

Sports



Jump shot: Monica Tate (25) shoots as Jana Silver (23) looks on. photo by Mike Vorndran

Just in time

Buchanan makes 3-point play to win game

by John Floyd
Sports Writer

Courtenay Buchanan made a lay-up and free throw with three seconds left in the game, to give the Elon Women's basketball team a 79-75 victory Monday night.

The win over Atlantic Christian College was led by Barbara Johnson who finished the game with 20 points and eight rebounds pushing the Fighting Christian's record to 6-12 overall and 5-7 in the conference.

Atlantic Christian jumped out to a 10-4 lead early in the game, but that would be their biggest lead in the first half.

Elon battled their way back in and took the lead at 15-14 with

11:19 left in the first half. The remainder of the half was a see-saw battle, but Elon had the edge going into the dressing room at the midway mark 39-35.

Elon led almost the entire second half and even went up by 12 at one point.

Atlantic Christian, who came in to the game ranked third in the conference, fought back and took the lead 73-71 on a steal and lay up by Karen Edmonds with 3:04 remaining in the game. Edmonds was the game's high scorer with 21 points.

The lead changed hands three more times, the final time coming on a jumper by Johnson giving Elon a 76-75 lead with a 1:15 left to play.

A change of possession by each team gave Atlantic Christian a

chance to win, but their shot missed the mark and Buchanan took the distance of the floor for a three-point play. By the end of the game there had been 14 lead changes and five ties.

"This was a good win for us," said Jackie Myers, head coach. "Barbara Johnson had an outstanding game but I am proud of the fact that we had five players in double figures. We have been working on balancing out the scoring in practice."

Barbara Tate finished the game with 13 points, Jana Siler had 11, Lynnice Joyner and Buchanan scored 10 each. Mae Haith had eight and Sharon Foust knocked in seven. Joyner and Haith also grabbed eight rebounds apiece.

Christian explosion avenges early-season A.C.C. defeat

by Norman Perduk
Sports Writer

The Elon College men's basketball team, behind a 63 point second-half explosion, avenged an early season loss and defeated Atlantic Christian 102-73. The blowout victory snapped a three-game losing streak for the Christians and raised their record to 6-10 overall.

Elon was led by junior transfer William Massenburg, who scored 20 of his game high 29 points in the second-half blitz. Massenburg got support from teammates Pat Ceasar and Vernon Thompson. Ceasar added 18 points and pulled

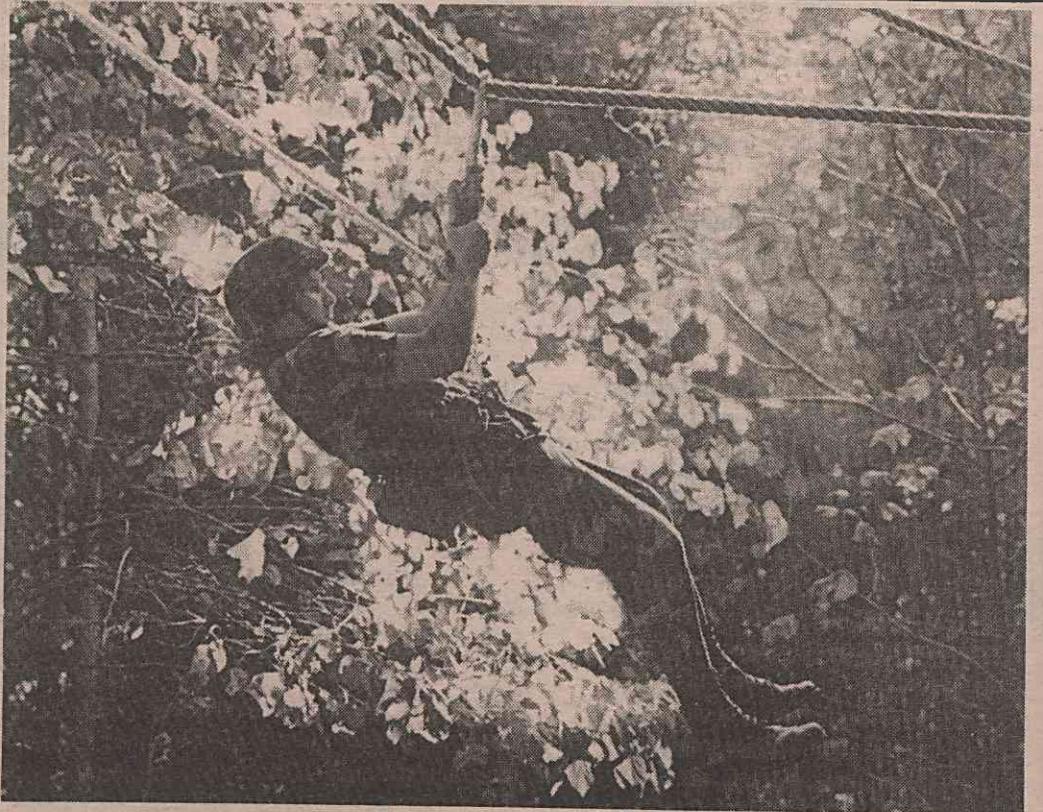
down seven boards, while Thompson contributed 12.

The head coach, Bob Burton, said, "Our tenacious man-to-man forced alot of steals and turnovers tonight, and enabled us to get out on the break."

The fast break opportunities resulted in easy lay-ups for the Fightin' Christians and turned what was once a close game (39-39 at the half) into a rout.

In conclusion, Burton said, "This was definitely the best all-around game my young team has played this year. Hopefully they've turned the corner and will play better for the remainder of the season."

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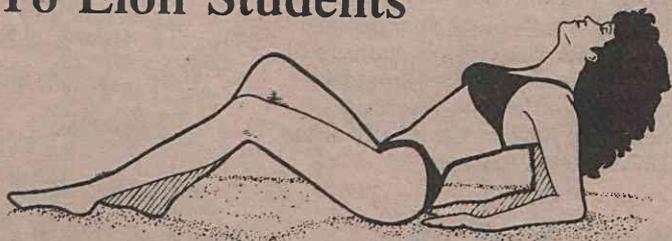
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