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Renn FGs provide margin

Christians hold on for 16-10 win

Kicker Phil Renn connected on three field goals to boost the Elon College Fighting Christians to a 16-10 win over the Presbyterian Blue Hose in SAC-8 football action last Saturday in Clinton, S.C.

"This was undoubtedly our most satisfying win of the year," commented Coach Jerry Tolley. "It was the first time that one of my teams has beaten Presbyterian on their home field."

The Fighting Christians ran into a stiff Blue Hose defense that stalled their first drive early in the first quarter. Renn salvaged the scoring effort with a 25-yard field goal to put Elon up 3-0.

However, Presbyterian knotted the score early in the second period with Ed Ransom hitting on a 35-yard field goal after Elon had thwarted a lengthy PC scoring drive.

The Blue Hose fumbled a pitchout in their backfield on their next possession and Elon cornerback Mike Edmondson raced 36 yards for a TD after picking up the loose ball. The score gave the Fighting Christians a 10-3 advantage with seven minutes left in the half.

Elon put together another drive in the final seconds of the first half with Phil Renn booting a 37-yard field goal with no time remaining on

the clock to send the Fighting Christians to the dressing room with a 13-3 lead.

After the two teams struggled to a scoreless deadlock in the third period, Elon added some insurance points on Renn's 45-yard field goal to open the fourth quarter. The field goal was Renn's longest of the season and put Elon up 16-3.

Presbyterian refused to give up and mounted a drive late in the game that was capped by David Waldkirch's 24-yard touchdown spiral to Randy Morris. However, the touchdown was not enough to prevent the Blue Hose from suf-

fering their first SAC-8 loss of the year.

Fred Jordan paced the Fighting Christian running attack with 64 yards on 14 carries while QB John Bangley amassed 221 yards in the air as he completed 15 of 24 passes.

"I feel that this team has just begun to mature," Tolley said afterwards. "I told them before this game that the next two contests would determine the fate of this ball club and we now have one of those games behind us."

A potent Presbyterian running attack stung the

Elon defense for 148 yards on the ground and 110 yards passing. However, the Fighting Christian defense caused three Blue Hose fumbles and pounced on two of the

Edmondson totaled nine unassisted tackles on the game along with his TD fumble recovery while nose tackle Chris Worst also accumulated nine tackles to go with two unassisted tackles.

"The PC coach, Gene Gault, told me before the game that if we beat Blue Hose then we certainly had a fine team," Tolley remembered. "Well, I think we proved a lot today."

Catawba visits Elon in pivotal SAC-8 battle

by David Temple

The Fighting Christians return to Burlington Memorial Stadium this Saturday to take on the Catawba Indians in a SAC-8 battle between two long-time rivals.

Elon has battled Catawba 45 times in a series that began back in 1928. The Fighting Christians have won 17 of those contests with the Indians claiming only 16. Catawba head coach Steve Shaughnessy will be out to improve that record this Saturday with a squad that cannot be taken too lightly.

The Indians feature a strong running attack that is led by Chris Hook and Chip Irby along with a passing game that is sparked by quarterback John Cotta. Cotta has the luxury of a fine corps of wide receivers in Jeff Taylor, Raymond Jones and Calvin Hudgins.

The Fighting Christians will counter with a powerful offense of their own. Quarterback John Bangley is enjoying a fine year at the Elon helm while Fred Jordan has proved that his freshman performance of a year ago was no fluke by leading the team in rushing.

Charlie Rodgers and Jerry Hedrick add depth to the running attack that was a question mark during the pre-season.

Bangley's favorite targets have been receivers Jay Simmons, Kelley Stanley and Jeff Jones. The Elon receiving tandem has already amassed 792 yards in 1981.

The Indians will attempt to defend the Fighting Christian offense with a unit that was severely weakened with the graduation of several key starters. However, a strong offensive line anchored by Kevin Parks will be a challenge to the Elon

running game as will a quick linebacking force spearheaded by Al Hicks. Safety Brent Miller and cornerback James Harper form the heart of a secondary that must be approached with caution.

The Fighting Christian defense has remained consistent through five games as it leads the SAC-8 in team defense. Christ Worst, Adrian Robertson, Quinton Ballard and company have shown the ability to stop enemy passing games at their source: the quarterback. Ernie and Stanley Tootoo team up to give the Fighting Christians the best line-

backing combination in the conference while Ken Anderson and Mike Edmondson have been mainly responsible for the vast improvement in the Elon secondary.

Kicker Phil Renn has given the Fighting Christians some clutch field goals.

Though Catawba enters Saturday's game with a losing record, the Indians have led by narrow margins and are a better football team than they have indicated. The Fighting Christians must continue their aggressiveness on both offense and defense to combat an upset-minded Catawba.



VOLLEYBALL ACTION—Elon's Dee Dee Wardlaw defends the Golden Girls' court against a Wilmington opponent. Photo by Debbie Hurley.

Golden Girls earn wins

by Debbie Hurley

The volleyball team will play a home game today at 6 p.m. in the East Gym against Pembroke State University, whom they have beaten before.

The Golden Girls played an old rival, UNC-Wilmington, last Thursday in what seemed to be a grudge match. Both teams were equally skilled and their strategies the same. This led to long rallies between the two teams.

In the first match, Elon went ahead to pull off the second victory of the season with a score of 15-13. The next match was so close that Elon lost, 16-14, from a critical mental error. "Their morale seemed to be lacking in the third game, because we lost 15-4 to Wilming-

ton," said Coach Ka Carden.

Wilmington went on to play Fayetteville State University, and won the first two matches, which brought their evening winnings to close. Elon's girls came out of the locker room with a declared goal; they were going to win. Susan Overby set the ball up for Dee Dee Wardlaw's thundering spike and Barbara Carter hit the winning serves to grab the third game, 15-1, over Fayetteville.

Fired up from winning the first game, Elon's Pam Moore and Susan Overby led the team on with the most sets, but this time, Jeannie Hairston hit the lightning spikes and Maureen Sweeney served the winning points. This gave Elon a 15-9 victory once again over FSU.