

## East Carolina Bucks the Longhorns in Elimination Match-up

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Tampa, FL – East Carolina Club Baseball defeated the Longhorns by a score of 8-7 on Sunday afternoon, eliminating Texas Club Baseball from the 2014 NCBA Division I World Series.

In a game that spanned five hours and eleven minutes real-time due to lightning delays and heavy rain in the Tampa area, there was a lot of exciting baseball played.



After two full innings, the Pirates held an early lead over Texas by a score of 3-1. From there on out, it was a ping-pong match. The Longhorns put up three huge runs in the top of the third and East Carolina answered with another two. Texas scored two more in the fifth to take a 6-5 lead, but that wasn't enough to oust the Pirates.

East Carolina rattled the Longhorns' starter Blake Sandall and put up a three-spot in the bottom of the sixth to take an 8-6 lead before lightning and rain delayed play for more than 70 minutes.

Texas scored one more in the top of the seventh to make it a one-run game, but solid Pirate defense and the tandem of juniors Shane Carter and Jim Pearce shut down the Longhorns in the final two innings to give East Carolina the win.

Pearce and junior Kyle Pratt were the driving forces on offense for the Pirates, going a collective 6-for-7 at the plate and scoring four of the eight East Carolina runs.

The Pirates will play the loser of Wisconsin vs. Delaware on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. After a 0-2 performance in the event, the Longhorns are eliminated from the World Series tournament.

For more details about today's game, check out the complete [box score](#).

This is the second consecutive season that the National Club Baseball Association has hosted the season-finale event at the University of Tampa Baseball Stadium in downtown Tampa. Games will continue through Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. For a full schedule of events, links to in-game broadcasts and play-by-play updates, head to the [NCBA World Series Website](#).