Blue Raiders Come Up Short at ECU

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GUNN GETS CAREER HIGH: Sophomore Tommy Gunn poured in a career high 22 points against East Carolina on Thursday night. For Gunn, it marks the second time in his career that he has eclipsed the 20-point mark. His previous career high was 20 points against New Orleans in last year's Sun Belt Tournament. **HUMPHREY COMES HOME:** John Humphrey returned to his native state and turned in a career high 16 points against the Pirates. Humphrey, who hails from Swansboro, NC, surpassed his previous high of 13 points. That tally came against Bryan College in the season's first game. **NOSSE TAKES ILL:** Center Lee Nosse was in bed all day on Thursday with flu-like symptoms and it was uncertain until the last minute that he would even play against the Pirates. Nosse heroically rallied to turn in a 14-point performance. For Nosse, it marked his fourth straight double-figure scoring game. **ANDERSON LOGS TIME:** Freshman Charlie Anderson logged a career best 22 minutes against East Carolina on Thursday. Anderson tallied nine points in the contest, playing his regular minutes plus filling in for the sick Lee Nosse. The point total for Anderson was one shy of his career high. **CONFERENCE SLATE UP NEXT:** The Blue Raiders will hit the Sun Belt trail next, beginning with a Dec. 28 game against South Alabama and a Dec. 30 contest at New Orleans. The Blue Raiders continue the road swing with a game at Florida International on Jan. 5 before returning home to face New Mexico State on Jan. 10. **THIS AND THAT:** The Blue Raiders have now dropped 15 straight games away from home (including neutral site games) - Randy Wiel is an even .500 in non-conference contests (31-31) - Lee Nosse has connected on 14 straight free throws - the ECU game marks the last non-conference game until the Blue Raiders visit Tennessee on Jan. 21 - Middle Tennessee is now 3-1 when shooting better that 50 percent from the field - the Blue Raiders fell short on the boards for only the third time this season.

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