

It's all in the mind...well, almost...

By DAY IRMITER

Training and practice are essential in the development of a winning football team. With help of a seven-man coaching squad, Elon's Fightin' Christians should get plenty of that. But the point at issue in whether they'll improve on last year's disappointing break-even season will be mental preparedness.

Rebounding from contention for the national title in '78 and returning what was considered an even stronger squad in '79, last year's team was expected to breeze through the season. Unfortunately the breeze turned into an ill wind and the Christians ended the season

with a 5-5 record.

Head coach Jerry Tolley says, "Everybody's working real hard and looking forward to our first game against Winston-Salem." Apparently Elon will have its work cut out as "we haven't played Winston-Salem in five years and they've only had four or five losses in the last few seasons," Tolley concludes.

Although he concurs with the opinion that games are won and lost on defense, Tolley has high hopes for his offense as well. With depth and versatility in the quarterback position, he expects to rely more heavily on a "veer" offense than on the "I" of previous seasons.

For those uninitiated to the terms, the I-formation consists of two backs lined up single file behind the quarterback while the veer consists of two backs behind the quarterback and parallel to the line of scrimmage.

Tolley hopes the broader spacing of the veer will allow the most to be made of quarterback John Bandgley's strong throwing arm. The "I" has not been removed from the playbook, however, and its stronger running game potential will undoubtedly be used to help returning All-American Bobby Hedrick see if he can capture a fourth 1,000-yard season.

Although depth is good in

the backfield and in receivers, Tolley calls his depth in both the offensive and defensive lines only "adequate." Injuries have been light thus far though, and the 95-member squad is expected to be at full strength for the season opener.

Assisting Coach Tolley in his fourth year as head coach are Macky Carden, infusing double enthusiasm

and fundamentals; "hard-nosed" Linwood Ferguson, riding herd on the defensive line; Dwight Dutton, responsible for the defensive backfield; Clayton Johnson, who counts among his credits in the offensive backfield the development of Bobby Hedrick; John Eder, coaching the receivers; and Don Kelly, rounding things out with the defensive ends and linebackers.

DATE	OPPONENT		
September 6	Winston-Salem State	Winston-Salem	7:00 p.m.
13	Mars Hill College	Mars Hill	7:30 p.m.
20	Delta State College	HOME	7:00 p.m.
27	North Carolina Central	Durham	1:30 p.m.

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Range of leadership topics in editorials and opinion features was called "varied and vital." Both the topics selected and the editorial writing was scored excellent to superior. In writing and editing news and features, the ACP judge commended articles of "in-depth investigations and of relevant issues," personality profiles, and other feature stories.

Joy Hamilton, English-Journalism major from Elon College, will edit the 1980-81

college weekly. She will be assisted by Robin Adams, features editor and also an English-Journalism major from Burlington; Mildred Lynch and Bonnie Barnes, English-Journalism, from Burlington on copy-editing; Ken Whitley, advertising manager, from Charlotte, N.C.; Meri Behrend of Washington, D.C., English-Journalism, on layout. Other section editors and reporters will be named after the opening of college classes.

ATHLETIC PRACTICES AND TRYOUTS

Monday, September 1			
9:00-11:00 a.m.	Soccer Practice		Field
2:45-5:00 p.m.	Football Practice		Field
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Soccer Practice		Field
6:00 p.m.	Volleyball Tryouts		East Gym
Tuesday, September 2			
9:00-11:00 a.m.	Soccer Practice		Field
2:45-5:00 p.m.	Football Practice		Field
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Soccer Practice		Field
6:00 p.m.	Volleyball Tryouts		East Gym
Wednesday, September 3			
2:45-5:00 p.m.	Football Practice		Field
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Soccer Practice		Field
6:00 p.m.	Volleyball Tryouts		East Gym
Thursday, September 4			
2:45-5:00 p.m.	Football Practice		Field
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Soccer Practice		Field
6:00 p.m.	Volleyball Tryouts		East Gym
8:30-9:00 p.m.	Golf Meeting		Alumni Gym
9:00 p.m.	Tennis Meeting		Alumni Gym
Friday, September 5			
2:45-5:00 p.m.	Football Practice		Field
Monday, September 15			
2:00 p.m.	Women's Varsity Tennis Tryouts		Jordan Gym
Monday, September 22			
7:20 p.m.	Men's Basketball Tryouts		Alumni Gym

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