

5 East Carolina 77, No. 4 Temple 71 Game 4 – Quarterfinals, March 7, 2015 Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.

East Carolina Postgame Notes

The Pirates won for the eighth time in nine games. East Carolina's only loss in that span is at Temple, a 79-69 setback on February 28th.

Jada Payne began the night needing three more 3-pointers to surpass her own single-season program record of 70. She made 2-of-3 in the first half as ECU built a 40-29 lead, but missed her only attempt of the second half.

Payne finished with 22 points, the 28th time in 30 games she has reached double figures and the 10th time this season she has scored at least 20. It was the 21st time she has led the Pirates in scoring.

Junior forward I'Tiana Taylor (11 points, 11 rebounds) recorded her eighth double-double of the season.

The Pirates are now 10-0 this season when scoring at least 70 points, 17-1 when making five or more 3-pointers and 19-3 when leading at the half.

Janesha Ebron had her fourth game this season with four or more steals. She leads the Pirates with 56.

ECU forced 20 turnovers today, the 18th time in 30 games they have pressured an opponent into at least that many turnovers.

Temple Postgame Notes

The Owls missed their first four shots and 11 of their first 12 while committing seven turnovers as they fell behind 16-2 in the first eight minutes. In the first meeting between the teams, back on February 28th, Temple was down by 10 points seven minutes into the game before rallying to win by 10.

Tyonna Williams scored her 1,000th career point today. She is the 21st player to reach that milestone in Temple history.

In the first meeting between the teams, the trio of Erica Covile (22 points), Alliya Butts (16) and Tanaya Atkinson (13) combined for 51 points. In the first half Saturday, that group had just five points on a combined 2-of-10 shooting. They finished with 37 total points.

Sophomore center Safiya Martin had four blocks. She leads the team with 21 this season.