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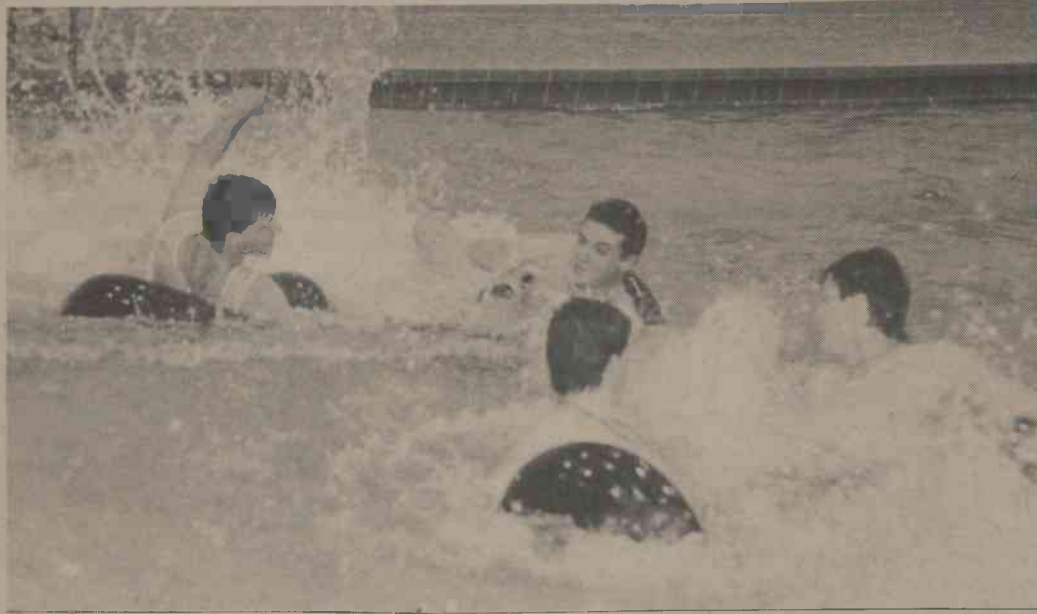


Photo by Meredith Lee

Out of place change of pace

Despite the cold weather, Elon's version of water polo, played in innertubes, is a favorite of the intramural participants. This is the only intramural activity that is held during winter term. Nightly, teams from fraternities, sororities and dormitories turn out seven member squads to splash in the Beck pool, vying for victory.

Lady's trounce Pfeiffer, 74-55



Jackie Meyers

The Elon women's basketball team ended an eight-game losing streak last Saturday night by trouncing Pfeiffer, 74-55. The win lifted Elon's overall record to 2-9 (1-4 in the Carolinas Conference and 1-6 in District 26).

Freshman Mae Haith again paced the Christians with 18 points. She is the team's top scorer at 14.3 points per game. Also scoring in double figures for Elon were Theresa Sandell and Lisa Hairston with 12 apiece and Lisa Briggs with 11.

Coach Jackie Meyers' club was outrebounded by Pfeiffer 37-35

but forced the visitors into 28 turnovers. Elon led 50-26 at the half and forged a 30-point lead in the final period before the reserves took over.

The Christians lost to Mars Hill 68-54 on Jan. 9 in their first game since the holidays. It was only the second home game of the season for the team, which opened the year with nine straight on the road.

The team does not play at home again until Jan. 27, when Pembroke State University comes to town.

Grapplers fall at State duals

Elon's Kent Pond won three matches in the N.C. State University dual wrestling tournament last Saturday, but the Christians lost to all three of their heavily favored opponents.

State topped the Christians 24-15, Virginia Tech won 35-11 and Pembroke State triumphed 45-7.

The host Wolfpack took four matches to win the tournament title.

Jan Frederick of Elon defeated wrestlers from State and Pembroke and drew a third match with a VPI opponent. The Christians' Scott Crater also won twice against grapplers from State and Tech but lost to his Pembroke opponent.

Elon is 1-3 in dual matches for the season. The next home match is Jan. 29 against Georgia Tech and Davidson.

Elon splits two after long holiday

The Fightin' Christians, resuming play after the holiday layoff, plunged into the Carolinas Conference title chase last week, suffering a tough road loss at Catawba on Wednesday but regrouping to edge Pfeiffer here last Saturday.

Elon's record is now 8-4 overall, 6-2 in District 26 and 4-1 in the conference.

The Christians muffed a game they seemed to have wrapped up at Catawba. Elon led by 11 with 10:28 remaining in the game and was ahead 79-74 with 3:44 left. But the Indians went on a 9-2 run to take the lead for good.

Catawba's Derrick Tucker was fouled in the act of shooting at 3:11. On the same play, Elon's Eric Hairston was called for a technical foul. Tucker shot four straight free throws and made three of them. Then, after an exchange of possessions, Tucker hit a jumper to tie the game at 79 with 2:34 remaining.

Warren Wallace, who led Elon with 32 points, dunked for Elon to take the lead at 81-79. But Catawba made the next two baskets, including the game-winner by Tracey Suggs with 45 seconds to be played.

With nine seconds to go, Wallace went to the line for two free throws. He made the first but missed the second. In the ensuing scramble for the ball, Elon appeared to have regained possession, but the officials awarded the ball to Catawba when it went out of bounds. Elon was forced to foul, and the Indians' Lonnie Lee sank two free throws with two seconds left for the final 85-82 margin.

Against defending conference champion Pfeiffer, Elon trailed 39-33 early in the second half before putting together a 13-4 run that gave the Christians the lead for keeps.

Elon could not stop 6-foot-8 Craig Cordes, who scored 26 points for the visitors, but the defense held off a furious last-second rally to preserve a 73-71 win.

Bernard Torain paced the Christians with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

The Christians play at Wingate on Saturday and then face three straight home opponents. Gardner-Webb will be here next Thursday, followed by Catawba on Jan. 25 and Lynchburg College on Jan. 27. All home games begin at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Gym.

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