

Sports



WRAPPED UP! Elon's Dean Herring (60) and Matt Ramsey (34) stopped Winston-Salem State's fullback in last Saturday nights game.

Photo By Sam Walker

Lady Christians win two; ranked 11th

by Mark Nocera
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The Elon College Women's Soccer Team opened their 1988 campaign last weekend with a pair of home victories over Warren-Wilson (7-0) and the University of Alabama (4-2).

On Saturday the Lady Christians played host to Warren-Wilson college. Elon's strength and quickness

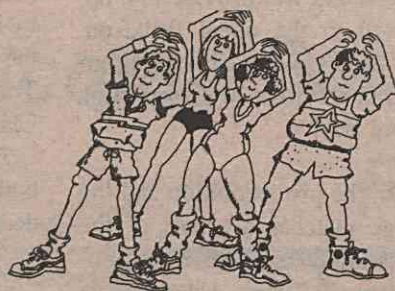
was established early as they controlled mid-field and built up a comfortable 3-0 lead by the half. The Christians held Warren-Wilson to only one shot on goal in the half, which came at the 30:42 mark.

Sophomore forward Gina Nicoletti scored two goals and added an assist, and mid-fielder Evey Wooten also scored two to lead Elon. Chris Pedalino, Aline Presley, and Chris Greenspan also

booted goals in the 7-0 triumph.

On Sunday, the Crimson Tide of Alabama rolled into town to challenge the Christians. Elon played a physical game against Alabama and was once again able to gain control of mid-field. Right winger, Terry Makers opened the scoring for Elon in the first half by using her exceptional speed to dribble past two defenders before connecting on a shot from the right corner. There was some confusion on the play as the Alabama goalie caught Makers blast, but the side official ruled that the ball had crossed the goal line and awarded Elon the score. The Christians went up 2-0 minutes later when Gina Nicoletti scored her third goal of the season on a loose ball in front of the net. Alabama ended the first half scoring with a penalty shot which resulted from a pushing violation inside the penalty box to cut the deficit to 2-1.

Tara Houston and Chris Pedalino each scored goals early in the second half to secure the 4-2 victory. Coach Steve Ballard said that although he was pleased with his teams performance and happy about the wins, there was still a long, hard road ahead. The Lady Christians, who are now 2-0 this year are currently ranked 11th in the nation.



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Loss to W-S State costly to Christians

by Norman Perduk
Sports Editor

The Elon College Fightin' Christians football team lost their opening game of the 1988 season on Saturday, at a rain-drenched Burlington Memorial Stadium 34-19 to the Winston-Salem State University Rams, and in the process lost two quarterbacks to possible season ending injuries.

Starting quarterback John Wadsworth and back-up Kelly Holder had to leave the game on Elon's first two offensive possessions, as both players went down on hard hits by Rams' defenders.

Wadsworth, a junior from Morehead City, NC suffered a separated shoulder and is expected to be out for at least four to six weeks. Macky Carden, head coach of the Christians says that he might redshirt Wadsworth to save a year of his athletic eligibility. Holder, a freshman from Mt. Airy, NC had even worse news as he suffered a broken tailbone and had to withdraw from Elon this semester to recover from the injury.

This sudden, unexpected turn of

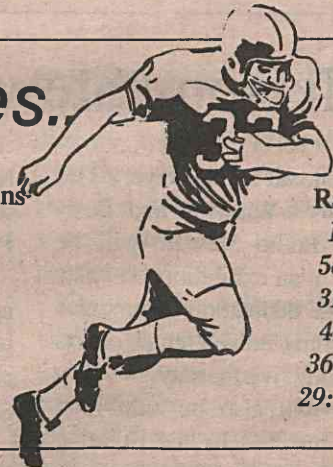
Kevin Alderman intercepted a Kenny Jones pass at the Rams' 40, and the ball was moved to the 25 on a personal foul penalty. Although Elon failed to get the TD, Paul Mullen kicked a 41-yard field goal to narrow the half-time margin to 21-10 and put the Rams' within reach.

The third quarter was dominated by the defenses of both squads as neither team could sustain a drive. Elon finally scored on a safety when Winston-Salem State halfback Broderick Graves slipped in the end-zone. The quarter ended on a 38-yard run by Elon fullback Brendon Carmody to the Rams' 11, and on the next play Inge boot-legged right to score. When Mullen added the extra point Elon had reduced the lead to only two.

On Winston-Salem's next possession Elon's defense flexed their muscle again and had the Rams stopped with a fourth down and four on the WSS 24. But what looked like an apparent block of punter Dave Hamlin's attempt turned into a 44-yard gain as he pitched the ball out to Graves who car-

Game notes.

	Christians	Rams
First Downs	14	18
Rushing Attempts	53	58
Yards Rushing	245	317
Yards Passing	22	40
Total Yards	267	367
Time of Possession	30:20	29:40



events forced Elon's third-string QB Paul Inge into action early in the first quarter. But by the time the rustiness of the offensive unit wore off, the Christians found themselves down by a 21-0 margin on "big plays" by the Rams. Winston-Salem State scored on runs of 40, 28, and 11 yards and the rout appeared to be on.

But with five minutes remaining in the first half, Elon's offense, dormant for most of the game, came alive. Flanker Jimmy Jones scored on a reverse from 41 yards out with 1:06 left to cap a nine-play, 70 yard drive to cut the deficit to 21-7. After the ensuing kickoff, defensive back

ried it to the Elon 32. Three plays later Graves scored on a 23-yard scamper with 4:23 remaining and halted the comeback to seal the victory. Quarterback, Kenny Jones also added a TD from 45 yards out to make the final score 34-19.

Elon's All-American candidate Dwayne Clark rushed for 94 yards on 25 carries and added 114 return yards in a losing effort. The defense was led by sophomore nose guard Sam Trelinski, who recorded eight tackles and assisted on six others. The Fighting Christians next test will be on Sept 17 when they play host to Livingston College, Ala. Game time 2:00 p.m.