

Sports



1988-89 Girls Basketball Team

Tennis center promotes team

Positive happenings continue to collect around Elon College tennis. The completion of the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center has created lots of excitement and opportunities. Dedicated on September 14, 1988, the center is in full use. Tim Wilkison who played the opening exhibition match against Burlington's Eddie Stewart, stated, "this is the nicest college tennis center in the USA, next to UCLA."

The top ten NAIA finish (Elon's first) by the 1988 team has led to an enhanced schedule which includes the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Lander College (1988 NAIA Champions). The Jimmy Powell Tennis Center will host both the Carolinas Conference, April 7-8, and the NAIA District 26 Championships, April 14-17. The women's NAIA District 26 Championships will also be held at Elon, April 21-23.

The 1989 pre-season ranking has the Fightin' Christians men's team ranked ninth. Six of eight starters are returning, including first team NAIA All-American Dominic Moerstedt.

Moerstedt teamed in doubles with another All-American, Duane Johnson, who also made the Academic All-American team. Johnson, who captained the team for three years will be missed, as will two-time All-Conference Joe Roediger. Elon also returns Stefan Hager, who made honorable men

tion All-American. Hager boasts a 50-7 two-year singles record and was Conference Player of the Year in 1988. He is currently ranked number 18 in the USA in NAIA play. Michael Leonard of Laurinburg, NC; Billy Scott of Cary, NC; and Jeff Gagon of Burlington, NC; are also returning as All-Conference performers. Craig Stone of Raleigh, NC, was another of the 1988's six North Carolina starters.

Coach Tom Parham was selected 1988 Conference and District Coach of the Year. This marks a record 32 times Parham has been named Conference, District, or National Coach of the Year. He is the only coach in any sport in the history of District 26 to be National Coach of the Year three times (1977-79-85).

Parham expresses great enthusiasm for the recent developments: "Jimmy Powell Tennis Center gives us several new dimensions. It has great potential for the entire community. The Tome Sawyer-Huck Finn Classic (local Elon tennis fundraiser) is to be congratulated and thanked for its role in the completion of this facility."

Community is a big word for Elon College Tennis. Within a mile, the Olde Forest Racquet Club, which has 14 clay and 4 hard courts, features a brand new

4-court indoor 'bubble.' Cooperation with Olde Forest and head pro Herb Bolick will enhance practice in rare bad weather periods.

An eight-day Southern Spring Trip to Hilton Head is another attractive scheduling feature. Parham concludes; "This program is doing well. Our 20-3 record in 1988 will be tough to match. We'll miss Duane Johnson and Joe Roediger. Next year we move from the Carolinas Conference to the SAC-8 (South Atlantic) as an All-Sports league. Hopefully, things will continue to improve."

Women end season against Pembroke

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The Lady Christians finished the Carolina Conference Tournament when they went up against Pembroke. Pembroke defeated the Lady Christians 94-74, causing the Lady Christians to have an overall record of 7-17. They were 9-12 in the

Men earn conference bid

Tom Kosempa
Special to the Pendulum

The Elon Fightin' Christians men's basketball season came to a close this week, but not necessarily on a low rate.

Elon defeated Atlantic Christian College Monday night to earn the eighth and final bid into Carolina Conference Tournament. The win sent Elon into the first round matched up against the number one seed High Point College Panthers. The game against ACC was an extra game that was played between the eighth and ninth placed teams because the conference had nine teams competing this year, but only eight tournament positions. The Carolina Conference has ten teams but Catawba dropped out for the season due to measles epidemic.

Elon started off well against the Bulldogs making three 3 point pointers in the first 4 1/2 minutes, two from Mike Day and one from Dennard Barnes. The Fightin' Christians continued to play well increasing their lead to six points with 4:06 left in the first half, but then freshman Karmin Marshall of ACC took over scoring 10 of his 13 points in the final four minutes helping the Bulldogs take a 50-44 half time lead.

The second half started off bad for Bob Brutons' team as a technical was called against the coach, one of five called in the game. ACC started off the way with the first half ending to up their lead by 12 points with 15:26 to play on a Daniel Calvin 3 pointer.

Elon didn't fall. In a ten minute

run starting at 13:00 to go, Pat Ceasar scored 12, William Massenburg scored 16 of his 31, and the Bulldogs picked up three technical fouls helping Elon reverse the lead as the Fightin' Christians went up by 18 and coasted to a 100-89 victory.

Elon wasn't as lucky Tuesday night as the High Point Panthers left the Fightin' Christians at 83-76 first round loss in the Carolina Conference Tournament. The game wasn't what was expected though Elon had already lost twice to the Panthers this year including a 101-83 whipping at High Point in December.

Elon started their five seniors, Mike Day, Darryl Moore, Beaver Bowline, Dennard Barnes, and Tony Chavis along with the experience players they kept in close throughout the first five minutes taking the lead at 13-12 at one point. But four 3 pointers by Panther guard George Bryers who allowed them to take over and head into the locker room with a 46-38 half time lead.

Elon came out on fire trying the score at 54 with 11:28 to play, but they could never move ahead and High Point was able to hang on for the victory.

Elon placed three players in double figures. Massenburg tabled up 24 points with Bowline and Ceasar scoring 10 points. Senior guard Kenny Drummond led High Point with 26 points and Will Walker added 16 points.

The Elon's men basketball finished the season 7-18 and High Point moves to 20-5.

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