

# Baseball on Three-Game Winning Streak

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*Pendulum Reporter*

On Sunday the Elon men's baseball team completed a three-game sweep over Division II Shippensburg (No. 11), to improve its overall record to 4-3 for the season.

Elon was on a three-game losing streak and was looking to use their home field advantage to capture a few victories.

"We were looking to go into this weekend and sweep No. 11 Shippensburg," said pitcher T.J. Donovan.

The Fightin' Christians took the first two games against Shippensburg in a double-header on Saturday.

In the first game they scored all three runs by walks. Shippensburg's pitcher Gary Loudon walked leftfielder Jason Baumgardner with the bases loaded in the second inning to begin the scoring for Elon.

Later in the game Baumgardner and shortstop Jason Napier both scored on walks to give Elon a 3-0 lead.

Dan Zeckman (2-0) pitched eight innings, giving up six hits and two runs, while striking out five batters for the Fightin' Christians. Firstbaseman Scott Brendle led Elon's offense, going 2 for 3 with one RBI and one walk. Brendle

also had 13 putouts at first base.

In the second game Kevin Wyrick (1-1) took over the mound for Elon. He gave up only three hits and one run, while striking out seven.

Centerfielder Mike Dieke and shortstop Jason Napier were offensive key players. Dieke went 2 for 3 with three RBIs and two doubles,

and Napier went 3 for 3 with two RBIs. The Fightin' Christians easily defeated Shippensburg 5-1.

In Sunday's game freshman third baseman Jason Howell stepped up. Howell went 3 for 4 with one RBI and also stole three bases.

T.J. Donovan (1-1) pitched eight innings, giving up just five

hits and one walk. The team swept the series with a 10-2 victory.

Pitching is key for Elon in big games. When asked if this puts extra pressure on them, Donovan has this to say.

"I don't feel any extra pressure as long as I go out and do my job," Donovan said.

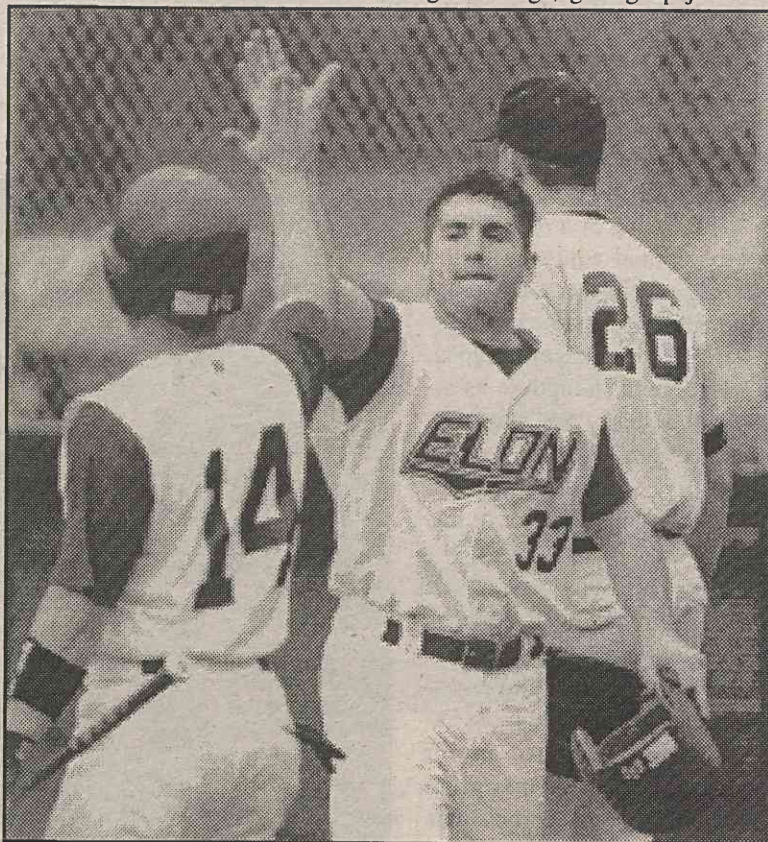
Dieke and Howell have the highest batting averages for the team. Dieke is hitting .379 with five doubles, one homerun and 11 RBIs. Howell is hitting .364. Rightfielder Tony Pigot is also hitting .357 in 28 at bats. He has a double, a triple, a homerun and is 6 for 8 in stolen bases.

Today the team continues a tough five-game road trip. They will face USC-Spartenburg, UNC-Ashville, Duke and High Point before returning home to play St. Augustine's next Wednesday at 3 p.m.

The team does not begin South Atlantic Conference play until next Thursday when they face Catawba. After this successful three-game sweep against Shippensburg, the team hopes to continue its success on the road.

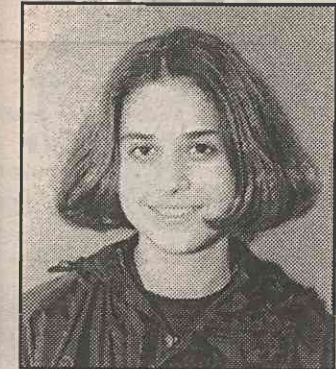
"Pitching and maintaining our defense is important," Donovan said. If we continue playing good 'D' we will be in good shape.

"If we win a couple games this week then maybe we can break in to the Top 25 Poll."



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Jason Howell (#14) gives a high five to Jason Baumgardner (#33) after scoring. Elon defeated nationally-ranked Shippensburg this weekend.



## Campus Recreation Intramurals

**Jen Leone**

### Women's b-teams

Final Chance defeated Alpha Xi's 5-2

### Co-Rec b-teams

SLC defeated The Blast 1-0

### COMING UP...

Men's Soccer

Mon. March 3

Sigma Chi Blue vs. Sigma Pi FOADS

Women's Soccer

Sun. March 2

Alpha Xi's vs. No Anside Posse

Final Chance vs. ASA

Phi Mu A vs. Phi Mu B

Co-Rec b-teams

Sun. March 2

SLC vs. Green Homers



### Basketball Standings

NBA East: Wheels of Steel 2-0

NBA Central: Coaches 3-0

NBA Midwest: T-Pads 3-0

NBA Pacific: Boot Camp Click 2-0

CBA NE: Long rangers 2-0

CBA SE: AWLT 2-0

CBA NW: Deuce Deuce 2-0

CBA SW: Sigma Chi Gold 3-0

WBA: Honies 1-0

WBA: ZTA 1-0

### Today's games...

NBA Central:

St. Ides Academy vs.

OYM

CBA NE:

SNB vs. 7 amigos

FOADS vs. Kappa Sigma

Goats



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Pitcher Cheryl Denny throws a "knuckle ball" to a Queens College batter on Saturday. The Lady Christians split the double header, 1-0 and 0-4. The softball team lost to Division I Radford on Sunday 7-11 and 9-10.

## Sports Scores

### MEN'S TENNIS

2/24 - High Point 5  
Elon 4

### SOFTBALL

2/22 Game 1 - Elon 1  
Queens College 0

Game 2 - Elon 0

Queens College 4

### BASEBALL

2/25 - Wake Forest 2  
Elon 0

2/23 Game 1 - Elon 7

Radford 11

Game 2 - Elon 9

Radford 10

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