



Mark Wheeler/The Pendulum

Students enjoy a friendly game of volleyball

Football team prepares for opener at Wofford

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Woodle led the team in tackles with 69, while Adams had 64 and Duval had 37.

Head Coach Leon Hart feels that the days of losing are over. The Fighting Christians finished the 1990 football season with a 5-6 record, which was a healthy improvement from the 1-9 record in the 1989 campaign.

Offensively, Elon will look to quarterback Heath Hewett, tailback Bobby Johnson and wide receiver Kelly Holder to lead the team.

In last year's matchup, Wofford used its potent running game to thrash Elon 26-7.

Elon kicks off the 1991-92 season on Saturday when the team travels to Spartanburg, S.C. to face the Terriers of Wofford College.

On Saturday, Wofford's offensive attack will be led quarterback Shawn Graves.

"Wofford has a pretty good team," says running back Darryl Humbles. "In order to win, we have to stop their quarterback."

Mike Ayers, Wofford head coach, feels his Terriers are at a big disadvantage because they have only two starters returning on offense.

Hart is optimistic about the upcoming season because his team is returning 49 lettermen.

"I feel Elon possesses great team speed. Hewett and (Bobby) Johnson are real assets for the Christians," Ayers said.

Defensively, Elon lost only one player. The defense is led by captain Jack Duval, Lamar Adams and Tim Woodle. Last season,

Saturday's game will be played at Wofford's on-campus stadium. The kickoff is at 7 p.m.

The forecast?

Elon will show improvement this year

It's that time of year again and as ABC's sports senior football announcer Keith Jackson would say, "Ohhh Nelly, it's Football time!!" Things seem to be looking up for the Fightin' Christians.

I think this is Elon's year to silence its critics and return to the glory days of the early '80s when winning was the norm rather than the exception. Head coach Leon Hart has been here three years and now it's time to show and prove.

We saw glimpses of what the team could do last year; however, this year we want to see the whole picture. The Christians are picked to finish second in the conference behind ever present Carson-Newman.

I feel the key to this year's success is the play of quarterback Heath Hewett. Hewett passed for 1,661 yards last year and this year has a speedy target in Joe Randolph, who glides along with 4.2 speed. Also, between Bobby Johnson and Elliot Armstrong, the tailback situation should be

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a good one for Hart.

Defensively, the Christians should be tough. Losing only one starter from last year's defense should produce a bunch of talented athletes that have come together into a swarming group of tacklers and are accustomed to playing together.

The Christians will open up the season against an explosive Wofford with an exceptional quarterback in Shawn Graves. I think it's crucial for Elon's defense to set the tone for the season this year as it did last year. All things considered, Elon should be in for one of its best seasons in a long while.

The Picks of the Week
Ted's picks:

Notre Dame vs. Indiana

This will be no contest as the Irish practice up on the Hooisers for next week's matchup against Michigan.

Washington vs. Dallas

I'm glad to see that this is once more a game that will soon carry some significance. Dallas is much improved and in for a good season; however, they will be scalped by the Skins on Monday night.

Keith Parsons' picks:

Notre Dame vs. Indiana

I agree with Ted's pick for this game, as the Irish are just too powerful for IU. However, it will be a tight game.

Pick: Notre Dame

Washington vs. Dallas

Dallas is vastly improved, and appears to be headed in the right direction under Jimmy Johnson. The "Dead"skins' best years are behind them, although they did destroy the Detroit Lions on opening day. Look for the Cowboys' defense to harrass Mark Rypien all night, leading to a Dallas victory.

Pick: Dallas

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