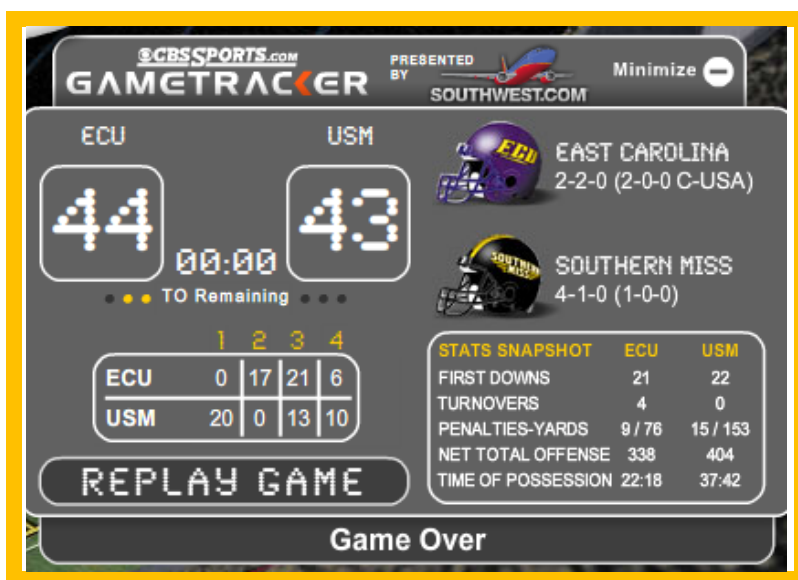


East Carolina Ruins Centennial Homecoming

HATTIESBURG – Even with all of the talk from USM administrators about the importance of football to the institution, and despite coming into the 2010 Centennial Homecoming game having won four in a row, the USM Golden Eagles fell to a mediocre East Carolina team by a score 43 to 44 on 9-Oct-2010. USM entered the game with four wins and one loss, while ECU came to Hattiesburg with two wins and two losses. Even after committing four turnovers to USM’s zero, ECU held on to win its third Conference USA game against zero losses. USM, on the other hand, is now 1-1 in Conference USA. Sources tell USMNEWS.net that it is surprising that USM chose to play *East Carolina* for its Centennial Homecoming, or any other homecoming game for that matter. It is likely that ECU used the choice by USM as proverbial “bulletin board material” to motivate them in preparing for a game it ultimately won.



To make matters even worse, USM was called for four personal fouls during the second quarter, and USM linebacker Korey Williams was ejected from the game after taking a swing at an ECU player during a sideline scuffle. This national black eye was part of a 15-penalty night for USM, which entered the game as the fourth most penalized team in the country, and which had a whopping 153 yards in penalties during the Centennial Homecoming game. Finally, sources say that this embarrassing loss offers an opportunity for the Martha Saunders administration to put both USM sports *and* Centennial celebration festivities on the back burner so that it can instead concentrate on the truly difficult issues that the institution has been facing since 2009.