

EAST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2009 FOOTBALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ The EMCC Lions have compiled a two-year composite record of 16-3 overall (8-2 in 2008 & 8-1 in 2009) and a perfect 12-0 mark in MACJC (Mississippi Association of Community & Junior Colleges) North Division play during the 2008 and 2009 seasons under the direction of second-year head coach Buddy Stephens.
- ✓ With a current MACJC North Division winning streak of 15 consecutive games dating back to the 2007 season, the Lions have captured back-to-back North Division championships with unblemished divisional records (6-0) each of the last two seasons.
- ✓ With perfect 6-0 MACJC North Division records each of the last two seasons, EMCC has become the first junior college football program in Mississippi to post back-to-back unbeaten divisional marks since Northwest Mississippi registered three consecutive perfect North Division records during the 1998, 1999 and 2000 campaigns.
- ✓ After earning the school's first MACJC state football playoff appearance since 1984 (and second in school history) in Coach Buddy Stephens' first season (2008) at the EMCC helm, the 2009 EMCC Lions have earned a second straight state playoff berth for the first time in school history.
- ✓ In making a school-first second consecutive state football playoff appearance this year, the 2009 East Mississippi squad is bidding for the school's first-ever state championship in football... In addition, this year's EMCC club is looking to become the first representative from the MACJC's North Division to compete in the state championship football game since Holmes Community College claimed the state title in 2002.
- ✓ Having been ranked among the nation's Top 25 junior college football programs each week since last year's come-from-behind 27-23 road win over then-No. 2 and defending national champion Mississippi Gulf Coast, EMCC was ranked as high as No. 2 nationally in this year's polls before dropping a 43-26 home decision to two-time reigning state champion MGCCC earlier this year (Sept. 17).
- ✓ With 2009 NJCAA Preseason All-American and 2008 NJCAA Region 23 Offensive MVP Randall Mackey at the quarterbacking controls, East Mississippi has ranked among the top of the nation's statistical team leaders in total offense and passing offense during each of the last two seasons.
- ✓ Prior to the start of the current season, EMCC had three players (QB Randall Mackey, OL Quartney Cox & DE Claude Davis) selected to the 2009 NJCAA Preseason All-American First Team, along with another player (LB Alvin Ellis) named to the NJCAA's second team... In addition to tying Eastern Arizona for the nation's most first-team selections with three, EMCC was the only MACJC school with more than one All-American on this year's preseason listing.