

# Newsletter

Welcome to all Supporters of Pirate Softball

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BLACKBEARD'S BALLERS AN UNOFFICIAL FAN SITE FOR ECU SOFTBALL, WHERE THE REAL FAN GOES FOR MORE.

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

With very mixed emotions, I share this with you.....

After a very pleasant meeting with Jamie Johnson, who is now in charge of compliance, it has been decided that to stay in compliance with NCAA bylaws, 2 things will now occur. No promotional items will be created by Blackbeard's Ballers to promote ECU and Blackbeardsballers.com will need to be taken down effective 2/9/12. ☹

Blackbeardsballers.com has reached 39,000+ hits since I created it in time for the 2008 season. It has served its purpose and the day has come with social media what it is along with the upgrades to ECUPirates.com and with the help of Sarah Fetters, the need for the website has diminished.

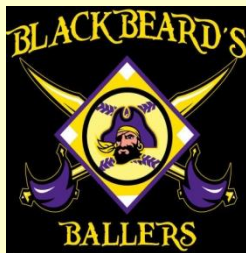
The fan group Blackbeard's Ballers will remain just that a fan group sharing information and offering events surrounding game day. As a group, \$1200 plus has been donated to ECU Softball, something we can all be proud of.

So, 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, events, and comments.

The good thing is that I will still be the self proclaimed #1 fan of ECU Softball and will look forward to seeing all of you and sharing info along with ECUPIRATES.Com, so be on the lookout for occasional newsletters.

I will have a page of archives that will remain available for the time being.

Thanks to all of you, and I will see you 2/10,  
Jane



**Bookmark:** <http://www.ecupirates.com/sports/w-softbl/ecu-w-softbl-body.html> for all things ECU Softball

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



Sara Pacioni



Emma Mendoker



Courtney Smith



Sarah Christian

**"Once a Pirate, always a Pirate"**

Also preparing for the 2012 season are the two seniors Suzanne Riggs who recently graduated from ECU and Priscilla Velasquez. For sure they both will take on the roll of leaders with this young team.



**CHECK OUT THEIR BLOGS**

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

"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

**February Schedule:**

**Pirate Classic**

**2/10/2012**

**Virginia**

**Canisius**

**2/11/2012**

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**Drexel**

**2/12/2012**

**Virginia**

**Pirate Clash**

**2/17/2012**

**Louisville**

**UNC Greensboro**

**2/18/2012**

**Fordham**

**2/19/2012**

**Hofstra**

**2/20/2012**

**Hofstra**

**Strike Out Cancer Games**

**April 18**

**ECU vs. Longwood**

**DH 5:00 and 7:00**



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

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**Season Tickets on Sale Now**

**?844**

**A: Highest Attended Game in the New Stadium: VS. Tulsa, May 14, CUSA Tournament.**

**Can we beat that this year?**

**AARRGGHH!!!!**

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**Olympic Sports Support Building under construction to be opened in 2012. Finishing touches happening now.**

**Olympic sports teams itching to occupy new digs...**

**The Bradsher Beat**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2011 By Bethany Bradsher**

**Olympic Sports Complex**

**Congratulations to the Sabers for winning the Golden Bat in this year's Pirate Clash:**



**PIRATE CLASH 2011**  
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**Check out Stadium Sports on your next visit to ECU softball for all your softball and baseball needs from ECU clothing to the right equipment. And tell Eric that Jane Reel (Blackbeard's Ballers) sent you.**

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**[VIDEO PLAYER \(SOFTBALL\)](#)**



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



**<http://youtu.be/GQ8g9edvG4A>**

**[\\* archives 2007-2011 \\*](#)**

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Contribute to the Excellence