

Christians win, 54-19; play Presbyterian next

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The Pendulum

For one Saturday afternoon, everything went right for the Elon College Fightin' Christian football team.

Elon junior Joe Randolph ran back the opening kick-off 98 yards for a touchdown, and the Christians never looked back, routing the Mars Hill Lions 54-19 at Burlington Memorial Stadium last Saturday.

With the win, Elon improved its record to 3-3 overall, 1-2 in the South Atlantic Conference. The defeat dropped Mars Hill to 1-4, 0-3.

"We had an unbelievable amount of things go our way today," said Elon head coach Leon Hart. "It's about time."

The Fightin' Christians opened up a quick 17-0 first quarter lead, and went up 31-7 at the half. The margin ballooned to 41-13 at the end of three quarters.

"Our kids played with a lot of confidence and we used our speed to our advantage," Hart said. "We are very capable of hitting the big plays, and we did."

Mars Hill did threaten to close the gap late in the second quarter. Behind by the score of 17-7, the Lions had a third-and-goal from the Elon five yard line. However, Christian defensive back Rosevelt Brooks intercepted a Mars Hill pass and returned it 100 yards for a

touchdown. Troy Ford's extra point made the score 24-7 Elon.

Unfortunately, things only got worse for the Lions. Mars Hill was driving for a possible score at the end of the first half when Elon defensive lineman Lamar Adams intercepted a pass at the Lion 44. Christian back-up quarterback Marcus Stewart then came into the lineup for the last play of the first half to throw the "hail-mary." Darryl Everette came down with the ball for an Elon touchdown to finish the first half scoring.

Stewart could not believe his good fortune.

"When coach (Hart) told me to go in the game, I just couldn't believe it," said the sophomore from Lincolnton. "I just threw it up there, and Joe (Randolph) tipped it to Darryl. I can't believe he caught it."

The second half saw Mars Hill score the first points, getting within 31-13 on an 11 yard scoring strike from Jeff Bailey to Jonathan Byers. Elon quickly scored ten unanswered points, with Elliott Armstrong running it in from three yards and Ford kicking his second field goal of the day.

Armstrong ended the day with 94 yards rushing on 18 carries, with Bobby Johnson adding 47 yards on only 10 carries. The Christians finished the day with 241 yards, running the ball 51



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Elliott Armstrong makes a move as he rushes for 94 yards on 18 carries

times.

Mars Hill outgained Elon 376 yards to 350, but the Christians nearly doubled the time of possession of the Lions, holding the ball for nearly 39 minutes of

the 60 minute game.

Elon travels to Presbyterian this Saturday. The schedule does not get any easier for Mars Hill, as they go to Johnson City, TN to face Carson-Newman.



Ted Toomer

I think Tonto would be proud

Tonto, like the Africans in the Tarzan movies, had to play second fiddle to a caucasian hero. But if Tonto could see how almost everyone wants to be an Indian, or make Indian sounds and gestures, I think he'd be proud.

Every team I can think of that has something to do with Native Americans is doing well.

The once last place Braves now seem destined for the World Series. They have the world doing the war call and the tomahawk chop. I even saw former President Jimmy Carter doing the chop.

The Redskins remain the only undefeated team in the NFL with a 7-0 record. The last team that was 7-0 at this time of the year won the Super Bowl. I think I have heard the war cry there along with the every present victory song, "Hail to the Redskins."

The Bills were undefeated and well on their way to return to the Super Bowl undefeated until they met up with the Chiefs. The Chiefs used the war cry, Christian Oykoeye, and the tomahawk chop to defeat the once unstoppable Bills.

This is really no suprise because Indians have always liked to kill and eat buffaloes.

Finally, we go to Florida to the #1 team the nation, the Florida State Seminoles. The Seminoles were the first team to do the tomahawk chop, the war cry and to start this "Indian Mania". I guess opposing teams now know how Custer felt at his last stand.

I must say that I am pleased to see that these teams with nick names referring to Native Americans are doing well. Since Native Americans are often depicted negatively, here is a way we can experience the "first" culture of America and have fun too.

"Who was that red-faced man?"

The picks: No agreement on any games

Keith's Picks (9-6):

Ted's Picks (10-5):

North Carolina at Virginia

Keith -- I'm sorry. I do not believe the Tar Heels are legitimate. They have yet to defeat anyone, and their quarterback is, how should we say it, less than stable. The Cavaliers are coming off a near upset of Clemson, in Death Valley. Virginia should roll over North Carolina. This one should not be close.

Ted -- I like the Tar Heels this year and I like them in this game. I think Chuckie Burnette will finally arrive as the

quarterback he was in high school. Look for the Heels defense to shut down Terry Kirby as the Heels get a big win in Virginia.

Syracuse at Pittsburgh

Keith -- Both of these teams are coming off big losses, but Syracuse should be stinging just a little more. They lost at home to EAST CAROLINA! Pitt joined a long and distinguished list of good teams to be humiliated by Notre Dame in South Bend. The Panthers should bounce back and defeat the Orange.

Ted -- Well, Keith blew this one. With the "Missile" Ismail showing his supreme speed, I think the Orangemen will simply

fly by Pitt.

Buffalo at Cincinnati

Keith -- Well, thanks to Buffalo, I finally got an upset right. Remember, sports fans, I picked the Chiefs over them two weeks ago? I really have a hard time going against Jim Kelly and Thurman Thomas again, but I think Boomer and the rest of the Bengals have been kept winless too long.

Ted -- Keith, I will not be wrong twice. The Bills are the second best team in football besides the Skins. I think the Bengals are struggling now. I think the Jim Kelly and Andre

Reed connection will prove to be too much for a hurting Cincy team. The Bills will win big.

Detroit at San Francisco

Keith -- Who would have ever guessed this would be a big game? The Lions are 5-1, while the 49ers are 2-4. If San Francisco wants to make the play-offs, they need to win this game. Although Steve Young is doing a great job, he's not superman. I think the Lions will make it six wins in a row.

Ted -- I like the Lions a lot. But you have to realize that even though the Niners are having a less than impressive season, these guys are proven winners.