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## Do fans have a right to know everything?

The public's right to know "everything" about an athlete is becoming an issue with fans and players.

This issue came up when Arthur Ashe came forward admitting that he has AIDS. After his press conference it became known that a reporter from *USA Today* asked Ashe if he had the disease, thus forcing Ashe to come out with the story before he was ready to.

Many of Ashe's closest friends and journalists like NBC's Bryant Gumble and ESPN's Roy Firestone knew that Ashe had been HIV positive for a long while before Ashe made the information public. These and other individuals kept the news silent for Ashe's sake until he was ready for the public to know.

The question now becomes, "As fans, did we have a right to know this information as soon as possible?" or did Ashe have a right to privacy?

Ashe unlike Magic Johnson, was no longer competing, thus not exposing any other tennis players to the possibility of contracting the virus.

Reporters have always known information that the public doesn't know. For example, the press knew that Martina Navratilova was a lesbian, long before the public knew, and that Dean Smith was once a chain cigarette smoker.

As fans, what should we know, what shouldn't we know and who decides? How much public knowledge is too much and how much isn't enough?

Magic should have come forward as soon as he knew that he was HIV positive because he was still active and it would not have been fair to subject other players to him when the other players didn't know he was HIV positive. However in Ashe's case, the journalist probably used bad judgement to imply to Ashe that either you tell or I will.

I simply can't decide whether or not the journalist was wrong because, after all, Ashe is a public figure. You decide.

# Golf team returns to Nationals

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"The one thing these kids have in common is that they know how to win."

That's what Coach Bill Morningstar said after his golfers captured their fourth straight SAC-8 crown last week.

The cream again rose to the top this week as the Christian linksters captured yet another District 26 title. Elon breezed by second place Pfeiffer at the Gates Four course in Fayetteville by a whopping 26 strokes.

Dave Passerell led Elon with a three-round total of 218, good for third place in District 26. Tim Clark and Jim Arnold (221) finished in fourth and fifth place respectively.

It was Elon's fourth straight district title.

"We got help from everybody," a confident Morningstar said. "We had a bad first round and then finally put it together."

Elon's Jim Arnold stepped into a somewhat unfamiliar role after the first 18 by carrying the Christians with a one-under 71.

"Everyone except for Jim had a rough first day," Morningstar said. "We went into the tournament knowing we had to win to fare well at the National Championship."

Tim Clark, who had won two out of the last three tourneys for Elon, opened the District finals with a 7-over 79.

Morningstar wasn't worried, though.

Elon has carded four tourney wins in a row - earning them the third spot in the NAIA rankings.

"We're fortunate to have the quality players that these kids are," Morningstar said. "These kids have confidence."

"We've won four in a row. We need that fifth one."

Momentum may not play a part in winning the tourney, though. Elon faces a six week lay-off due to the rest of the NAIA schools' completion of their spring schedules.

"All of my kids have played well this year," Morningstar said. "We have five good players and it takes all five to win tournaments."

"We have confidence," he said. "The layoff will be good because it will be to our kids advantage. They will be out of school and they can concentrate on golf."

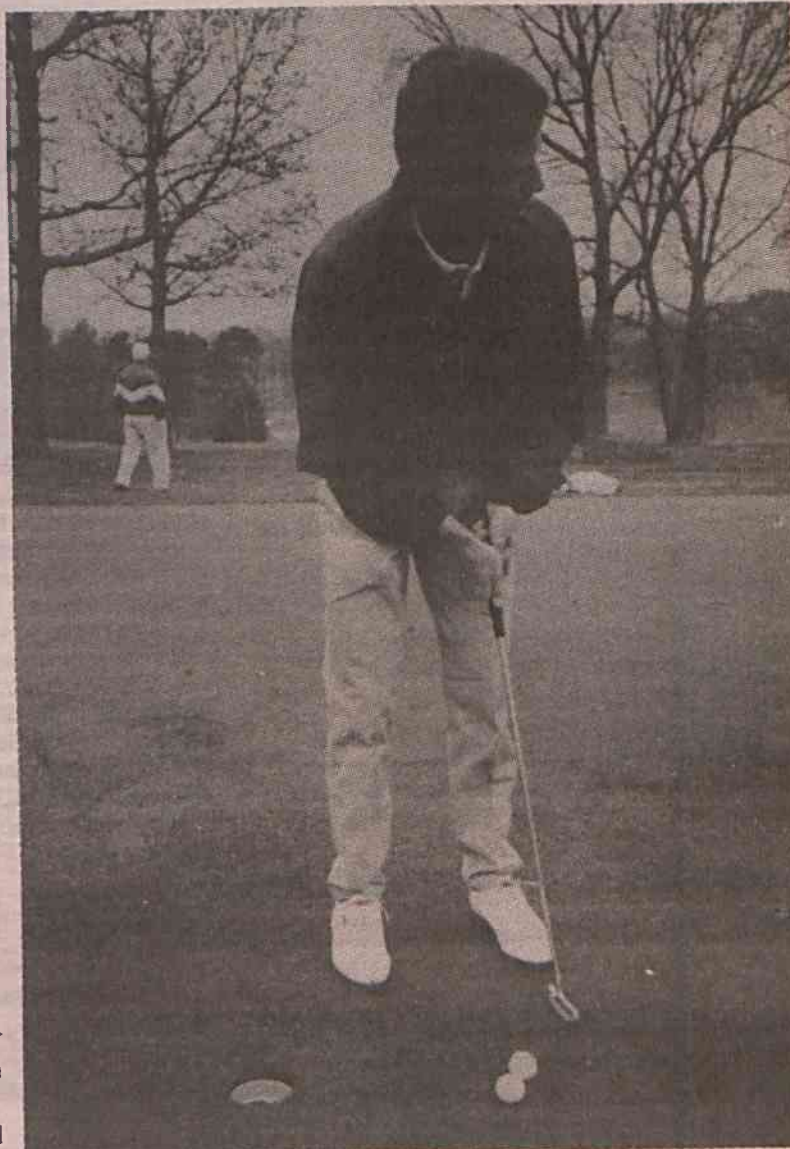
Going into the 41st National Tournament in Angola, Indiana, the Elon golfers also have another confidence booster on their side - experience.

The Christians field four seniors and one junior - two with National tourney experience.

"We have an experienced team," Morningstar said. "Richie (Burke) and Tim have tournament experience and we hope that'll carry over."

Senior Tim Clark says that the Christians have eyed the National crown all season.

"It would be the ultimate way to end my career," Elon's top ranked golfer said. "We've thought about winning a championship all year. We never thought about not



Elon star golfer Tim Clark practices on putting green

going to the finals."

The NAIA Tournament starts June 2 at the Zollner Golf Club in Angola and it concludes the following Friday. The Fightin' Christians will be thrust into competition with top-ranked North Florida and Texas Wesleyan.

■ **Golf Honors in '92 - All SAC-8:** Tim Clark, Steve Lewis, David Passerell, Jim Arnold. **Player of the Year:** Tim Clark. **Coach of the Year:** Bill Morningstar. **All District:** David Passerell, Tim Clark, Jim Arnold. **District Coach of the Year:** Bill Morningstar.

# Track team places third in final season meet

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The Elon College track team ended its season this past weekend by placing third in the District 26 meet held at Pembroke State University. Elon received a first place finish in the South Atlantic Conference, running better than Presbyterian College and Lenoir-Rhyne College.

"Looking back at the season, I'd say we performed well," said head track coach Chris Worst. "I'd be lying to you, though, if I tell you I wasn't discouraged."

Earlier this season, Elon beat

Pembroke State, but when the times got tough, it was Pembroke who beat Elon and wound up with a second place finish. High Point University came in first place.

Elon managed to get a lot of their points in the field events and the short distance events. Jeff Klutz got first place in the high jump by jumping six feet, six inches. Jason Haftl managed to throw the javelin to a first place finish with a distance of 171 feet, seven inches.

In the short distance events, Elon's 400 meter relay team came in second to High Point's team. The team members for Elon

included Elliot Armstrong, Dale Clark, Dale Everett and Bobby Johnson.

Captain Dan Ridley lost sight of his goal, of winning the 400 meters, and lost to High Point's Mike Hatfield for a second place finish. Hatfield also managed to beat Elliot Armstrong in the 200 meter run, as Armstrong also came in second place.

"Distance is the one thing that hurt us," Worst said. "We scored high in everything else."

Elon didn't enter any athletes in the distance competition because it has so few distance

runners. The ones Worst does have, according to him, are out of shape. Worst suggested a cross country program for Elon, so that athletes could get in shape in fall before the track season begins in the spring.

Given the fact that most of the people on the track were not recruited by Elon to participate in track, Worst is still pleased with this year's squad.

When asked to sum up the season, Worst replied "Our guys did a good job. They should be proud, but you're never satisfied until you're number one."