

# **ETSU AT NO. 1 JAMES MADISON POSTGAME QUOTES**

## **SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 2017 – HARRISONBURG, VA.**

### **HEAD COACH CARL TORBUSH** **ON THE QUALITY OF JMU'S TEAM**

*I've been in this business a long time and JMU is an extremely good football team. They can play both man and zone coverage. If they play man and get on you, then they got enough speed up front with that front four. That front four runs well. They compete and they are a well-coached group. On the hoof, when you look at them on the field, they look like an FBS football team.*

### **ON LIMITING JMU'S RUN GAME**

*I think we are a well-coached group. Coach Billy Taylor and the rest of our defensive staff does a great job. I think we have defended the run pretty well, week in and week out, since we've been here. The majority of our guys have been starting for two years. Most of them are juniors right now, so we have some experience. Every one of those guys has been in a battle. Like I always say, 'when they first got here, we started with guys who had fuzz on their face; now they have whiskers.' They have improved that much. Tonight, we stopped the run game, but we didn't stop what we needed to, which was the passing game on third down. Any time a team converts on 10-of-15 on third down, it creates a lot of problems.*

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### **AUSTIN HERINK – R-JUNIOR – QUARTERBACK** **ON PLAYING JMU**

*We just played the best team in the country. That defense was really, really good. I don't think I've ever played against a better defense than we saw tonight.*

### **ON HOW YOU REBOUND FROM THIS GAME AND GEAR UP FOR SOCON OPENER NEXT WEEKEND**

*What we do now is we look at what we did wrong, look what we did right, and build on it. Heading into this game, Coach O'Cain and Coach Torbush stressed that we are going to be better after this game than we were before. The score was definitely lopsided, but I think that we got better. Offensively, in the second half, we moved the ball better, but it's still not what we wanted out of tonight. We didn't make it a close game. They were never nervous. But, I think there are a lot of positives to take from it. We can carry that into conference play and get better. It's a process, and we need to regroup and start preparing for another strong opponent in The Citadel next weekend.*

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### **RIVER BORUFF – R-JUNIOR – LINEBACKER**

#### **DOES THE DEFENSE TAKE THE RUSHING STATS BACK WITH YOU AS A POSITIVE OR DO YOU JUST LOOK AT THE WHOLE THING?**

*We will take it back as a positive. When you look at what they did last week at East Carolina, we can use this as a positive and build from it. Overall, we have some things to work on, as we get ready for our conference opener next week.*

### **ON REBOUNDING FROM THIS GAME**

*We just have to flush it out of our minds after tomorrow morning and focus on our next opponent.*