

Elon prepares for season opener against Pirates

Phoenix looks for strong start before Southern Conference play

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Reporter

The Elon men's soccer team gained 14 new players this season and Head Coach Mike Reilly has set high standards. As the team looks forward to facing new competition in the Southern Conference, they are confidently embarking into a challenging season with hopes of success. With a solid defense and attainable goals, Reilly aspires to finish the season top half of the conference.

After scrimmaging last Thursday, the team has made reasonable progress since early in the pre-season. However, Reilly looks toward improving the teams finishing ability and scoring chances. According to Reilly, it's too early to be satisfied. With that dedication to improvement,



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Sophomore Tim Sullivan beats a Boston College defender during a scrimmage.

Reilly said he anticipates a positive season.

At 4 p.m. Friday the men will have their match against East Carolina University. Reilly said

the team is very enthusiastic as they prepare to compete against a very similar opponent, one which is just as young. The Phoenix are preparing to compete against East Carolina's aggressive defense. Elon does not want a repeat of last season's 5-2 loss to the Pirates.

"We want to earn respect in the conference and make it to the conference finals because placing well may earn a bid to the NCAA tournament," said senior midfielder Paul Bellacqua, last season's leading goal scorer.

In a new conference with an improved outlook, the team seeks to secure respect with a winning season.

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Men's Soccer

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
8/29	4 p.m.	East Carolina	Home
9/3	7 p.m.	Longwood	Away
9/7	2 p.m.	UNC Greensboro	Home
9/10	4 p.m.	UNC Asheville	Home
9/13	7 p.m.	Furman	Away
9/17	4 p.m.	Gardner-Webb	Home
9/20	7 p.m.	Radford	Away
9/24	4 p.m.	UNC Wilmington	Home
10/1	7 p.m.	Georgia Southern	Home
10/8	7 p.m.	South Carolina	Away
10/11	2 p.m.	Davidson	Home
10/14	7 p.m.	Liberty	Away
10/20	4 p.m.	Eastern Mennonite	Home
10/22	6 p.m.	College of Charleston	Away
10/25	2 p.m.	Appalachian State	Home
10/29	7 p.m.	Clemson	Away
11/1	6 p.m.	Wofford	Away
11/6	3 p.m.	Campbell	Home

Intramurals

Out of the Elon campus community, only 30 people can say that they are the 2002 Flag Football division champions. Such recognition, or bragging rights, is reserved solely for the strongest, most strategic and athletic men's, women's, and co-rec teams.

Is your team up for the challenge?

Get a team together TODAY! Any and all skill levels are encouraged to participate. Pick up flag football rules and rosters at the Campus Recreation front desk.

How do you get involved?

All teams must have one team member attend the captain's meeting Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 5 p.m. in Koury Center 141.

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