

# Newsletter

Welcome to all Supporters of Pirate Softball

**NEWSLETTER 19, April 5, 2011**

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## NO LONGER IN THE SHADOWS.....THE STADIUM OPENS FEBRUARY 15, 2011



[Photo Gallery](#)

Pirate Softball (28-10, 8-4 C-USA 16-4 Home) has been a pleasant surprise this season with the veteran players stepping up as expected, but most importantly, the freshman class has played with little or no fear. As a result ECU is tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in CUSA, has collected votes in the polls, and listed as #26 in the NCAA RPI. If you have not had a chance to watch this team play in person, you are missing out. The stadium is a grand sight and these players are playing with skill and with heart. Toni Paisley (21-5) is taken her senior year seriously and has picked up her 107th Career Victory. Faith Sutton (7-5) is picking up steam and allowed just one run and struck out five during game two against So. Miss. The team is batting .266 and the era is 1.58. There are only 2 series left at home (vs. UCF & Houston) and a DH vs. NCSU on Wed. April 13. Not only pack the stadium for the Pack, but also for the Knights and the Cougars. This team deserves your support. Go Pirates!

## LATEST NEWS FROM THE MEDIA:

For the second time in the 2011 season, ECU has received votes in both of this week's national softball polls. [LINK](#)

Toni Paisley and Suzanne Riggs named the Conference USA Softball Players of the Week [LINK](#)

The East Carolinian "Pirates storm past the Golden Hurricane." [LINK](#)

Jordan Lewis named CUSA Hitter of the Week [LINK](#)

The East Carolinian "Softball sweeps Bucs in doubleheader. Toni Paisley (15-4) recorded her fifth career no-hitter and Faith Sutton (6-4) followed it with a three-hit shutout." [LINK](#)

Reflector.com "Riggs Still Leaving Mark in Greenville" [LINK](#)

The East Carolinian "Softball Holds off Hofstra" [LINK](#)

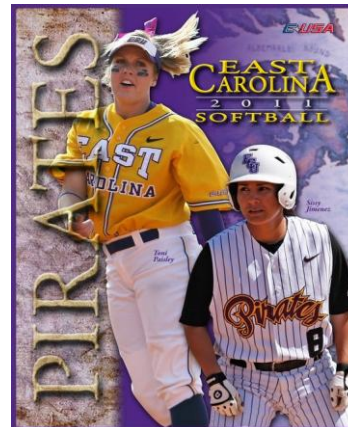
Reflector.com "Toni Paisley Sets Career Strikeout Records." [LINK](#)

New Digs Herald New Era for ECU Softball by Bethany Bradsher [LINK](#)

Congratulations to all of the Pirate Softballers named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll and honored at the basketball game Wednesday, February 23, 2011.



## SENIORS IN THE NEWS:



## TONI PAISLEY:

Named the Conference USA Softball Player of the Week and tied the CUSA record.

Was chosen by the Akron Racers as the 10th

# THE REMAINING 2011 SCHEDULE

## April

- 6 Wed UNCW Wilmington, N.C. 5:00 p.m.
- 9 Sat UCF\* (DH) Greenville 1:00 p.m.\*\*
- 10 Sun UCF\* Greenville 12:00 p.m.
- 13 Wed NCSU (DH) Greenville 4:00 p.m. \*\*
- LET'S PACK IT FOR THE PACK**
- 16 Sat UAB\*(DH) Birmingham 2:00 p.m.
- 17 Sun UAB\* Birmingham, Ala. 1:00 p.m.
- 22 Fri UTEP\*(DH) El Paso, Texas 5:00 p.m.
- 23 Sat UTEP\* El Paso, Texas 3:00 p.m.
- 30 Sat Houston\*(DH)Greenville 1:00 \*\*

## May

- 1 Sun Houston\* Greenville 11:00 a.m. \*\*
- 7 Sat Longwood Farmville, Va. 12:00 p.m.
- 7 Sat UMBC Farmville, Va. 2:00 p.m.
- 8 Sun Longwood Farmville, Va. 1:00 p.m.
- May 12-14 Thu-Sat C-USA TOURNAMENT**  
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\*\*Baseball at home also

overall pick and became the first Pirate to be drafted into the professional league. The first player in East Carolina and Conference USA history to record 1,000 career strikeouts. Sets Career Strikeout Records Named the Preseason Conference USA Pitcher-of-the-Year One of 30 NCAA softball student-athlete candidates for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award.

### SISSY JIMENEZ:

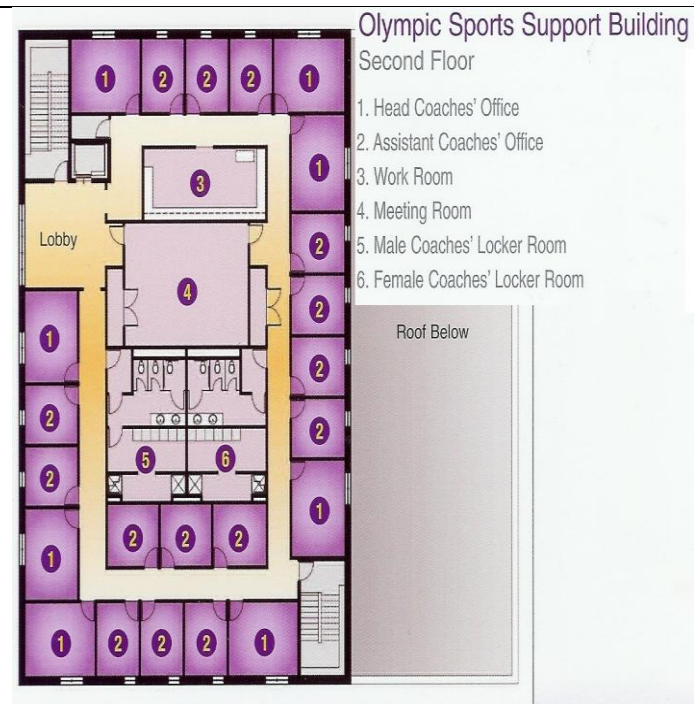
Batting average as of April 4, 2011 is .277

“East Carolina won its second-straight Conference USA series Sunday as it topped Tulsa 10-1 in five innings. The Pirates used a career-high-tying three runs batted in from senior Sissy Jimenez.”

“In the opener against Marshall, the Pirates wasted little time getting on the board, scoring three unearned runs with two outs in the top of the first. Freshman Rebecca Lee and senior Sissy Jimenez hit consecutive singles with one out and later scored.”

Seniors Sissy Jimenez and Toni Paisley take part in Softball Live Chat. [REPLAY LINK](#)

## Olympic Sports Support Building to begin construction this spring.





**VIDEO PLAYER (SOFTBALL)**

**2011 NCAA Women's Softball RPI**

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