

Christians take Bulldogs by the leash Elon wins homecoming game 37 - 25

Elliot Armstrong breaks 3000 yards rushing

Tony Carrick
Sports Reporter

The Fightin' Christian's homecoming weekend held a victorious day for the football season finale. Elon blew away Wingate 37-25.

It was also the last game for senior halfback, Elliott Armstrong, who was hoping to become only the fourth Fightin' Christian to break 3000 yards rushing in his college career. He would need a big game, exactly 156 yards, to reach the record. He reached 171 yards as his team beat Wingate.

Elon started the scoring on their opening drive with a 33 yard run by Elliott Armstrong that led to a nine yard touchdown run by Erik Whiteside.

Wingate scored on their next possession with a 19 yard touchdown pass from Vernon Buck to Mike Rasin. Elon denied Wingate on their two point conversion pass, and kept the lead 7-6.

Armstrong was on the move again at the end of the first quarter, with a 47 yard run that led to an 8 yard QB run by Maurice Blakeney, making the score 14-6, Elon.

Rod Clark gave Elon a 20-6 lead

early in the second quarter when he returned a punt 46 yards for a touchdown.

Wingate rebounded with a rushing attack led by Joey Huffstetler, that led to a one yard touchdown run by Huffstetler, cutting Elon's lead 20-13.

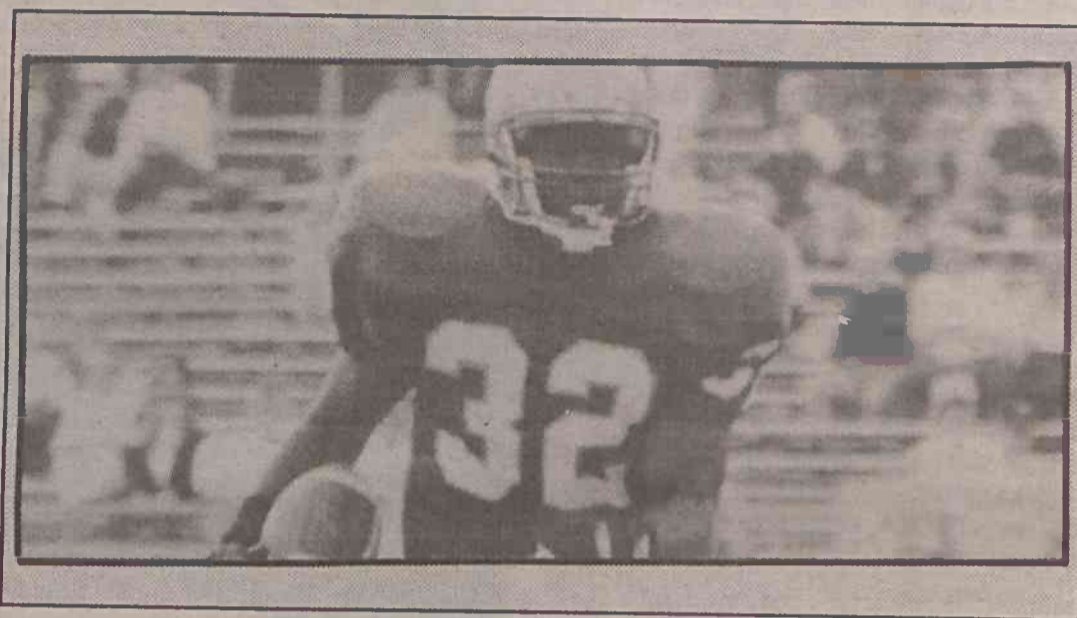
Elon's next drive took them to the Wingate 21, where Jamie McQueen gave Elon a 23-13 lead with a 38 yard field goal.

Wingate was on the verge of scoring on their next possession when Elon's Darryl Everette intercepted Vernon Buck's pass at the Fightin' Christians goal line, setting up another scoring drive for the Fightin' Christians.

With a run of 21 yards, Elliott Armstrong crossed over the three thousand yard mark for his college career. The run set up a 49 yard touchdown pass from Maurice Blakeney to Rod Clark to give Elon a comfortable 30-13 lead at half-time.

Wingate received the kickoff for the second half, and began with a 15 play drive that lasted more than half the third quarter, and ended in a one yard touchdown run by QB Vernon Buck on fourth and goal, cutting Elon's lead to 30-19.

Elon took a commanding 37-19



Elliott Armstrong, halfback, is the fourth Fightin' Christian to break 3000 yards rushing

Stewart Williams/The Pendulum

lead at the end of the fourth quarter on a 37 yard touchdown run by Quentin Mitchell.

Wingate scored again with two minutes left in the game on a six yard touchdown run by Joey Huffstetler, to end the scoring at 37-25.

Elliott Armstrong led the offense

for Elon with 171 yards on only 16 carries. Maurice Blakeney was 3 for 6 for 99 yards and a touchdown pass. Rod Clark had 1 catch for a 49 yard touchdown and a 46 yard punt return for a touchdown.

Joey Huffstetler led the rushing for Wingate, with 151 yards rushing on 32 carries, including two touch-

downs. Vernon Buck was 16 of 31 for 235 yards, one touchdown, and two interceptions, while rushing for 51 yards on 11 carries. Elon's defense was led by Spencer Carter who had 14 tackles, and a quarterback sack.

Elon ends the season with an 8-3 overall record, and a 5-2 conference record.

First year Cross Country team finishes fifth in regionals

Bob Grimmie
Sports Reporter

One year, that's how long it took Elon's cross country team to capture its first conference championship.

Competitive but not dominate in all their races, the men's team surprised the South Atlantic Conference by taking first place in the final meet on Saturday, October 30.

In fact, the only people they didn't surprise were themselves, and head coach Bill Morningstar.

"Before our first match he made it clear that his goal was to win the

conference," said freshman Michael Rodgers. "At first I think a lot of us were skeptical, but as the season progressed we began to realize that it was an attainable goal."

The following weekend was the Southeast regionals. They finished second among North Carolina teams, and fifth overall.

The women also had a successful season. They finished in the top 50 percent, three out of seven matches, despite having key runners injured during the season.

"We were really happy with how the season went," said senior Marina Hanbury.

Two first team All-Conference runners will be returning, junior Chris Barnhart and freshman Brian

Keller, and three second team All-conference runners will be returning, freshmen Scott Breslin and Michael Rodgers, and sophomore Malissa Butkovich.

Andy Hughes was named first team All-Conference and SAC first Union Scholar.

To add some more depth to an already talented squad, coach Bill Morningstar, who was named SAC CO-Coach of the year, is actively pursuing four to five high school prospects.

The confidence level of the team is very high. "Though no one has actually said it yet, the underlying feeling is that the national race is an attainable goal for next year," stated Michael Rodgers.

ELON Athletics

**Congratulations to the Fighting Christian Football team for a 8-3 record!
Congratulations to the Lady Fighting Christian Volleyball team for a 32-5 record!**

Nov 19-20 Women's Basketball at Carolina Classic, High Point, time TBA.

Nov. 23 Women's Basketball at Longwood, Farmville, VA, 6:30.

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