

# Sports

## Anderson expects good year after 7-3 in '82

### Transfer talent joining 35 returning lettermen

Most head coaches would be satisfied with a 7-3 record in their first year on the job.

But Elon's Wright Anderson took over from Jerry Tolley after the Fightin' Christians and won NAIA national championships in 1980 and 1981. Thus, Anderson's first-year showing — "only" seven wins, good for a second-place tie with Gardner-Webb in the South Atlantic Conference (SAC-8) — left many Elon fans somewhat dissatisfied.

Actually, the 1982 season at the midway point seemed on the brink of total disaster. Injuries to the defense — at one point, nine of 11 defensive starters were sidelined — contributed to a rare string of three losses after three opening wins.

But the Christians regrouped to win the last four games of the campaign. Thirty-five lettermen, including 12 starters return to provide a strong nucleus or 1983.

Among the key losses are quarterback John Bangle, who had called virtually all the offensive plays for three straight years; placekicker Phil Renn, whose toe provided the winning margin in several games over the years; linebacker Stanley Tootoo, last season's

SAC-8 defensive player of the year; All-SAC-8 center Clint York; defensive back Mike Edmondson; and wide receiver Steve Vargas, Elon's top pass catcher of 1982.

Nevertheless, Anderson recently told the *Burlington Daily Times-News* that, "We have a chance of being as good or better than we were last year. We lost some valuable starters, but we feel we did a good job of replacing them. And, too, we'll have more depth this year."

One of Elon's stronger areas appears to be the running backs. The group is headed by Fred Jordan (5-foot-10, 195), for two consecutive years the Christians' leading ground gainer (609 yards, three TDs in 1982). Other veterans are Mitch Ryan (516 yards, four TDs), Darryl Brown and Johnny Jacobs.

The addition of transfer tailback Jimmy Smith, Purdue's leading rusher for three years, makes the runner corps even more potent. Smith is a 200-pounder with 4.33 speed in the 40-yard dash.

Three players are battling for the starting quarterback spot. The two top contenders appear to be freshman Mike Brodowicz (5-foot-10, 180) and transfer Sam Fromhart (6-foot-1, 183, from



**TRI-CAPTAINS:** Elon head coach Wright Anderson is flanked by his 1983 tri-captains Kelly Stanley (89), Jeff Cooper (62) and John Murray (54). The three seniors are beginning their third year as starters.

Antelope Valley Junior College). Both are good runners and passers. Also in the running is Jeff Majewski.

Whoever gets the starting nod will be throwing to some experienced receivers, headed by senior tight end Kelly Stanley (28 catches, three TDs) and wide receiver Jessie Jones (23

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## Smith, ex-Purdue star, adds speed to attack

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When he was attending Kankakee High School in Kankakee, Ill., Jimmy Smith probably never heard of Elon College.

Now, however, after a three-year career as one of Purdue University's top running backs, he's being counted on this year to help the Fighting Christians maintain their level of football excellence.

This will be Smith's last year of college eligibility, and many people are already forecasting him as a fine professional prospect.

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound Smith was a three-time All-American in high school, gaining 2,400 yards rushing and scoring 25 touchdowns in his senior year.

He also shone for the Kankakee track team, posting the na-

tion's third best time in the 220-yard dash (21.1 seconds) and the fastest time in the 60-yard dash (6.2) for high school sprinters.

Purdue gave Smith a football scholarship, and he started the first game of his freshman season because injuries had sidelined the Boilermakers' more experienced tailbacks.

He said he felt "a lot of pressure because I was a freshman, and the veterans on our team wanted to see if I was as good as my high school record." But he produced immediately, leading the team in rushing for three years and ranking fourth in pass receptions.

One of Smith's better games was a four-touchdown, 190-yard rushing performance against Northwestern University his sophomore year. He also ran back a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown in a nationally televised game against Stanford.



Jimmy Smith

He had academic problems after his junior year, however, and rather than sit out a year he began to think about transferring to a college outside the NCAA. Through some friends, he met Elon head coach Wright Anderson.

Smith said he and Anderson hit it off well; thus, Smith decided to attend Elon.

"I feel comfortable at Elon," Smith said in an interview. "Of course, it's not nearly as big as Purdue, which has about 32,000 students. But the faculty at Elon seems to care more about their students than most of the pro-

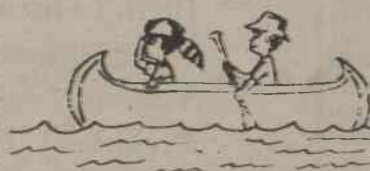
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## The Schedule

(Home games at Burlington Memorial Stadium in capitals)

- Sept. 17: at Guilford College (1:30 p.m.)
- Sept. 24: at Carson-Newman College (7 p.m.)
- Oct. 1: at LENOIR-RHYNE COLLEGE (Homecoming; 2 p.m.)
- Oct. 8: WOFFORD COLLEGE (7 p.m.)
- Oct. 15: at Presbyterian College (7 p.m.)
- Oct. 22: CATAWBA COLLEGE (7 p.m.)
- Oct. 29: GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE (Parents' Weekend; 2 p.m.)
- Nov. 5: at Newberry College (7:30 p.m.)
- Nov. 12: at Bowic State College (1:30 p.m.)
- Nov. 19: MARS HILL COLLEGE (2 p.m.)

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