Sports

Soccer team opens with two shutout victories

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The Elon Fightin' Christians started their soccer season with shutout wins against Averett College (4-0) last Saturday and Mars Hill (8-0) on Monday.

"If we play with a lot of heart, we should do real well," said head coach Steve Ballard. "I do believe we have what it takes to repeat. That's our goal."

Ballard was speaking of the team's 11-7-1 record and co-Carolinas Conference championship in 1984.

"During the Averett game there was a lot of intensity, and the game was outstanding," said Ballard.

Throughout the game Elon had 26 shots on goal, three corner kicks, and five saves by goalie Kip Rackley.

On the other hand, Averett had only seven shots on goal, five corner kicks, and 14 saves by their goalie.

Elon's scoring was dominated by freshman forwards Rudy Jean-Baptiste and Mike Wessels, who each scored two goals.

Jean-Baptiste was an All-State, All-Met, and All-County player at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in Silver Spring, Md., while Wessels hails from Jacksonville, N.C. and was an All-Conference, All-County, and All-State performer at White Oak High School.

Ballard indicated his team could be the best ever fielded at Elon. The team has more size, speed, and quickness than in the past. However, those questions will be answered in the weeks to come.

"Catawba had an outstanding recruiting year and Guilford will be much improved," Ballard said in reference to the conference race. "High Point also had a very good recruiting year and Atlantic Christian is always strong and should be again this year."

"We came out with low intensity, and we were not ready to play," Ballard said about the Mars Hill game.

Elon had 21 shots on goal, five corner kicks, and three saves by Rackley.

Mars Hill's statistics were six shots on goal, two corner kicks and seven saves. During the second half Mars Hill's goalie was injured.

Goals for Elon were scored by Joe Nepay, who had two, and Eddie Kurtzeborn, Mike Wessels, Tom Balkus, Joe Fitzgerald, Mike Curtis, and Glenn Gess, who scored one goal each.

The Fightin' Christians will be playing at Methodist College Tournament this weekend. Randolph Macon College is Elon's first scheduled opponent.

Photo by Stuart White

ON THE ATTACK: Elon kept the ball in Averett's end of the fi during most of the game.

Baseball team attracts top recruits after making NAIA World Series

By Terri Barnes
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The 1985 Elon baseball team had an outstanding year, winning the Carolinas Conference title, reaching the area championship game, and attaining an at-large berth in the NAIA World Series.

The World Series field consisted of eight area regional champions, the host team and one at-large team. Elon qualified for the at-large position by being the highest ranked NAIA team to play in an area championship game and not win the title.

The Christians lost the first game of the series to St. Francis College of Joliet, Ill. The team then posted an 11-5 victory over Southern Maine before being eliminated by Georgia College in the double elimination contest. Elon's final record was 40-10, good for a fifth-place national ranking.

Rick Jones, who coached his first season at Elon in 1985, was very pleased with his team's performance at the honor of particiapting in the NAIA World Series, "It was a great experience for our players and a great reward for our seniors," Jones said. He feels that their trip to Lewiston, Idaho, and their participation in the World Series not only helped his team gain baseball experience and confidence, but was also a learning experience for his players.

"Although they did not play as well in the series as they did in the regular season, that is not unusual," Jones said.

The 1985 Elon club was the college's first team since 1958 to participate in the NAIA World Series. Many fans considered it to be the best team ever fielded at Elon. The team was also the highest ranking and furthest advancing team in school history.

After the 1985 season, two of the Elon players signed professional contracts. Infielder Maurice "Mo" Morton and pitcher Greg Harris both signed with the San Diego Padres.

On top of the team's success on field, the summer was a very successful recruiting season for Elon baseball. Several junior college transfer students will be joining the team in 1986. Sophomore righthander Dave Miller of Camden, N. J., and junior Mike Sebesto from Morris County Community College will join the pitching rotation. Jimmy Caldwell of Louisburg Junior College and William Hardin, junior first baseman, have signed up.

Two all-state high school pitchers from Virginia will join the team as freshmen.

Jones said he believes that next spring's team could go even further than last year's, depending on pitching stability. Several key players are returning and 70-80 players are expected to turn out for tryouts, so depth should be excellent, he concluded.

Volleyball coach named

Elon College athletic director Alan White has announced that Byrd Britt will take over duties as interim volleyball and women's tennis coach, replacing Karen Carden.

Britt comes to Elon from Guilford College, where she served as assistant tennis coach for the sixth place team in the NAIA national tournament. She has also been a tennis instructor and swim coach in the Lumberton area for the past two years.

She played collegiate tennis at St. Mary's and Pembroke State. She was the top seed in singles and doubles at both institutions. She also served as a captain at St. Mary's while being a dean's list student.

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WEIGHT ROOM (JG): Monday thru Friday: 1-5 p.m.
Sunday thru Thursday: 6-10 p.m.

RACQUETBALL ROOM (JG): Sign-up sheet in Intramural Office. Y may sign up during the hours of 1-9 p.m. on the day prior to use. For Sat day and Sunday use, sign up on Friday during 1-5 p.m. (PE classes/vars teams have priority.)

RACQUETBALL COURTS: First come—first serve. (Handball/racque ball takes priority over tennis practice.)
(Outside)

TENNIS COURTS: Sign-up sheet in Intramural office in Jordan Gym. Y may sign up during the hours of 1-9 p.m. on the day prior to use. For Sat day and Sunday use, sign up on Friday during 1-5 p.m. (PE classes/vars teams have priority.)

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