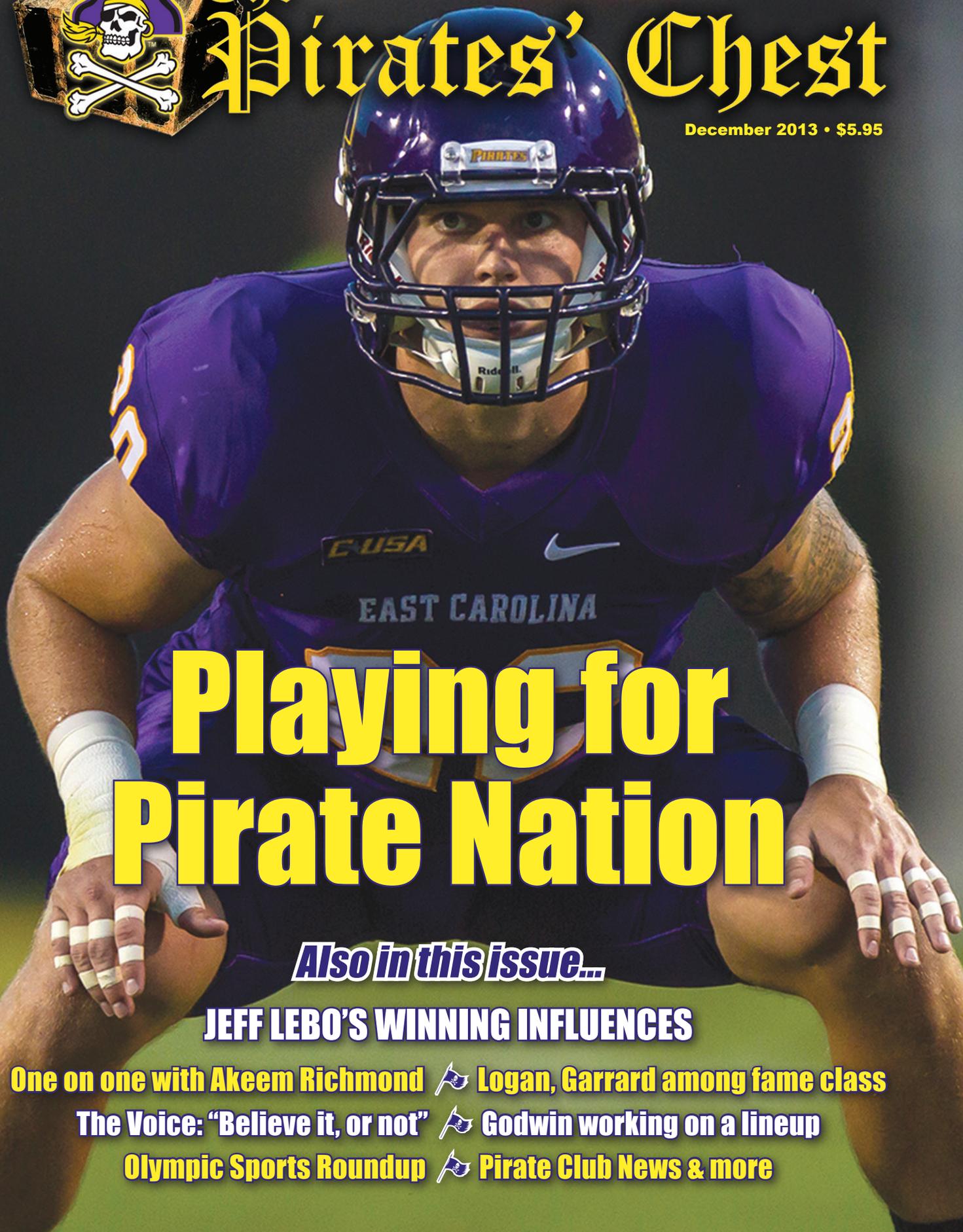




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Dear Pirate Nation,

As we head into the Holiday Season there is much to be thankful for here in Greenville including another impressive fall season on the court and field. Our football program is headed towards another exciting bowl appearance, volleyball has experienced dramatic improvement and women's soccer continues to move aggressively forward. Additionally, our winter sports are off to a strong start on the court and in the pool - We look for great things from all three programs this season!

We are thankful for another great ECU Athletics Hall of Fame and Letterwinner's Weekend. On the weekend of November 9th over 500 Letterwinners returned to campus for an outstanding gathering that featured the Letterwinner's Golf Tournament and a record Letterwinner's tailgate. Congratulations are in order for the seven newly inducted members of the Hall of Fame. These letterwinners and coaches represent the very best of Pirate Athletics and they have taken their rightful position in this place of honor.

We are also thankful for you - Pirate Club members! As a group you are on track to again provide a wonderful foundation on which ECU Athletics is able to build. Your 2013 membership donations have us poised to raise over \$6,800,000 this year in support of our student - athlete scholarships. However, we still need your help to achieve this goal. I would ask that you consider increasing your annual fund gift prior to the end of 2013. Despite our impressive progress so far we need every member of Pirate Nation's help to reach our goal. It is important to remember that your Pirate Club membership provides scholarship support for our over 400 student - athletes and is essential to their success on the field, in the class room and in the community.

From our Pirate Club Family to yours we wish you a very Happy Holiday season!

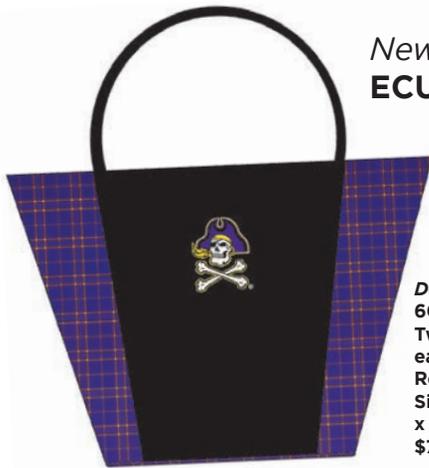


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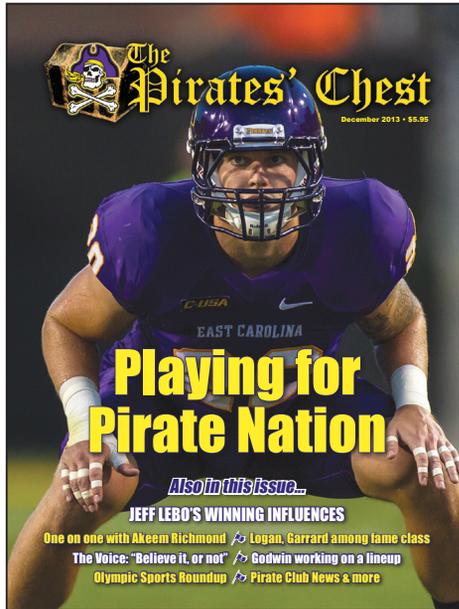
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Cover photo: Kyle Tudor, the subject of W.A. Myatt's "Fifteen Questions" feature in this month's *Pirates' Chest*, already has a degree in hand, but he says the spirit of the Pirate Nation makes the hard work of continuing his college football labors a rewarding experience. Tudor added a fitting career highlight on the eve of this magazine going to press. The inside linebacker returned an interception 50 yards for a touchdown in East Carolina's Senior Day victory over UAB. (ECU Media Relations photo)

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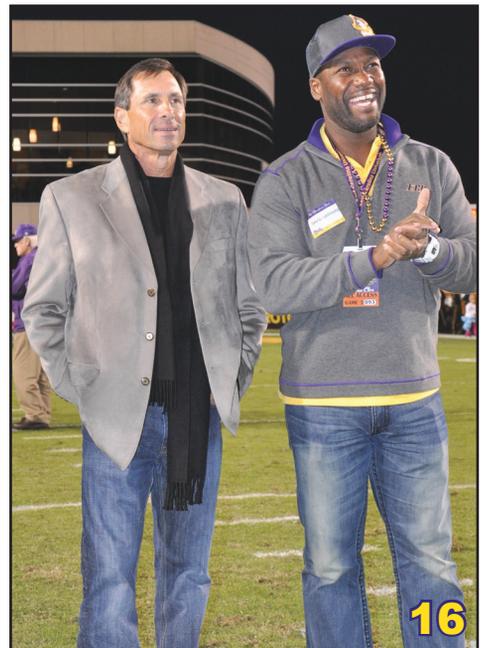
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Right: Former head football coach Steve Logan and quarterback David Garrard were among Hall of Fame inductees honored at halftime during ECU's Homecoming game against Tulsa on November 9, 2013. (W.A. Myatt photo.)



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The Pirates' Chest

SOME EXCITING CHANGES ARE COMING TO

Dear Readers,

The new year will bring a new and improved Pirates' Chest to the Pirate Nation.

Starting in January, the publication that has long provided full-spectrum coverage of ECU athletics and Pirate Club news will introduce some content and format refinements intended to provide more timeless content, more extensive use of imagery and better accommodation of a variety of viewing platforms.

The first issue of 2014 will debut the most notable changes, including the launch of our new digital flipbook format, which allows for a full-spread magazine-reading experience directly in a web browser. (See the example on the opposite page.) The PDF version that many readers are already familiar with will also continue to be available.

The dual formats will ensure compatibility with the widest possible range of modern devices. Desktop and notebook computer users, for example, will be able to enjoy the enhanced flipbook version by using their web browser, whereas the PDF version will be available for devices that do not have Flash technology enabled.

The January Pirates' Chest, which will look back on the fall semester and ahead to spring sports, will be one of two expanded editions that will offer special end-of-season content and features. The second expanded edition — the June issue of The Pirates' Chest — will provide a roundup of spring semester Pirate athletics.

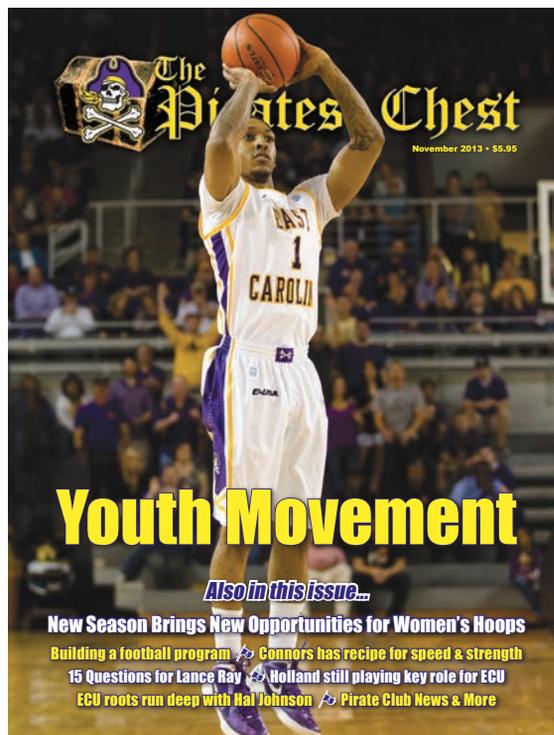
In August, all Pirate Club members will — for the first time ever — receive full access to the flipbook and PDF versions of Bonesville The Magazine through DonorNet access on the Pirate Club website.

As a premium benefit, Skull and Crossbones members and above will also receive hard-copy print editions of the special January and June issues of The Pirates' Chest as well as Bonesville The Magazine in August.

In addition to the expanded magazine editions in January and June, there will also be six regular editions of The Pirates' Chest throughout the academic year, available exclusively online in PDF and the new enhanced flipbook format.

We hope you'll enjoy the new and improved Pirates' Chest and we look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions.

Sara Whitford, Editor of The Pirates' Chest
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The Pirates' Chest will continue to be available online in the familiar PDF format (above), but will now also be available in an enhanced flipbook format (see right).



“We are excited to unveil the enhanced Pirates’ Chest magazine to all Pirate Club Members. These changes in format will provide a new multi-platform approach to sharing the Pirate Athletics story with as many Pirates as possible.”

— J. Batt, Pirate Club Executive Director



The new flipbook format of *The Pirates’ Chest* will allow for a more realistic ‘magazine’-reading experience online.

For a sneak peek at the new enhanced digital format, visit the Pirate Club website at ecupirateclub.com.



Fifteen Questions for

A recruit from the Skip Holtz regime, Kyle Tudor has worked his way up from scout team to special teams to reserve to starter at inside linebacker for the Pirates. His perseverance produced 62 tackles during his junior year in 2012. Tudor had two tackles for losses in a 24-14 win at Southern Miss as a junior and forced a fumble that was returned for a touchdown. He was in on 58 stops as a sophomore. Tudor relies on a fundamentally-sound approach to the game. He received a degree in management prior to the 2012 New Orleans Bowl. Tudor had nine solo tackles in a 34-13 win at Florida International on Nov. 2 after overcoming an injury earlier in his senior season.

By W. A. Myatt

Kyle

Tudor

Q: Favorite Restaurant in Greenville?

A: Cafe Duo.

Q: Favorite TV show?

A: Anything on The History Channel.

Q: You were recruited by the Skip Holtz staff. What was the coaching transition like for you?

A: It's different. Coach Holtz ran his (program) more like a business, like a CEO type. Coach Ruff's (program) is more of a family and he's more like a father figure. They both have their perks, but I love coach Ruff.

One tough thing about the transition is that when a whole new staff comes in, you have to prove yourself all over again. It was kind of difficult, but I'm happy it happened, and obviously, it's working out for the best.

Q: How did you deal with your injury earlier this season?

A: You've just got to roll with the punches. I've had injuries – small ones – every season I've been here. You can't dwell on it, you've got to take it with a grain of salt and move on to the next day.

Q: What's your favorite thing to do during your free time?

A: It's really weird, but I like looking on the computer and gaining knowledge, like old eras, history type stuff. I guess I'm just a little bit different.

Q: Do you have any pre-game rituals or routines?

A: I mostly just listen to music. I don't really believe in superstition or anything like that.

Q: What's your favorite uniform combination?

A: I like the all black, but I really like all of them.

Q: Who's impacted you most in your life?

A: My family. They're my backbone. They're there for everything. My whole family has had a big impact on what I do and how I work.

Q: You're from Augusta, Ga. What does the Masters golf tournament mean to you?

A: It's weird, because you'd think that me being from Augusta, I'd be at the Masters a lot, but it actually fell on our spring break when I was growing up so I was always out of town

when it was going on. Honestly, I've never actually been to the tournament.

Q: What's your favorite memory so far, as a Pirate?

A: The conference championship my redshirt freshman year (2009) and I hope we can get back to that.

Q: What's been the toughest task you've faced in your college football career?

A: The grind. When you come out of high school and you were the best player on your team, you think it's going to be easy and it's a lot different. It's a lot more time consuming, you've got to realize it's more of a job and not a game anymore, which that's okay, but I wasn't really ready for that transition at the time.

Q: If you weren't a linebacker, what position would you want to play?

A: I've always wanted to play running back. I didn't really have the attributes for the position, but that would be my choice.

Q: How would you describe the game day atmosphere in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, and what does it mean to you?

A: It's honestly the reason why I do everything I do, the reason why we all do it. All this stuff is hard, and it's tough — it's draining physically and mentally, but when you come out of that tunnel, words can't explain it. It's an honor and a blessing to be out there and I just thank the Pirate Nation and Pirate fans.

Q: What's your favorite thing about football?

A: Hitting. Since I was little it's been instilled in me, and it's one of those things I've hung my hat on.

Q: When your college career ends, what will you miss most about East Carolina and the city of Greenville?

A: I've been playing this game since I was six years old, so it's going to be hard to let go of the game and move on to a different aspect of my life. I'll miss the camaraderie, being around people everyday that are working hard for the same common goal, it's kind of hard to beat.

For more "15 Questions" with W.A. Myatt, visit Bonesville.net.



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— Terry Holland
Athletics Director Emeritus

COACH JEFF LEBO

His winning influences

By Al Myatt

Terry Holland must have felt like he found a Rembrandt at a yard sale when Jeff Lebo became available during the last search for an East Carolina basketball coach.

In his fourth season at ECU, Lebo is boldly going where no Pirates basketball coach has gone before, compiling the highest winning percentage of any ECU hoops mentor since the program stepped up to major college status when it joined the Southern Conference in the mid-1960s.

A 23-12 record in 2012-13 was the most wins since the 1953-54 Pirates went 23-2 and won the North State Conference. East Carolina was in the NAIA, not the NCAA, at the time.

ECU won the CollegeInsider.com Tournament last year, moving the program's postseason record from 0-4 to 5-4.

A 3-0 start this season put Lebo's ledger with the Pirates at 59-44, a winning percentage of .573.

Joe Dooley, who was 57-52 (.523) in four seasons ending in 1998-99, is the only other Pirates coach among 13 who have guided ECU in the modern era who has managed a winning record.

Holland didn't have to read Lebo's resume. The former ECU athletic director had recruited him for Virginia when Lebo was playing on the high school level in Carlisle, Pa., where his dad, Dave, was his coach.

"Beneath Coach Lebo's calm and friendly outer persona, beats the heart of a great competitor who first took advantage of every opportunity as a player to learn the game," Holland said.

Dean Smith at North Carolina won the recruiting battle for Lebo out of high school. Smith got a player who was immersed in basketball knowledge.

Dave Lebo assisted his son at Auburn and now helps out with the hoops program at D.H. Conley High School in Greenville.

"The son of a coach, you grow up around the game," said the ECU skipper. "When I was little, I remember I'd go into practices. I'd sit in the corner. I'd watch and listen. I was like a sponge, absorbing it."

Lebo's basketball education continued after the high school season ended.

"I'd go to camps with him in the summertime when I was too young to participate in the camp," he said. "I'd watch the drills

and jump into stuff. I was around it all the time. I absorbed a lot, just listening to them.

"In practice, I'd listen to him teach, listen to him put in stuff. As soon as they went half court, I was with a ball on the other end. I knew as a coach's son that was when I could shoot — but never let that ball bounce when he's talking.

"My dad's ability to teach the fundamentals — I learned those things at an early age. He's been the biggest influence on me."

Lebo started for four years on his dad's teams and Carlisle compiled a 108-9 record during that time. Lebo's high school career culminated with the Pennsylvania 4-A championship in 1985.

UNC was 116-25 when Lebo was playing. The Tar Heels won two ACC regular season titles and captured the ACC Tournament his senior year. Lebo made the league's All Tournament team twice and was a second team All ACC selection in 1988. His UNC teams reached the Elite Eight in the NCAA Tournament on two occasions.

Lebo won the Patterson Award as UNC's top student-athlete in 1989.

Smith demanded punctuality. He would leave players and coaches behind if they weren't ready when it was time for a team bus to depart. Being on time carried over to class attendance, meals and all facets of college life.

"I had a fear of being late," Lebo said. "If you were late, they had these 25- to 30-pound weighted vests that you wore and you'd get on the steps of the Smith Center and you'd run up and down those steps.

"No one wanted to do that and no one wanted to hear the wrath of Coach for being late."

Lebo said that Smith paid great attention to details.

"You go to classes and you learn a lot but that basketball class (practice) that I had every day at three o'clock in the afternoon taught me more and prepared me more than any class that I had," Lebo said. "That's a tribute to Coach.

"You look at the guys that he's produced there and what they've done when they stepped out away from basketball. It's been phenomenal.

"I don't even know where to start with Coach Smith and what he's taught us all. That's an important transition when you're going from a young man to a man when you go off to college. That influence you can see in him and all the guys who

have played for him.”

Former UNC guard Eddie Fogler, who recruited Lebo to Chapel Hill and for whom Lebo was an assistant at Vanderbilt and South Carolina, was another significant contributor to the ECU coach's development.

“I was the restricted earnings coach (at Vanderbilt) at that point,” Lebo said. “I left East Tennessee State as an assistant to be with Eddie and earn \$16,000 a year.”

The financial limitations on that staff position at the time were mandated by the NCAA but what Lebo learned would later pay off.

“I spent three seasons with (Fogler) as restricted earnings coach, one year at Vanderbilt and two at the University of South Carolina,” Lebo said. “Those three years was where a lot of my coaching was shaped — how to run a program at a high level. Coach Fogler was really terrific with me, opening up his door and allowing me to have access to all the things that go into running a basketball program. ... We won SEC championships at places you don't win SEC championships at — Vanderbilt and South Carolina.

“I was able to be a part of that. He was able to teach me and groom me.”

Lebo got his first head coaching job after five years with the Gamecocks, at Tennessee Tech, in 1998.

The Pirates coach has had four of his own staff members make the transition from assistants to head coaches, including Tim Craft at Gardner-Webb this year.

The biggest adjustment, Lebo said, is the number of decisions a head coach has to make.

“You're not making suggestions any more, you're making

decisions,” he said. “The amount of decisions, that was probably the hardest thing for me. ... I remember going home when I had my first head coaching job at Tennessee Tech after about three weeks and my wife (the former Melissa Mills of Williamston) asking me where I wanted to go to eat for dinner. I said, ‘Honey, I'm decided out. I can't make another one. Please tell me where you want to go.’ That's how it is and that's how it was.

“That's a big adjustment from what you're going to do in practice to how you're going to teach it, who you're going to recruit, what your needs are. There's just an endless amount of decisions on a daily basis that you have to make.

“I think that's the most overwhelming part of going from being an assistant to being a head coach.”

Lebo won two Ohio Valley Conference titles at Tennessee Tech and reached the NIT quarterfinals with a program that had experienced four straight losing seasons before he arrived. Lebo had a 75-43 record at Tennessee Tech.

He moved on to Chattanooga and was 40-20 in two seasons there.

Lebo accepted the head job at Auburn in 2004, taking over a program beset with NCAA sanctions. Lebo's best season at Auburn was 2008-09 when the Tigers were 24-12 overall and 10-6 in the SEC. He had a 96-93 record in six seasons at Auburn.

Iron sharpens iron. Lebo further refined his coaching skills as he went against giants such as Billy Donovan at Florida and John Calipari at Kentucky in the SEC. He spent 11 seasons in the power league as an assistant and head coach.

“You get to study their programs, obviously, in preparation to play,” Lebo said. “I've got a lot of respect for those guys that



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I coached against in the SEC. Coaching against the best coaches does help you. You learn a lot.”

Lebo has maintained relationships with some of his former opponents.

“Those guys are still my friends,” he said. “I call Billy and we talk basketball. Tubby (Smith, former Kentucky coach) is now at Texas Tech. Calipari used to be the go-fer for my dad’s station at Pittsburgh. He was his helper to run the station at Five Star basketball camp a long time ago. He had to do whatever my Dad said. He went and got the cones and set up the stations and everything. We laugh about that. It was a lot of fun.”

Auburn’s record in the three seasons after Lebo left is 35-52. The Tigers’ loss has obviously been ECU’s gain.

The ECU coach has had ADs that have appreciated his efforts, Holland, initially, and now Jeff Compher.

Holland, who directed Virginia to a pair of Final Fours, sees the vision that Lebo has acquired through the process that has shaped him as a basketball coach.

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ECU will compete in Conference USA for the last time this season.

“The new American Athletic Conference will be challenging – the basketball pedigrees of Connecticut, Cincinnati, Temple, Memphis, Tulsa and Houston include numerous NCAA Tournament wins and Final Fours appearances,” Holland said. “The remaining conference members — SMU, USE, UCF, ECU, and Tulane — have recently made significant investments in basketball facilities, coaching salaries, etc.”

Pirate Nation can already see the return on investment in the new basketball practice facility. Compher guardedly said Lebo is early in a multi-year contract, the implication being that Holland’s successor wants to keep the hoops culture changer in place.

Lebo and staff are preparing for the new competitive horizon.

“This is a young team and it will be exciting to watch these players during this season,” Holland said. “More importantly though is that there are 12 scholarship players already here learning the Lebo Way — three are redshirt transfers sitting out this year — who will play together for Year One in the American Athletic Conference. Ten of those 12 will be back to play together for Year Two in the new conference.

“Our coach is thinking ahead. That’s why every Pirate should be buying season tickets now to ensure the best possible seats for the exciting years ahead.” 🏳️

**Read more from Al Myatt
at Bonesville.net**

Right: Coach Lebo gives instruction during a 95-45 win over the Chowan Hawks (W.A. Myatt photo)



One on One with AKEEM RICHMOND

His three point shot brought the Pirates their first ever post-season championship in basketball in the CollegeInsiders.com Tournament. Akeem Richmond now sets sights on a brand new year with a whole new cast of characters. I talked with Akeem as the Pirates got ready to embark on the 2013-14 basketball season. Akeem is deadly at times with his three point shot, and the Pirates will certainly need that this season.

Q — How was the off-season?

A — It seems like yesterday us winning the CIT. We've been celebrating since April. Now it's time to get back to the grind. It's been an exciting summer. We worked hard all summer with the new guys so I'm really excited to get things going.

Q — ECU lost leading scorer Maurice Kemp (18.9 ppg, 8.0 rpg) and two-time C-USA assist leader Miguel Paul (13.3 ppg, 7.2 apg) to graduation. Forward Robert Sampson (9.1 ppg, 9.2 rpg) transferred to Georgia Tech during the summer and Ty Armstrong (9.3 ppg, 4.5 rpg) left school just days before the official start of practice. How does this team replace more than 70 percent of the team's scoring and 79 percent of its rebounds?

A — It's going to be a challenge. There are a lot of faces that we are going to miss. You know you can't cry over spilled milk. We just have to pick up the pieces and roll with the punches. But I think we'll be fine this year.

Q — How does it feel to have something to build on after winning that CIT championship?

A — The wait is over, you know. We've been waiting since we won the CIT Championship. I'm just ecstatic, just trying to take it one day at a time. Yeah I can't



The Inside Slant

by Brian Bailey

wait. We've been working towards this ever since we won the CIT, just want to see how we are going to look and I'm anxious.

Q — How much fun was tournament play last spring?

A — It was a lot of fun. The guys really came together. The fans were great. It was a great experience and something I'll never forget.

Q — What are your goals for the upcoming season?

A — Trying to get better each and every day, the program is on the up rise and we got the team working hard we want to win the Conference-USA and we want to do a lot more than just win the CIT. Like I said we want to progress, go to the NIT or the NCAA you know, anything like that.

Q — You have proven to be a great outside threat. Sometimes it looks like you just can't miss. When you are really hitting all of your shots, how much of a natural high is that?

A — I love to shoot the basketball. Really, I feel like it's going in every time I put it up. I think good shooters have to think that way.

Q — This Pirate team will need your scoring on a nightly basis. Are you up to that challenge?

A — I am. I'm really excited about the season and can't wait to get everything going. It's going to be a fun year, especially with all of the new guys. 🏆

Right: Senior guard Akeem Richmond (ECU Media Relations photo)





Logan, Garrard among fame class

Seven new members of the East Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame were inducted over the homecoming weekend, which included a season-opening 97-51 win over North Carolina Wesleyan in men's basketball and a 58-24 victory over Tulsa in football.

Former ECU football coach Steve Logan and Pirates quarterback David Garrard were elected for enshrinement last year, but could not be on hand for induction because of schedule conflicts.

Garrard's current team, the New York Jets, had an open date on Week 10 of the NFL schedule, which allowed him to be on hand.

Logan was able to adjust his commitments as a radio and television personality in order to attend.

The ECU hall also inducted Sylvia Bragg (women's basketball), Don Harris (men's basketball), Tammy Putnam-Lenox (swimming and diving), Harold Randolph (football) and Carter Suggs (track and field).

Harris and Suggs were inducted posthumously.

The official induction ceremonies were held in the Murphy Center on Friday night, Nov. 8.

The hall now has 144 members.

A crowd of 44,076 for the Tulsa game gave especially

Above: Pirate Hall of Famers David Garrard and Steve Logan. **Opposite page:** Coach Ruffin McNeill (ECU Media Relations photos)



Notes, Quotes & Anecdotes

by Al Myatt

hearty cheers to Logan and Garrard.

It was Logan's first appearance at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium since the conclusion of the 2002 football season. He compiled a 69-58 record as coach of the Pirates for 11 seasons. His win total is the most of any ECU football coach.

Logan surpassed the legendary Clarence Stasavich, who was 50-27-1 over eight seasons, with his 51st victory by a 23-6 margin over N.C. State in Greenville with Garrard at quarterback on Nov. 20, 1999.

Garrard was in on 1,685 plays as a Pirate, one of his many school records. He accounted for 10,238 yards of total offense in his career from 1998-2001.

His last game matched him against Marshall's Byron Leftwich in the 2001 Mobile Bowl with the Thundering Herd rallying for a stunning 64-61 win in double overtime.

Garrard also led the Pirates to bowl games as a sopho-

more and junior. The 1999 team fell 28-14 in the Mobile Bowl to Texas Christian and LaDarian Tomlinson. The Pirates won the 2000 Galleryfurniture.com Bowl at the Astrodome in Houston, 40-27, over Texas Tech. Current ECU head coach Ruffin McNeill was linebackers coach of the Red Raiders at that time.

Logan has since been on coaching staffs at Boston College in the ACC and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the NFL.

He acknowledged the cheers graciously at the homecoming tilt with Tulsa.

Ironically, Logan graduated from Tulsa in 1983.

Different diversions

Logan played guitar and was a tennis aficionado away from his coaching responsibilities. Current Pirates coach McNeill walks during his work day to get some exercise, relieve stress and gain perspective.

McNeill had weight loss surgery after his first season on the ECU sideline and started walking as part of a fitness program.

McNeill usually walks for over an hour. The regimen allows him to think about football, too.

"I go through practice and what I'm going to talk to the team about," he said. "I go through game management in my head. Addressing the media and all those questions go through my head."

The Pirates coach listens to a variety of music as he renews his focus while he gets his workout late in the morning.

"I'm going to listen to some Kenny Chesney today and a little bit of Ray Wylie Hubbard," he said on a Wednesday this

season. "I'm going to listen to some country and western today. Yesterday was hard rock. ... I've got a bunch of songs on there. I've got some gospel. I've got rap, hip-hop, blues. I've got all the genres on there.

"Sometimes I mix 'em so I can hear a little bit of all of it."

McNeill said he decides the music format as he leaves the office for his walk. He has an option on his device for "Shuffle" that gives him all varieties.

And he takes different routes.

"That's my therapy time," he said. "I go through campus during the summer, but during the season I try to just walk odd ways. I change up my routes to change my mind up so it doesn't become boring or monotonous to me. I normally go away from campus, either East or West. I just start walking. I have a clock on my ipod. When I leave, I set it. Sometimes I go to far and I say, 'Golly, I've got a long ways back.'"

McNeill usually starts back to the office after he's been walking for 35 to 40 minutes.

Scouts bring doughnuts

As part of his weight control program, McNeill has to watch what he eats. It takes some will power to avoid the doughnuts that NFL scouts bring to the office.

A New York Giants scout gave McNeill a compliment recently.

"He said every one of our people from our program are productive and good people," said the Pirates coach. "They make a difference. This scout was around when I was at Appalachian State



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and we had Dexter Coakley (linebacker) and no one believed in him but the (Dallas) Cowboys. He played for them for 10 years. Then we go to Texas Tech and nobody believed in Wes Welker or those guys. We've got three guys playing for the Broncos right now, Michael Crabtree for the (San Francisco) 49ers from there.

"And East Carolina, from all the people they've got (in the NFL), from C.J. (Chris Johnson, Tennessee Titans), to Linval (Joseph, New York Giants) to Dwayne (Harris, Dallas Cowboys) ... We've got a lot of Pirates playing. I want to say 11, if I'm not mistaken.

"You see Robert Jones (former ECU and Cowboys linebacker, whose son, Isaiah, is contributing significantly as a receiver in his true freshman year) coming back now.

"You have that to sell to recruits. You can get anything you want at East Carolina. Sometimes some universities that we're going against attempt to use that you can't make it (to the NFL from ECU). We have 10 pro scouts here today. We have 10 pro scouts in our office today. It's Wednesday and we've had them in here all week.

"I know because they bring doughnuts and I can't have any. That's how I know scouts are here."

McNeill has to walk past the goodies. The doughnuts don't last long in the football office though.

"There was like a half of one left," he said. "I went and got some tea in the microwave and I looked in the box. This is a piranha office. Coaches meet and eat, constantly. We have some young men around here who can eat." 

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The Voice's “BELIEVE IT, OR NOT”

By Jeff Charles

Okay, this isn't going to be Ripley's, but 'odd' and 'bizarre' certainly might apply to these experiences. As they say, "you just can't make this stuff up."



Above: Jeff Charles on the road with the Pirates (Al Myatt photo)

THE MISSING RADIO NETWORK TRUNK — Many years ago the Pirates played an exhibition basketball game at Camp Lejeune. We loaded the equipment trunk, which weighs nearly 100 pounds, on the team bus and drove separately. We arrived about the same time and went to the bus to get the trunk. Guess what, no trunk. Are you kidding me? About that time a marine drove up and said, “Did you guys lose something?” He saw the trunk in a ditch on the base. The door underneath the bus was not locked and it came open. The trunk slid off. We went back and got it, and it was “good evening everybody.”

WE NEED AN AUTOGRAPH — Shortly after I arrived at ECU in 1988, I had to run to the office on a Saturday. As I pulled up, some young guys were in the parking lot. One kid came up and said, “We’re here from Virginia Tech and we need you to sign this.” They had driven all the way from Blacksburg. I signed a poster and they took off. Weird.

THE NIT TRIP — New York on Saint Patrick’s day can be crazy. A trip there many years ago brings back memories — like the cabbie saying, “I can’t get you to the hotel.” Hoodlums had taken over the streets. Out I went, luggage in hand, dodging rocks, bottles and fights on the street — all in the spirit of St. Patty’s day. I woke up the next morning and discovered a hotel patron down

the hall had been stabbed. I was like, “I think its time to get back to good old Danville, Illinois.”

ANDRE THE GIANT — I walked in to WKDX in Hamlet and saw a picture of the wrestling legend on the wall. Here’s the story: The lady who ran the station was a personal friend of Andre’s. Her husband was a deputy sheriff. He would pick up the behemoth in a police van (he couldn’t fit in a car) and take him into town from his farm. Andre loved movies and he would sit in the projection room and watch the latest flick.

THE ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL NICKNAMES — I broadcast games involving these teams: The Freeport Pretzells, Hoopston Corn Jerkers, Fisher Bunnies, South Beloit Sobos, Teutopolis Wooden Shoes, and my all time favorite, the Polo Marcos. Get it?

GRANDPA MUNSTER - Yes, Grandpa. The actor, Al Lewis, attended a Pirate basketball game around 1990. He was in Greenville making a personal appearance at the old Nichols department store where the Greenville Convention Center sits today. He was a huge basketball fan. I just call it the night Grandpa came to Minges after hanging out in the lab.

MRS. SCHOTT'S SEATS — Marge Schott owned the Cincinnati Reds. I went to a game on a rainy week night and asked the ticket guy for, "the best seat you've got." He disappeared for a moment and came back to the window and said "Mrs Schott is not coming tonight. You can have her seat." She sat right next to the dugout. It was worth getting wet.

THE CELL PHONE CALL — It was 2007 and we were driving in Michigan when the phone rang. It was Ernie Harwell, the legendary "voice" of the Detroit Tigers and one of the greatest baseball announcers of all time. I nearly wrecked. I had contacted him through a third party and we set up a time to come on my radio show on Pirate Radio 1250 and 930. You can still access the interview on Pirate Radio's web page.

THE SPLIT PANTS — While working at WSB in Atlanta, one of my duties was to cover the Master's. The year was 1980 on the final round when — *whoops* — somehow I split my pants. The old Mutual Network used to cover golf every weekend. Al Wester was the anchor and he came on the air on the national network and said, "Things have gotten so exciting here in Augusta, a reporter just split his pants!"

CRASHING THROUGH — Years ago I went with Matt "Big Guy" Maloney to a Pirate Club function at the home of Keith Beatty in Wilmington. It was getting dark and as "Big Guy" introduced me as the "strongest voice in America" I crashed through the door right on cue knocking it out of the frame and into screaming ladies on the porch. Hey Keith, the check is in the mail.

ANOTHER TRUNK STORY — On a basketball trip to Cincinnati we went inside the airport to get our luggage and no radio equipment. Its happened before, but not like this. Six hours and tracers all over the country later we found the trunk. It had slipped off the baggage claim conveyer and was resting by its lonesome in the basement of the Cincinnati airport.

EMERGENCY LANDING — While returning from Charlotte in an airplane piloted by Harry Sloan, the plane lost power, and Coach Steve Logan along with me and two others ended up in a soybean field in Pikeville. We emerged somehow without a scratch, and the first person to offer help was a farmer. He had witnessed the whole ordeal from his tractor. This man was wearing an ECU cap.

THE 0-0 GAME — My first illinois football broadcast was against Northwestern in Champaign. It was about 95 degrees that day. The two teams were bad. This was not exactly Ohio State vs Michigan. The game ended in a 0-0 tie. This was before o.t. periods in college football. Try making that sound exciting.

I have some more "believe it, or not" that I'll save for another column. Till next time, "Keep painting 'em purple!" 🏴‍☠️



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BASEBALL

Godwin working on a lineup

By Al Myatt

ECU's fall baseball camp wound down with the final game of the Purple-Gold World Series during homecoming weekend. That was followed by a period of individual workouts.

Godwin and the Pirate staff had a good opportunity to evaluate new additions to the program.

There may be some position changes and players in different roles before the season opener rolls around at Clark-LeClair Stadium against James Madison on Feb. 14.

"We thought we had a good fall, a great fall," Godwin said. "We had some questions answered."

The Pirates will start preseason practice when the next semester begins Jan. 13. There were 16 new players joining the ECU program in the fall.

"We had some guys emerge," said the ECU skipper. "There were some great surprises. I was really excited about the way we ended up fall."

Luke Lowery, a catcher as a freshman, got a look at first base. Bryce Harman, a promising freshman, is a left-handed hitter and he saw time at first as well.

Freshman Eric Tyler will push returner Travis Watkins for the starting job behind the plate.

"That makes us feel good about having two solid catchers," Godwin said. "Certainly, Lowery will catch some. It will give us an option if we're really searching for an offensive lineup to put Lowery behind the plate because both of those guys (Tyler and Watkins) can really defend."

Lowery hit .304 with four homers for a 31-26 team in 2013. Watkins hit .267.

"Luke made a good transition to first," Godwin said. "I



Freshman catcher Luke Lowery (ECU Media Relations photo)

thought he got a lot better in the fall over there. I think he's an offensive presence. He's a guy who's going to play every day for us and hit in the middle of our order.

"I thought Bryce Harman, who was drafted by the (Washington) Nationals, started slow and really came on late. I was really excited about some of the things I saw from him."

Harman had four hits in three games in the Purple-Gold World Series in helping the Gold team to a 2-1 series win.

Drew Reynolds played second base for most of the fall. Godwin said if Reynolds is playing a position then it will open up the designated hitter spot. That could get Harman, Lowery or junior college transfer Ian Townsend in the order.

"I thought Drew came a long way," Godwin said. "He came in as an infielder but hadn't really played the infield in two years. I could see him as being very adequate (defensively) and an offensive-type of second baseman."

The shortstop position is still up in the air.

"I really like a freshman, Kirk Morgan," Godwin said.

Morgan is still recovering from ACL surgery and finished the fall at about 70 percent in Godwin's estimation.

"I was really impressed with some of the things he did and his knowledge of the game," Godwin said. "Another freshman, Cam Snow, had an outstanding fall defensively (at short)."

Zach Houchins returns at third base after hitting .317

with five homers and 42 RBIs last year.

“I thought (freshman) Davis Kirkpatrick, who is going to be a two-way guy for us, made some strides at third base,” Godwin said. “He’s probably going to pitch for us mainly in the spring. He’s in a situation where he can learn behind Houchins. I think he’s going to help us the most on the mound.”

Kirkpatrick’s dad, Donnie, is ECU’s inside receivers coach and recruiting coordinator in football. The younger Kirkpatrick led D.H. Conley to the Eastern 3-A baseball championship in 2012.

The outfield is experienced with Ben Fultz, Dylan Brown and Garrett Brooks returning.

“Brooks had a tremendous fall,” Godwin said. “He just seems to be a different type of guy.”

Juco transfer Reid Love is a center fielder and left-handed pitcher, giving the Pirates another two-way performer in addition to Reynolds and Kirkpatrick.

“Reid Love could very well throw Saturdays for us or Sundays,” Godwin said.

Townsend has power and the Pirates will look to find a way to get him in the middle of the order.

“The things that stood out were our depth at the catching position, the emergence of Cam Snow as a good defender, Reid Love’s ability to hit and be a two-way guy and Ian Townsend’s emergence,” Godwin said.

The Pirates have their weekend rotation returning from 2012 but there may be some adjustments there as well.

Right-hander Jeff Hoffman appears poised for a stellar junior year, David Lucroy is coming off a solid freshman season and Ryan Williams has added some velocity in the offseason through strength and conditioning. Huffman’s fall innings were limited after a summer in the Cape Cod League.

Williams may move to the closer’s role.

“We did that toward the end of the fall and he was outstanding,” Godwin said. “We feel like with him and Reynolds that’s two back end guys who are high level that really shorten the game for you. We’re thinking that between (Tyler) Bolton, Love and Kirkpatrick, one of those guys will win one of those weekend spots.

“The other two can move to the midweek games. By putting Williams in the bullpen, and I’m not saying we’re 100 percent in on that, but he could throw every day.”

Williams was effective in some relief situations last season.

“We could do him like Brad Mincy, relieve him on the weekends and possibly start him during the week,” Godwin said. “We could limit his role there so he could bounce back on the weekend. He has that kind of ability if we need to.

“I guess the thing I’m really excited about is just the quality depth we’ve brought in around our weekend rotation.”

Right-hander Brett Mabry gives the Pirates another proven arm.

Maness makes visit

St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Seth Maness made an appearance at homecoming after making it to the World Series in his rookie season.

Maness was 5-2 with a 2.32 earned run average after his call-up in May. He pitched 62 innings with 35 strikeouts and 13 walks. Only seven of the 58 runners on base that he inherited scored. Maness’ sinker effectively induced double plays.

Maness also had a hit among his five at-bats for a .200 batting average. He handled 16 fielding chances without an error.

He appeared in nine postseason games and compiled a 1.80 earned run average. He had three strikeouts in five innings with no walks.

In Maness’ last postseason appearance in Game Six of the World Series, he struck out Boston’s Xander Bogaerts on three straight 83-mile per hour changeups.

“It’s awesome,” said ECU baseball coach Billy Godwin. “Two seasons ago, he was in our program. It speaks a lot for him. He had to put the numbers up when he got out. ... Seth is still Seth. He’s the same guy who left here two years ago. I think that’s what makes him good at that level. He’s not caught up in the moment. He doesn’t think he’s better than anyone else. He’s just very simple.”



Former Pirate baseball standout Seth Maness (Photo courtesy of the St. Louis Cardinals)



Swimming & Diving

While waiting for facilities upgrades, Coach Rick Kobe has learned how to wow recruits with wins

By Bethany Bradsher

They had yet to compete against another team, but at ECU's first intrasquad scrimmage in late September head coach Rick Kobe knew that this could be a special year for the Pirate swimming and diving teams.

"We knew we had something going at the Purple-Gold Meet," Kobe said. "You know you're off to a pretty good start when you break 10 records."

From there, the Pirates starting lining up next to other teams from throughout the Southeast, and the winning continued. In their first true test, they competed against 15 other collegiate teams from North Carolina in the All-N.C. Invitational in Greensboro. ECU rose to that challenge by finishing a close second to N.C. State in both the men's and the women's competition.

Buoyed by the Invitational success, ECU embarked on a series of dual and tri-meets – against Davidson, South Carolina, Richmond and Limestone, Georgia Southern and College of Charleston. When all of those dates were behind them, the women had defeated all six teams and the men had fallen only to South Carolina. When the fall schedule had concluded, it added up to a solid foundation for the meets that matter the most – the Janu-

Above: Coach Rick Kobe with Pirate swimmers (ECU Media Relations photo)

ary and February slate that concludes with the Conference USA Championships from Feb. 26 to March 1.

"I think our kids really trained hard over the summer," Kobe said. "I think we came back in really good shape and we have just taken it from there."

That early-season momentum is due in equal parts to experienced returning athletes and talented freshmen, Kobe said. His goal each year is to bring in the best freshman class the program has ever had, and he believes that the freshmen should come in and make such an immediate impact that they push the older swimmers to new heights.

"You're only as good as the group of freshmen you bring in," he said.

Some of the newcomers who have met those expectations for Kobe so far are Tori Angermeier and Anna Maria Svanbergsson on the women's side, Adam Dear for the men and divers Ashley Sams and Will Bellyeau. Bringing experience and record-breaking times to the team alongside the newcomers are sophomores Bailie Monahan and Michael Dugan, juniors Lauren Chew and Rokas Cepulis and seniors Anna Gibas and Attila Kiraly.

Monahan, who placed second in the 200-yard butterfly at last year's C-USA Championship, was the only female swimmer to earn an NCAA "B" qualifying time last year, and eight men's swimmers achieved a "B" cut time in 2012-'13. From what he has seen in the first two months of competing, he expects many more Pirate swimmers to punch a ticket to the postseason this year.

“We’re getting to the next level,” Kobe said. “Our only holdback, truly, has been the facility issues.”

Since they are training and competing in a circa-1968 natatorium, the swimming and diving teams are due for significant facility upgrades, but Kobe is content for now with smaller improvements that will make a big difference. The first such improvement will give a complete facelift to the walls and ceilings of the pool area, which are old, stained and dotted with holes where acoustic tiles have fallen off. After that project is completed, Kobe will lobby for new locker rooms, since the current ones are so cramped and subpar that athletes can’t even use them to shower after practice.

“I’ve been here for 34 years, and we’ve never let a recruit go in our locker rooms,” he said. “There’s no ‘wow’ factor.”

Until those changes are made, Kobe and his squads will strive to provide that ‘wow’ factor with wins – and the hard work to that end will start with intense training over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and the team’s annual training trip to Jupiter, Fla. for final preparation. The second portion of the swimming season opens Jan. 18 at Old Dominion and is followed by four straight home meets before the swimmers travel to Atlanta for the C-USA Championships. 🏊

Right: Senior backstroke/individual medley swimmer Attila Keraly;
Below: Sophomore butterfly/individual medley swimmer Bailie Monahan (ECU Media Relations photos)





All I want for Christmas...

ECU'S OLYMPIC SPORTS COACHES SHARE THEIR HOLIDAY WISH LISTS

It's nearly the holiday season, a time when the demands of the workplace take a distant backseat to tree trimming and shopping, Christmas cookies and spiced cider.

Unless, of course, you're a collegiate head coach, in which case you rarely have the luxury of diverting your focus from the various pressures and expectations surrounding your program. When you do manage to get a little family time in December, it's only achieved by forcibly pushing aside recruiting, scheduling, athlete mentoring, practice plans and game strategy. It's a profession that leaves little room for downtime, even it seems like much of the country seems to be taking an extended vacation.

And so, in an effort to combine holiday cheer with intercollegiate athletic drive, the East Carolina Olympic sports head coaches agreed to share portions of their holiday wish lists with the Pirate Nation. If Santa receives lists from the various coaching offices this year, they will read something like this:

Kevin Williams, women's golf: "Win the Conference USA Championship, advance to the NCAA Regionals for the seventh straight year and advance out of regionals to play for a national championship."

Shawn Heinchon, men's tennis: "Men's tennis would like another top three player from Santa for Christmas."

Heather Macy, women's basketball: "My Christmas wish for our women's basketball team would be to bring joy and a smile to others this holiday season."

Tom Morris, women's tennis: "My Christmas wish is for a healthy and happy team in 2014, a team that continues to grow close to each other as we work together to realize our goals."

Rick Kobe, swimming and diving: "We would like to see both the men's and women's teams continue to climb up the national polls and to have a very enjoyable and safe holiday."

Curt Kraft, track and field: "To remain healthy and to stay focused on academics and to keep their eyes on their goals!"

Press McPhaul, men's golf: "Competitively, we need to get a little tougher. We need to resolve how we're going to deal with adversity beforehand so that it doesn't take us by surprise and we respond to it with a positive and resilient mindset. We



The Bradsher Beat

by Bethany Bradsher

also want to value the process over the outcome."

Julie Torbett, volleyball: "Volleyball wants four All-Americans to sign NLI's with East Carolina this year and our seven seniors to graduate and find jobs or graduate schools."

Beth Keylon-Randolph, softball: "For ECU softball, we would like a season free of injury, a season filled with attitudes that show determination and toughness on every play of every game, a season that will be unforgettable in the minds of every player on our team because they poured their hearts and souls into ECU softball just because they have the privilege of putting on the uniform and representing ECU, our families and our teammates. We would also want to have a season with 40+ wins, a C-USA conference title and championship as well as an NCAA championship. We want our stands to be packed with our fans for every home game and we want to return the favor by continually serving the community of Greenville, NC."

And what does a sportswriter who follows all of the above sports hope to receive out of Santa's big magic sack? For starters, it would be tons of fun to write about championships for both Conference USA and the American Athletic Conference in the same calendar year. And a little March Madness would be nice, too.

And if you're still listening, Santa, please bring me some of the most articulate, interesting athletes that have ever been granted NCAA eligibility, great crowds for track and field's first home meet in April and quick progress on the planned improvements for the swimming and diving facility.

Oh, and one more thing. Here I might be veering from legitimate Christmas wish list request to fairy godmother territory, but when one or more of the Pirates squads makes a national championship, I sure would love to go along to write about it. Especially if said championship happens to be in an exotic or faraway location.

Merry Christmas, Pirates fans. Wishing you genuine peace and goodwill, with an ample number of nail-biting, scream-your-lungs-out victories thrown in along the way. 🏆



JORAN VLIEGEN

**Skilled Belgian
transplant raises
sights of ECU
tennis program**

Unlike football with its weekly rankings, collegiate tennis players are only measured against each other using an official formula a couple of times a year. So senior Joran Vliegen will have to wait until January to see how much his accomplished fall has elevated him, but his coach has an educated guess.

By Bethany Bradsher

“It’s not an exact science, but it would be surprising to me if he wasn’t around 25,” said men’s head tennis coach Shawn Heinchon. “19 or 20 wouldn’t surprise me, and something around 27 wouldn’t surprise me.”

Regardless of Vliegen’s precise placement in the standings, he has carried ECU tennis to new heights this fall, and when the team resumes competition Vliegen will find himself the favorite in every match he plays. Among his accomplishments in the past few months:

- He won the ITA Carolina Regional Championship in Cary in October, coming out on top in a field of 64 top collegiate players from North and South Carolina.
- Because of that victory, he qualified for the ITA National Indoor Championships in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. and advanced to the round of 16, where he lost to fifth-seeded Gonzales Austin of Vanderbilt.
- He was named the Conference USA Men’s Tennis-Athlete-of-the-Month for October, his second such honor in his ECU career.
- He finished his fall season with a singles record of 15-3, including six wins over opponents ranked in the top 66 nationally. Two of his victories came over players ranked in the top five.

And that doesn’t even include Vliegen’s success with doubles partner Colin Roller. The pair advanced to the quarterfinals in the ITA Regional Carolina Championship before losing to a South Carolina team, and before that they advanced to the round of 16 at the ITA All-American Championships in Tulsa in

early October.

All of that good fortune can only help the ECU tennis team as a whole, and the road ahead includes three months of dual matches before the C-USA Championships open in Tulsa in mid-April. Heinchon’s job, when the second half of the season opens at North Carolina on Jan. 17, is to ensure that the other players don’t just admire Vliegen’s success but fortify their own games so that the whole team can make a name for Pirate tennis.

“We’re fortunate to have a perception of what can happen, to help motivate the other guys,” said Heinchon, in his eighth season leading the men’s team. “We don’t want to just sit around and watch. We all still have roles, and it still takes four or five guys for us to win.”

As for Vliegen, advancing deeper into big tournaments than anyone thought he would has been a huge confidence boost, and he and his coach hope that he can ride that wave through the spring. The difference, when 2014 dawns, will be his status as a favorite, but his fall wins – especially the chance to hold the trophy aloft at the ITA Carolina – have helped give him the sense that he can beat anyone on any given day.

He has adopted Greenville and East Carolina as his North American home, and he loved the feeling of accepting the championship trophy and representing ECU at the same time. And if that wasn’t satisfying enough, he defeated a Duke player in the semifinals and a Carolina player in the finals.

“It feels amazing,” he said just after that win. “I’m extremely honored to win this tournament wearing purple and gold and have East Carolina printed on my chest. And to actually do this for a school that I love, it makes it extra special.”



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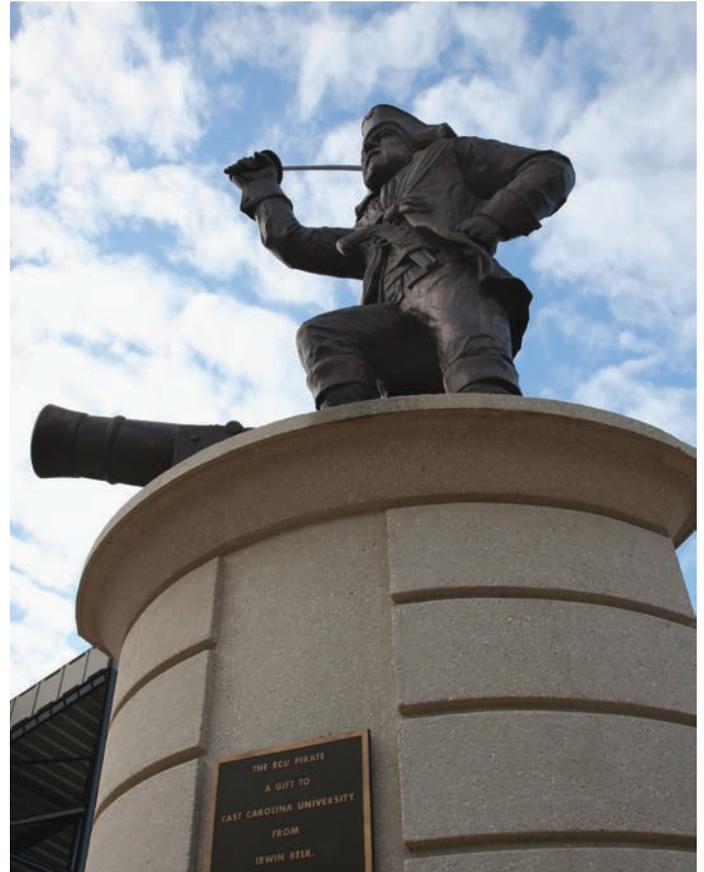
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Age	Payout Rate
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70	5.1%
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TWO LIVES

Age	Payout Rate
55/55	3.5%
60/60	3.9%
65/65	4.2%
70/70	4.6%
75/75	5.0%
80/80	5.7%
90/90	8.2%

The Pitt County Chapter of the ECU Pirate Club held its 3rd Annual Pirate Chase 10k and Pirate Pediatrics Fun Run on Saturday, November 2.

The event was held at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium near the Pirate Statue and the Pete & Lynn Murphy Center. Almost 250 walkers and runners participated this year, helping raise over \$4,000 for student athlete scholarships at ECU.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers and sponsors, noted below, who made this a very successful event.



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Ahoy, New Little Pirates!



JULIA CHARLOTTE TUCK

Brian ('00) and Jennifer Tuck are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Charlotte Tuck, born September 12, 2013.

Brian is head of the Columbia, SC chapter of the Pirate Club. Baby Julia's grandparents, Ed ('72 & '76) and Jewell Clark ('78) are also alumni, season ticket holders, and Pirate Club members.



SUTTON GRACE PENNINGTON

Philip ('13) and Michelle Pennington are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Sutton Grace Pennington, born July 26, 2013. Her birth weight was 7 lbs., 15 oz. and she was 21 1/4" long.

Philip and Michelle are looking forward to her being a part of the Pirate Nation.

Send Us Your Announcements!

We want to know about you, your family and news in your life that we can share with other Pirate Club members. Please mail information to:

East Carolina University Pirate Club
304 Ward Sports Medicine Bldg.
Greenville, NC 27858-4353
Attn: Member's Corner

Or Fax to: (252) 737-4664
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Pirate Kids Club December Birthdays

Ryan Blout

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Kendall Dudley

Jesse Pait

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Happy Birthday, Kids!

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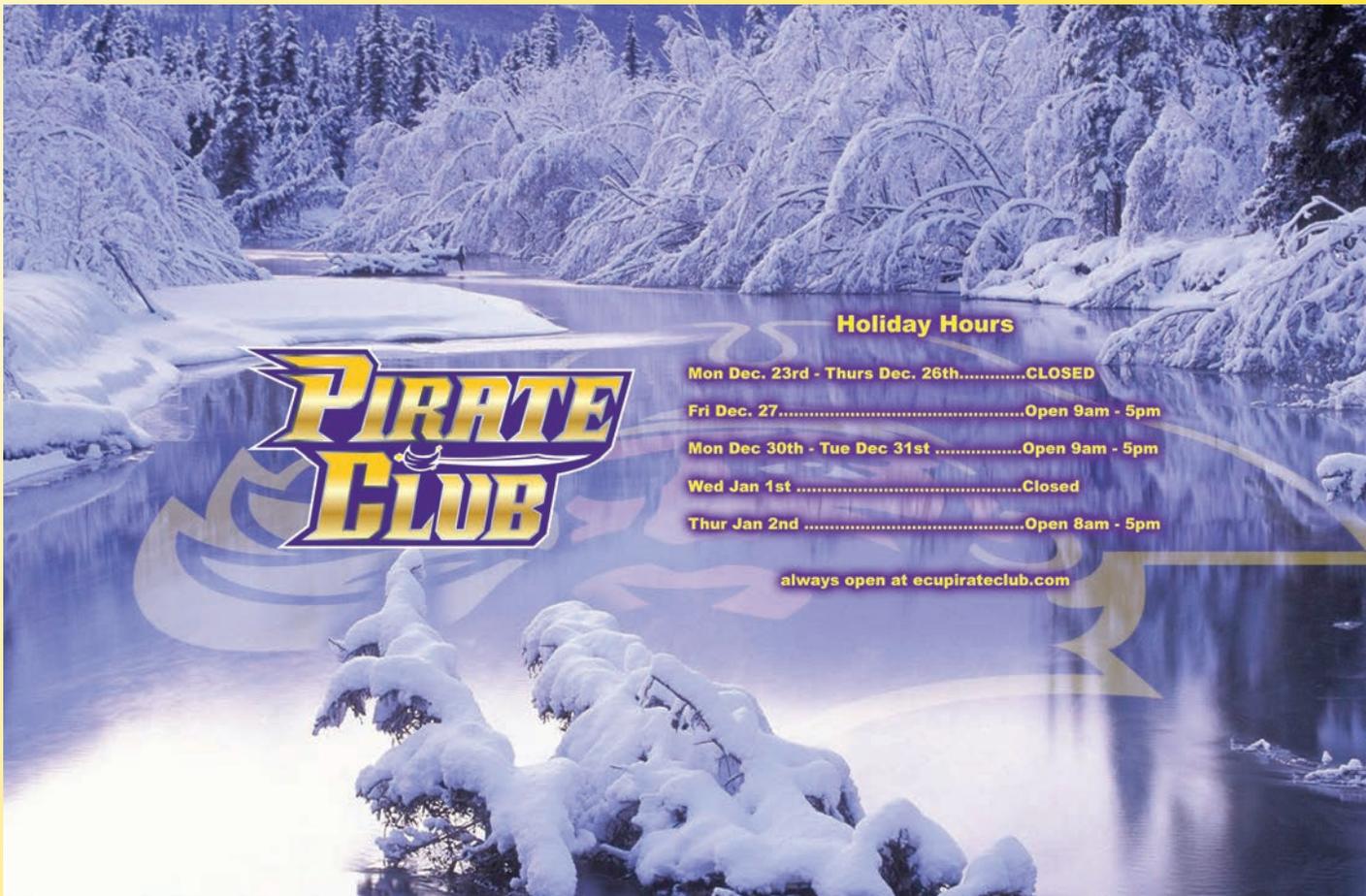
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Compliance Corner

KNOW THE RULES

Compliance with NCAA rules requires the effort of everyone associated with East Carolina University's athletic program: university staff members, faculty, students, student-athletes and athletic boosters. In order for your actions to comply with the NCAA rules, it is important to understand not only the rules themselves, but why NCAA rules exist and why schools must monitor compliance with them.

The Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States was founded in 1906. It became the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in 1910. It was originally made up of 62 members and served primarily to formulate rules and regulations. Over the years, the NCAA has grown to well over 1,000 members and its purpose has grown substantially. The NCAA operates championships, educational services and other programming for student-athletes, as well as many other services for staff members at NCAA member institutions. Still a large focus for the NCAA staff and NCAA member institutions is adopting, interpreting and changing the rules and regulations.

Principles for Conduct of Intercollegiate Athletics

There are 16 principles set forth in the NCAA's constitution that underlie all other NCAA rules. In part, these principles include: Institutional Control and Responsibility, Student-Athlete Welfare, Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct, Sound Academic Standards, Nondiscrimination, Rules Compliance, Amateurism, Eligibility, Financial Aid and Economy of Athletics Program Operation. Each NCAA rule is written to advance one of these principles.

Institutional Control

The first principle in the NCAA's constitution is the Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility. This principle best underscores each institution's responsibilities as a member of the NCAA. It states that it is the responsibility of each NCAA member institution to control its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with the NCAA rules and regulations. It is not only the athletic department or the athletic director or the director of compliance, it is the institution's responsibility!

The notion of institutional control is very broad and far reaching. There is no specific definition you can reference or checklist you can complete to ensure institutions are maintaining institutional control. However, there are many ways to demonstrate that institutional control exists. Member schools must:

- Employ an individual (or a staff) who is clearly responsible for managing compliance with NCAA rules.
- Implement and actively employ systems to prevent and detect violations in all areas of the rules: recruiting, eligi-

bility, financial aid, playing season regulations, personnel limitations, etc.

- Have written policies and procedures in place for its compliance systems.
- Educate student-athletes, coaches, staff members, Pirate Club members and the public about the NCAA rules and how to work within the rules.
- Answer questions related to NCAA rules.
- Investigate all potential violations of NCAA rules and report any situations that are violations.

When determining if a school is maintaining institutional control, the NCAA looks at whether each head coach has created and preserved an atmosphere for compliance within his or her program, including being aware of the actions of assistant coaches in the program. A head coach's ignorance of the activities of his/her assistant coaches has led to many charges of a lack of institutional control and, in fact, led the NCAA membership to adopt a specific by-law that spells out the head coach's responsibilities for maintaining awareness of his/her staff and compliance within his/her program.

Another measure of institutional control is looking at what happens when violations or alleged violations are reported to an athletics department. All student-athletes, athletics staff, university staff and boosters must have at least a general awareness of what constitutes a violation and to whom they should report the violation if they believe one may have occurred. Once the information is reported properly, the institution's Office of Compliance must investigate the situation to determine whether a violation did or did not occur. If a violation did occur, the institution must report the situation to the NCAA. All of these pieces (as well as some others) must fall into place to establish institutional control.

Not every NCAA rule makes sense. Almost anyone will acknowledge this as a fact (including almost every compliance administrator!). Even still, as a member of the NCAA we have signed on to live by all the rules – the ones we like and the ones we don't like – and report violations of the rules when they occur. Not only does this include staff members and student-athletes, but also it includes individuals who are considered athletic boosters. I am sure we can all agree that we all want the best for our student-athletes and for ECU. In order to protect the eligibility of our student-athletes and exercise institutional control, every individual associated with ECU and the athletics department must strive to adhere to the NCAA rules and report all violations. Not doing so could place a student-athlete's eligibility in jeopardy or place the university at risk of a violation and possible sanctions. If you have questions at any time, or if you have knowledge of a possible violation, you should immediately contact the Office of Compliance at 737-4533. Thank you for your commitment to ECU!

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