia Tech) will sit out the 2011-12 campaign. Smith has been accepted to graduate school at East Carolina and has one season of eligibility remaining. Mial and White are classified as sophomores.

The Pirates open the 2011-12 campaign Nov. 11 against the College of Charleston at Carolina First Arena. The remainder of the non-conference schedule, along with the C-USA slate, will be announced later this summer.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

The men’s and women’s cross country teams turned in a strong 2010 season. Each squad won the ECU Pirate Invitational. In addition, the men finished in the top five in four-of-seven meets, while the women turned in five top-five performances.

Juniors Zack Montijo, Brittany Copeland and Tara Wilson were the leaders for the Pirates last season. Montijo earned Conference USA Third-Team honors with Copeland picking up a second-team selection and Wilson getting a third-team nod. It was the first time in program history the women had two All-C-USA selections in the same season. The league honors for Montijo and Copeland were the second of their careers.

At the Conference USA Championship, the Pirate men tied the 2004 and 2008 runners for the program’s best finish (fifth). The women were one slot behind their best-ever place of fifth from the 2001 meet, and tied the 2008 squad for the second-best performance.

Closing the year at the NCAA Southeast Regional, the men improved two spots from the 2009 event and turned in the program’s best performance (23rd place) since coming in 17th in 2004. The women’s team made a three-spot jump from last season and had its highest placement (21st) since claiming 17th place in 2008. Wilson also ran the fifth-best 6K in program history with a time of 21:40.3.

Montijo was one of nine male athletes selected to the Conference USA All-Academic Team at the end of the season.

**GOLF (MEN)**

East Carolina received its first-ever at-large bid to the NCAA Championships and followed with a ninth-place finish at the Virginia Tech Regional. It was the Pirates’ first overall NCAA appearance since 1991 and just the second in school history.

Junior Harold Varner and David Watkins were each named First-Team All-Conference USA and PING All-East Region. Watkins was voted first-team all-conference last season, while Varner was tabbed second-team all-league. Watkins was also named to the C-USA Men’s Golf All-Academic Team for a second consecutive season.

The Pirates were ranked 40th in the Golfweek/Sagarin Ratings and 55th in the Golfstat ratings.

Varner became the first African-American to win the North Carolina Amateur Golf Championship and earned No. 28 final national individual rank according to the Golfweek/Sagarin Ratings.

**GOLF (WOMEN)**

The Pirates closed out the 2010-11 season with a 96-58-2 overall record.
•For the fourth-straight year, ECU garnered an at-large bid to the NCAA Regionals. After being selected as the No. 19 seed in the Central Regional, the Pirates finished 20th with a 54-hole score of 945 (+81) at the Warren Golf Course in South Bend, Ind.
•In its 11th year of existence, the Pirates made their seventh team appearance in the NCAA Championships and have been represented nine-straight seasons in post-season play.
•Fanny Wolte was named first-team All-Conference USA and took home Freshman-of-the-Year honors. She finished her rookie season with a 75.13 stroke average, which was the eighth-lowest in school history. In 11 events, she recorded a pair of wins (Barefoot at the Beach and UNCW Lady Seahawk), becoming the fifth Pirate to win multiple tournaments in the same season. She finished with three top-five finishes, five top-10’s, seven top-20’s and was named C-USA Golfer-of-the-Week on March 9.
•Joining Wolte as an all-conference selection were Amber Littman (second-team) and Amy Otteson (third-team), marking the 10th-straight season a Pirate has earned all-league accolades. Littman closed out her four-year career with a 75.88 stroke average, ranking fourth all-time on the ECU charts. She won three tournaments, recorded eight top-five finishes, 14 top-10’s and 26 top-20’s.
•Otteson set a new school-record when she fired a seven-under par 65 (33-32), besting the old mark by two shots at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown. In all, she participated in 11 events sporting a 75.94 stroke average with three top-five finishes, five top-10’s and seven top-20’s.
•Senior Colleen Estes was one of 12 recipients of the spring C-USA Spirit of Service Award. She was named to the 2011 C-USA Women’s Golf All-Academic squad after earning her degree in health fitness with a business administration minor. In the classroom, she was a four-time C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal winner, four-time C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll recipient, eight-time ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll members, three-time National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) Scholar All-American. On the golf course, Estes participated in all 11 events for the Pirates including her fourth-straight NCAA Regional in South Bend, Indiana where she recorded a tournament score of 233. Estes posted a personal-best stroke average of 76.77 during her senior campaign and closed out her four-year career with a 78.35 average, which ranks 10th all-time in school history.
•Head Coach Kevin Williams announced the third signing of the 2011-12 season when Emily Eng signed a National Letter of Intent on May 16.

SOCCER
•Seven student-athletes declared their commitment to join the Pirates in 2011 - Beth Batchelor, Allyson Glover, Lexi Herring, Kelley Johnson, Kelly Miller, Mackenzie Semerad and Brett Thomas.
•ECU announced its 2011 schedule which includes four games against 2010 NCAA Tournament participants (South Carolina, UNC Greensboro, Memphis and UCF) and 11 home games at the new East Carolina Soccer Stadium.

SOFTBALL
•East Carolina claimed the Conference USA Tournament title with a 4-1 victory over Tulsa May 14. The win enabled the Pirates to become the first C-USA program since DePaul in 2004-05, during its run of four-straight championships from 2002-05, to win consecutive post-season crowns.
•The Pirates hosted the 2011 league tournament and became the first home squad to capture the title since Tulsa in 2006. ECU also set the Conference USA Championship attendance record with 844 fans watching the victory over Tulsa.
•The league tournament championship gave East Carolina Conference USA’s automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament. The Pirates headed to College Park, Md., and won their NCAA tournament opener for the first time, downing the host Terrapins 5-1. ECU lost to Baylor 2-0 but then beat Maryland again, this time by a 2-0 score, to advance to the regional final for the second-straight year.
•The last victory over Maryland marked the second-straight year East Carolina has eliminated the host school from its regional. Back-to-back regional final appearances made ECU one of only two C-USA schools (Houston/2007-08) to play on the final day of the regional two-straight years since the tournament went to the regional-super regional-Women’s College World Series format in 2005.
•The Pirates ended the campaign with a 41-22 record, reaching the 40-win plateau for the third-straight season. ECU became the first C-USA program with three consecutive campaigns of 40 wins or more since Houston (2006-08) and only the fourth in the history of the league (USF/2003-05; DePaul/2000-03).
•Over the last three seasons, East Carolina has ranked as the winningest program in Conference USA and one of the most successful in the region. Since the start of 2009, the Pirates have recorded 125 victories. Tulsa is second among league programs with 117 triumphs. Among teams in the region, ECU is second only to Louisville’s 127 wins.
•After three games in which she drove in seven total runs, Priscilla Velasquez was named the 2011 Conference USA Tournament Most Valuable Player. She was joined on the squad by Toni Paisley and a trio of freshmen in Alex Fieldhouse, Jill Jelnick and Jordan Lewis.
Paisley repeated as the Conference USA Pitcher-of-the-Year for the third-straight season, joining Houston’s Angel Shamblin (2006-08) as the only hurlers in league history to take home the top award in three consecutive campaigns. This season, she became East Carolina and Conference USA all-time leader in victories (118), strikeouts (1,290), innings pitched (1,088.0) and appearances (183).

Paisley ended her career ranked 17th on the NCAA Division I all-time strikeout list and 18th in career victories.

In addition to Paisley’s First Team All-Conference USA honor, Sissy Jimenez, Suzanne Riggs and Jelnick were second-team selections. East Carolina also tied Louisville’s 2004 squad for the most C-USA All-Freshman Team honorees in a season in league history as Jelnick, Lewis, Kristi Oshiro and Jasmine Robbins were named to the group.

The 2011 squad consisted of 10 freshmen, two sophomores, three juniors and two seniors. Since the 2004 league championship, no title winner has had more than five freshmen.

Paisley was selected to the Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division I Mideast All-Region First Team as well as the Capital One Academic All-District 3 Second Team. She also received the Conference USA Jim Castañeda Postgraduate Scholarship Award.

SWIMMING AND DIVING
• Senior Andrew Stoker was named CoSIDA Second-Team Academic All-American. He is the 22nd student-athlete in school history to receive Academic All-America honors.
• Six prep student-athletes committed to join the team in the fall. Jeffrey Mead (Lexington, S.C.), Ben Miller (Martinez, Ga.), Nikola Simic (Novi Sod, Serbia) and Dan Woods (Pontypool, UK) will be added to the men's roster, while the ladies will welcome Lauren Chew (Gibbstown, N.J.) and Charlsie Lincoln (Raleigh, N.C.) to the team this fall.

TENNIS (MEN)
• The Pirates finished the season with a 13-11 overall record, posting their fourth consecutive winning campaign.
• Freshman Mario Martinez was named Second-Team All-Conference USA.
• East Carolina senior Jaroslav Horvath and sophomore Massimo Mannino were named to the 2011 Conference USA Men's Tennis All-Academic Team.

TENNIS (WOMEN)
• Head Coach Tom Morris completed his 13th spring season by guiding the Lady Pirate program to an 18-9 record and an appearance in the quarterfinal round of the Conference USA Championship Tournament (Orlando, Fla.) for the fourth-straight year.
• Sophomore Petra Vogel earned selection to the 2011 C-USA All-Academic Team after compiling a 3.934 grade point average as a pre-health major. The Zizers, Switzerland native is also a four-time ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll and Dean's List selectee, and a two-time member of the Chancellor's List.
• ECU opened the campaign winning five of its first six (and 10 of its first 12) matches, which included victories over Davidson, Campbell, Coastal Carolina and Conference USA rival Southern Miss, to get off to a 10-2 start.
• Senior Jessica Cook provided strong leadership playing at the No. 1 singles position, recording a mark of 11-10, while freshman Manon Bissat turned in the team's top overall singles slate at 15-5 while primarily competing at the No. 6 slot.
• Vogel and junior Natalie Collins led the Lady Pirates' doubles efforts, compiling a combined 15-7 record at the No. 1 (6-3) and No. 2 (9-4) flights.
• In all, ECU produced team ledgers of 95-60 (singles) and 54-23 (doubles) in 2011.

TRACK
• East Carolina enjoyed a successful indoor season in which five athletes won event titles at the Conference USA Indoor Championships in Houston. Dennis Aliotta (shot put), Drew Kanz (high jump) and Tynita Butts (high jump) were repeat champions while Austin Lewis (60-meter dash) and Aiesha Goggins (400-meter run). Additionally, Goggins’ time of 54.15 was fast enough to set the C-USA Indoor Championships record in the event.
• Butts garnered her second career All-America honor in the high jump as she finished fourth at the NCAA Indoor National Championships in College Station, Texas with a mark of 1.84 meters. She is the first repeat female All-America in program history.
• It took Butts just one attempt in her first high jump showing of the 2011 indoor season to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships. Her mark of 1.87 at the Christopher Newport Invitational ranks as the second-best in the nation.
• ECU brought back all five of its league champions from last season as Maegan Lewis (hammer), Drew Kanz (high jump), Butts (high jump), Dennis Aliotta (shot put) and Matthew McConaughey (javelin) reached the top of the podium at either the C-USA Indoor or Outdoor Championships.
• Butts defended her indoor high jump title at the C-USA Outdoor Championships by posting a mark of 1.78 meters while Goggins completed the indoor/outdoor sweep of the 400-meter dash championships, running a school-record 51.94.

• A program single-season record 15 athletes qualified for the NCAA East Regional in Bloomington, Ind., after which four women moved on to the NCAA Outdoor Championships. The quartet represented the most ECU participants in a single national championship meet. Goggins ran in the 400-meter dash while joining fellow underclassmen Tyshonda Hawkins, Tania Minkins and Tiffany Harris in the 4x400 relay – the first female relay squad in the program’s history to qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

• Butts and Goggins ended their seasons as participants in the United States Track and Field Outdoor Championships in Eugene, Ore. Butts set a personal and outdoor school record in the high jump with a mark of 1.83 meters – good enough for sixth place and placement ahead of the current world record holder Chaunte Lowe. Goggins ended up 13th overall in the 400-meter dash after recording a time of 53.56.

VOLLEYBALL
• Coach Pati Rolf was selected to officiate the Montreux Volley Masters, an elite tournament in Switzerland that brings together many of the top women’s national teams. She was designated the first referee for the championship match between Japan and Cuba – the first time a female has been given the distinction in the event’s history.

• Jackie Simpson, a former All-America setter at Wisconsin, has been named an assistant coach for the Pirates. She worked with the team for the second half of the 2010 season as a volunteer and will begin her pursuit of a master’s degree at ECU in the fall.