

# Newsletter

Welcome to all Supporters of Pirate Softball

**NEWSLETTER 21, September 14, 2011**

[BLACKBEARD'S BALLERS](#) AN UNOFFICIAL FAN SITE FOR [ECU SOFTBALL](#), WHERE THE REAL FAN GOES FOR MORE.

**Lightning in a Bottle...  
Tribute to 2011 team.**



<http://youtu.be/GQ8g9edvG4A>

The 2011 season turned out to be another stellar year for the ECU Softball **Pirates**. These young **Pirates** are now preparing for the 2012 season with high expectations. We welcome 5 new student athletes to the **ECU SOFTBALL FAMILY**:

[Alexa Cannon](#)

[Sarah Christian](#)

[Emma Mendoker](#)

[Sara Pacioni](#)

[Courtney Smith](#)

*"Once a Pirate, always a Pirate"*

## Fall Ball Scrimmages:

9/17  
@ UNCG  
3:00 and 5:00  
10/1  
@NC State  
12:00, 4:00, 6:00  
10/2  
@ NC State  
1:00  
5:00  
10/21  
Vs. PCC  
10/22

Purple-Gold Scrimmage

## LATEST NEWS FROM THE MEDIA:

[Olympic sports teams itching to occupy new digs...  
The Bradsher Beat  
Wednesday, August 3, 2011 By Bethany Bradsher](#)

[The # 2 Premiere Pirate of the last decade....Toni Paisley July 29, 2011 The East Carolinian](#)

[PURPLE! Magazine Sept./Oct. 2011](#)  
East Carolina University Sports, Spirit, and Tradition- an online magazine.  
Check out the softball wrap-up on page 13!



Congratulations to Coach Tracey Kee, Coach Natalie Kozlowski, and GA Coach Cristen Aona for receiving the [NFCA Coaching Staff-Of-The-Year Award](#)



"If you believe in yourself, have dedication and pride and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high, but so are the rewards." - Paul "Bear" Bryant

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## [2011-2012 Pirate Pass](#)

[Pirate Pass](#) includes admission into all Soccer, Volleyball, Women's Basketball, and Softball home games and is now available for all women's sports for only \$60 for general admission.

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Join Blackbeard's Ballers group on Facebook:  
<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/groups/blackbeardsballers/>

Follow us on Twitter:  
<http://twitter.com/ECUsoftballfan>

**2011 AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

**C-USA Sport Academic Award**  
(Pirates Receive Softball Honor For Third Time In Four Seasons)

**NFCA Coaching Staff-Of-The-Year Award**  
(Pirates Earn Second-Straight Midwest Region Honor)

**Conference USA Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year**  
Toni Paisley

**CUSA recipient of the Jim Castañeda Postgraduate Scholarship Award**  
Toni Paisley

**Honored By NCAA For Academic Work**  
Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division I Midwest All-Region  
First Team: Toni Paisley  
The Capital One Academic All-District 3 Second Team  
Toni Paisley

**BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS 2011:**  
Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year  
Toni Paisley  
Kristi Overton Award Winner  
Abby Wynne

**2010-11 Conference USA Academic Medal**  
Jillian Jelnick 2010-11  
Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll Recipients for Softball

Kaiulani Clark ,Alex Fieldhouse Jillian Jelnick, Sissy Jimenez, Chelsea Kaluhiokalani-Glackin, Rebecca Lee, Jordan Lewis, Cicely Lopez, Taylor Megargel, Kristi Oshiro, Toni Paisley, Jasmine Robbins, Priscilla Velasquez, Abby Wynne

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Check out the new and improved [ECUPIRATES.COM](http://ECUPIRATES.COM)



Please email me @ [ECUSOFTBALLFAN@Yahoo.com](mailto:ECUSOFTBALLFAN@Yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer to help with this or if you have some suggestions to help make this a success. Thanks

**FYI:**

**2012 Season Opens on February 10 as ECU hosts the ECU Invitational.**

**Highest Attended Games 2011 in the New Stadium:**

<b>May 14, 2011</b>	<b>vs. Tulsa</b>	<b>844</b>
<b>April 30, 2011</b>	<b>vs. Houston</b>	<b>673</b>
<b>Feb. 19, 2011</b>	<b>vs. Hofstra</b>	<b>658</b>
<b>May 12, 2011</b>	<b>vs. Memphis</b>	<b>594</b>
<b>Feb. 27, 2011</b>	<b>vs. Campbell</b>	<b>573</b>



Pirate Softball was able to host Summer Camps in their new stadium this summer. Click picture for slideshow from day 3.



Tony Paisley #19 for the Akron Racers Pro Softball Team. [\(LINK\)](#)



Olympic Sports Support Building under construction to be opened in 2012.

[\*Olympic sports teams itching to occupy new digs...\*](#)  
[The Bradsher Beat](#)  
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[Olympic Sports Complex](#)

Congratulations to [Howard Okita](#) (Charina Sumner's Grandfather) who was has been recognized by the Hawaii Softball Foundation as a "Legend of the Game". [LINK](#)

## A Pirate's Life for Me....

Another senior class has left ECU with some great memories which included not one but 2 championship rings. In August, ECU softball welcomed 5 "rookies" to its squad. These 5 young women along with the rest of the team should see more great moments and great seasons and hopefully make more history for ECU softball. I can't wait to see this team in action in the classroom, in the community and on the field opening day in February.

Blackbeardsballers.com has reached 37,000 hits since I created it in time for the 2008 season. It has served its purpose and some day with social media what it is along the upgrades to ECUirates.com and with the help of Sarah Fetters, the need for the website will diminish. If you have Facebook, please join Blackbeard's Ballers group or friend Blackbeard's Ballers. If you have a twitter account, ecusoftballfan is there, too. Again remind family, friends, and fans to sign up as well. It is a great way for a lot of us to share information, pictures, and comments.

Finally, ECU has listened and now there is a Pirate Pass (\$60) that allows you general admission to all of the women's sports. Get yours today and check out soccer, volleyball and basketball while waiting for ECU softball to begin.

Thanks to all of you, see you soon, Jane



### **VIDEO PLAYER (SOFTBALL)**

**JOIN OUR BLACKBEARD'S BALLERS GROUP ON FACEBOOK and TWITTER and please RECOMMEND AND SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

