



Elon College vs. Newberry College - a pregame outlook

by Gary Spitler
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This week's Elon College vs. Newberry College football game will be a good balanced football game which all honored guests and parents should really enjoy. Elon finished 17-10 over Gardner-Webb last week while boosting their record to 8-0 overall and 4-0 in the SAC-8. Newberry holds on to third in the SAC-8 while Elon is first. Elon is rated #2 in the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) this week as well as leading the District 26 states.

Elon and Newberry have met 31 times and this will be meeting #32. Elon has won 19 times with their last win

coming in 1974 by the score of 34-19. Newberry has won 11 times with their last victory being a slim 18-17 decision in 1975.

The Indians have 30 linemen returning and 14 starters back to make their solid team run. Fred Herren, coach at Newberry, holds a career coaching record at Newberry of 43-45-3. Elon's Wilson holds a 69-33-2 slate.

Except for Neal Smith, the Indians have their defensive team back. However, Elon is also heavily loaded in defense.

So, Elon will be going for win #9 Saturday at Burlington Memorial Stadium at 2 p.m. Be sure to arrive early to avoid heavy traffic.



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The Fighting Christians defensive unit has been especially strong this season and has been rated tops among the nation's teams. Elon rates #6 in the NAIA in pass defense and showed their talents last week at Gardner-Webb when the Christians kept the Bulldogs from completing a single pass.

The NAIA Division I Football Ratings Sixth Ranking

The Top Ten			
Rank	Team	Record	Points
1.	Texas A&I Univ.	8-0-0	240
2.	Elon College NC	7-0-0	214
3.	Salem Coll. W Va	7-0-1	196
4.	S.C. St. Coll.	6-1-0	163
5.	Oregon Coll. of Education	6-0-0	158
6.	St. John's Univ. MINN.	5-0-1	154
7.	Henderson St. Univ. ARK.	5-1-0	151
8.	Southeastern Okla. St. Univ.	6-1-0	121
9.	Missouri So. St.	7-1-0	111
10.	Univ. of Wisc.-Platteville	6-1-0	91
The Second Ten			
11.	Western St. Coll. COLO.	6-1-0	83
12.	Shepherd Coll. W. VA.	7-1-0	50
13.	Catawba Coll. NC	6-1-0	47
14.	Univ. of Wisc.-Stevens Point	6-1-0	41
15.	Univ. of Central Arkansas	5-1-0	28
16.	Univ. of Minn.-Morris	6-1-1	24
17.	Tie Kearney St. Coll. NEB.	5-1-0	19
17.	Tie Abilene Christian Univ. TEX.	4-2-0	19
19.	Fort Lewis Coll. COLO.	5-2-0	4
20.	Southwest Texas St. Univ.	4-3-0	3

Undeclared football team

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dashed 37 yards for Elon's first TD. Mitch Rippy's PAT was good and the Christians led 7-0 with 11:50 to go in the first period.

With no other scoring it was still anyone's game at the half. Elon had a 34-yard field goal blocked with eight seconds on the clock till the half, so the halftime score of 7-0 was a slim lead for such a big game for the Christians. The defensive unit for the Christians was hot. They held the Indians on the one-yard line three downs, refusing the Indians a TD.

But the second half was not a re-run. The Christians scored 13 points in the third stanza. Elon's Ferguson returned a blocked punt return 53 yards for Elon's next TD. The kick failed and the Christians led 13-0. Catawba failed to pick up the first down on their next possession and Elon got their hands on the ball once again. Elon's Deese breezed down the field on a pitch out from derCola on the next play to set up Elon on the four-yard line with first and goal. Deese gained one yard on the next play and then carried the ball in with 9:50 to go in the third period to stretch the Elon lead to 20-0 after Rippy's PAT was good.

Elon's defensive unit then poured it on when Catawba got their next possession. The Tribe

failed to move the ball and was forced to punt. No other scoring took the "battle of the undefeated" into the final period.

But it was not a Catawba fourth. Elon had a 35-yard field goal fail, but then after that, Catawba fumbled to give the Christians the ball once again. Elon's McMillan then dashed in for the next score from the one. A two-point conversion was good by derCola to Deese pass, and Elon led 28-0.

But that was not the end of the Christian's attack on the Tribe. A tight defensive unit shut out the Indians for the first time of the season. And the offense was not finished either. Elon's Kenny Washington carried the ball into the endzone from four yards out for the Christians' final TD. Rippy's PAT was good and with 12 seconds on the clock, Catawba could only run a few plays. So, the "game of the year" ended with the Christians bombing the Indians 35-0.

Elon traveled to Gardner-Webb this past week to battle another one of the leading SAC-8 teams in a game which ended up being played under a steady downpour of rain. However, the Christians salvaged a dry 17-10 victory to boost the undefeated winning mark to eight wins this season against no losses.

The first quarter found both

Elon women's volleyball squad posts 17-7 record despite recent losses

by Lee Cummings

Elon's Golden Girls Volleyball team has found the going rough the past two weeks losing four games, two of these defeats coming at the hands of High Point College. However, despite these four defeats, Elon still holds a good 17-7 record.

The team traveled to Rock Hill, S.C. on Tuesday, claiming two wins over Francis Marion and Winthrop. On Thursday Elon played a fine and exciting match in Greenville, defeating a good East Carolina team 13-15, 15-18, and 16-14. The team then rolled over UNC-Wilmington 15-11 and 15-7.

Elon never seemed to put it all together at the double elimination Carolina's Conference Tournament held at High Point Saturday. Elon downed Guilford in two games; 16-14 and 15-11. In the next match against High Point, the team played a good first game, jumping out to a 6-1 lead, but finally fell to defeat 10-15. The second game was all High Point, blanking the Golden Girls 0-15. In the third match, Elon again met the fired up

Quakers from Guilford who downed the girls in three close games; 15-7, 15-5, and 13-5.

This left the team with a disappointing third place finish behind Guilford and tournament champions High Point. Elon did leave High Point on a bright note, as senior Joyce Daniel was selected to the All Carolina's Conference team. Joyce displayed fine court play, hustle, and determination as she has done all year for the team.

Tuesday night Elon had their hands full with both High Point and N.C. State in the last home game of the season. The team played one of the best matches of the year against an inexperienced, but scrappy Wolfpack six, but the breaks just did not fall the Golden Girls' way, Elon losing 11-15 and 12-15. Several times Elon had what looked like easy points, but State would miraculously return the ball over the net. The next match saw High Point dominate by winning 9-15, 4-15.

The team traveled to

Louisburg Oct. 28 to battle squads battling in the rain and Elon coming out with a 3-0 lead at the end of the first period. A 31-yard field goal made by Elon's Mitch Rippy was the only score between the two clubs.

The second quarter was different from the first. GW's kicker, Mike Cox, booted a 27-yard field goal to get the Bulldogs on the board in the second stanza. But that was not the end of the action for Elon. Elon's quarterback Nick derCola connected to Jimmy Davis with a 29-yard pass to set up the first TD of the game. The kick was blocked and the two wet teams went into the dressing rooms with Elon out in front by the slim margin of 9-3.

The second half opened and it

was still raining. Elon's defensive standout Ricky Locklear, this week's player of the week, recovered a Gardner-Webb fumble in the endzone to score Elon's second TD. A pass from derCola to Howard Ferguson was complete and Elon led 17-3.

But that was not the end for the Bulldogs. Runningback Obbie Todd returned an Elon punt 85 yards in the final period to score for the Bulldogs. The teams battled, and Elon came out with a close 17-10 win.

It was the eighth win of the season for Elon and the win strengthened the Christians' position on first place in the SAC-8. Elon hosts SAC-8 opponent Newberry this week

hoping to pick up win #9 of the season. Game time is set for 2 p.m. The game will be broadcast over WNCB-FM. Elon travels to Lenoir Rhyne next week before returning for their last home game of the season against Carson-Newman on Nov. 20.

Editor's Note — Should Elon go undefeated or even lose one, they stand a good chance of advancing to the NAIA playoffs for the third year out of the last four. The playoff game could possibly be held in Burlington, but notice from the NAIA headquarters will determine that. Information will be published later concerning the playoff and championship possibilities.



HOW THEY STAND

South Atlantic Conference Standings 11-1-76

	Over Conf.	all
1. Elon College	4-0-0	8-0-0
2. Catawba	4-2-0	6-2-0
3. Newberry	3-1-0	4-3-0
4. Carson-Newman	3-2-0	3-5-0
5. Mars Hill	2-3-1	3-4-1
6. Gardner-Webb	2-4-0	4-4-0
7. Presbyterian	1-3-0	2-5-0
8. Lenoir Rhyne	0-5-1	0-7-1
