

Golf captures SAC title Pion's final picks

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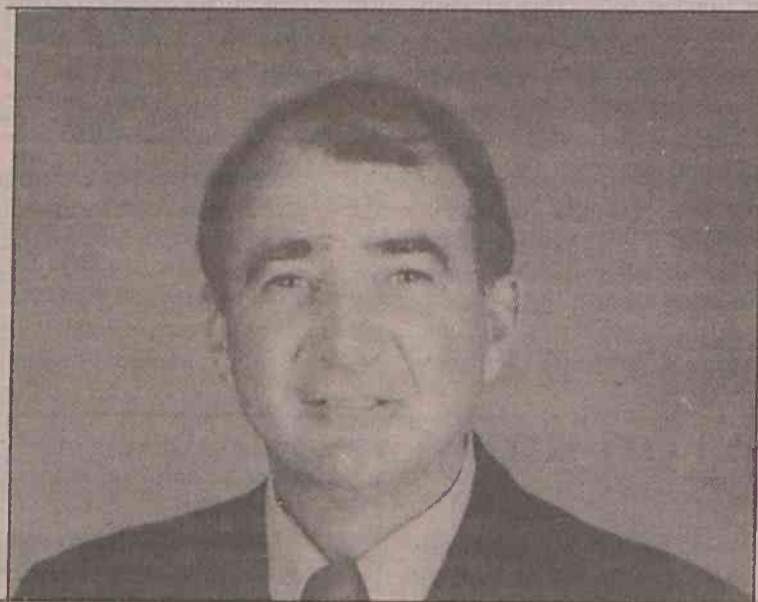
Elon's golf team completed its season by capturing the SAC championship and helping Bill Morningstar receive the honor of being named SAC Coach of the Year.

Elon began the three day tournament on April 24, and the Fightin' Christians stormed over the competition.

They led in the first two rounds, competing neck-and-neck with Catawba. The Indians prepared a comeback in round three, but it wasn't enough to cool down the red hot Christians.

Elon finished with 897 total points while Catawba fell short with 904, giving them second place. Gardner-Webb took the No. 3 spot with 913.

"I think the kids got better and better as the season went on



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Bill Morningstar was named golf's SAC Coach of the Year.

and at the end, they put everything together and played very well," Morningstar said.

Elon's Sean Walker was bumped to second place among the individual leaders with 222 after Catawba's John Sawka finished with 221.

Walker was named South Atlantic Conference Freshman of the Year.

Gardner-Webb's Tommy Barker tied with Elon's Brad Lawrence for third place with 223. Walker and Lawrence were named to the All-SAC team.

Spring sports come to a close...

Baseball wins big in final games

Jeff Dunlop
Reporter

The Elon College baseball team finished its season this past week with impressive victories over Longwood and USC-Aiken.

In the game against Longwood, Elon used a huge nine-run seventh inning to cruise to a 17-6 victory.

Leading the way for the Fightin' Christians was starting shortstop Chris York, who went 3 for 4, all three hits being doubles, while driving in five runs.

Travis Smith also came up big for Elon, hitting a key three-run homer in the seventh inning that helped the Fightin' Christians pull away.

With more than adequate run support, Brian Hendrickson earned his sixth victory of the season, giving up five runs off of six hits in five innings of work.



Scott Hildebrand/The Pendulum
Travis Smith sealed Elon's victory over Longwood in the seventh inning.

Steve Mozucha took the loss for Longwood, getting tagged for 11 runs off of 10 hits in only two innings of pitching.

Elon finally ended its season, Sunday afternoon, against USC-Aiken.

The Fightin' Christians jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and never looked back, as it topped USC-Aiken by the score of 8-3.

Elon frustrated its competition with a well-balanced hitting attack that saw practically every batter in the lineup get a base hit, with the exception of relief pitcher Todd Bechtold. He struck out in his only at-bat.

Pitcher Rod Gorham cruised to the victory, giving up only one hit in four innings of pitching.

The Fightin' Christians end the season with an impressive 35-11 record, while finishing second in the South Atlantic Conference.

"After losing to Wingate, we knew we couldn't make the regionals," said sophomore Travis Smith.

"Coach Best wanted us to come out and finish the season strong."

John Piontek
Columnist

Well Elon, this is not only my last Pion's Picks for this year, but for all time. I am transferring out to Wisconsin next year.

With my last column, I would like to reveal the sports secrets of the upcoming year to follow.

In the NBA draft, Glenn Robinson of Purdue will be the first overall pick and will be followed by Grant Hill.

Michael Moorer will lose his championship belts to Lennox Lewis and thus, give the boxing world a unified champion.

In his third title defense, Lennox Lewis will get pummeled by a free Mike Tyson, who proves once again that he is the baddest man on the planet.

In the college football ranks, the top five teams at the end of the year will be comprised of Notre Dame, Auburn, Wisconsin, Florida State, and Miami.

The NFL will showcase one of its greatest seasons ever. With the advent of free agency, competition amongst the league will reach an all-time high.

The AFC representatives in the playoffs will be Indianapolis, Miami, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Denver, and Los Angeles. From these teams John Elway will lead the Broncos back to the promised land one last time.

In the NFC, Dallas, Arizona, Green Bay, Chicago, Minnesota, and San Francisco will still be standing when the regular season comes to a close.

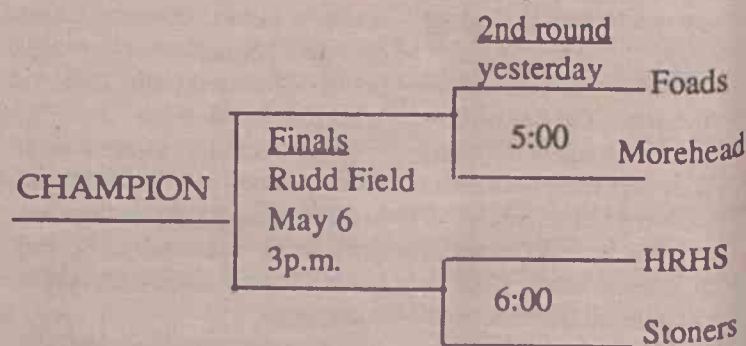
Barry Switzer will do a respectable job in his first year coaching the Cowboys, but they will lose in the NFL championship game to the Packers. The pass rush of Reggie White will be too much for Troy Aikman to handle on that cold January day.

In the Superbowl, John Elway will be denied once again. Though he'll make a valiant effort, he will not be able to overcome the stifling defense of the Green Bay Packers.

Finally, the long difficult wait will end for Reggie White (and Pion). Somewhere, Vince Lombardi smiles and says that his work is good.

Some words of wisdom I impart to my Elon followers: "There's a cham-Pion in all of us."

Men's Soccer Playoffs



Women's Soccer Playoffs

