

## West Georgia throws hailmary in last 10 seconds Elon suffers 29-24 loss

**Bob Grimmie**  
Staff Reporter

The Fightin' Christians started their 1994-95 season this weekend at West Georgia College.

Despite gaining 321 yards rushing and over 400 yards in total offense, Elon lost 29-24.

Early in the game, the Fightin' Christians suffered two losses when senior captain offensive lineman, Chad Chisholm severely sprained his ankle and senior captain defensive back, James Washington dislocated his shoulder.

The Fightin' Christians offense was sparked by senior Rod Clark. Clark, who is playing his first year at tailback after three years

as wide receiver, gained 225 all purpose yards and scored two touchdowns.

It was Clark who gave Elon a 24-17 lead with 14:18 to play in the fourth quarter when he took a hand off and darted wide right for nine yards and a touchdown.

The Fightin' Christians' lead was cut to one when the Braves of West Georgia College scored on a touchdown pass with 11:11 remaining. Their extra point attempt failed.

Eventually Elon took over with 2:45 left on the clock and began to run off time. However, after running for 12 yards junior quarterback Maurice Blakeney fumbled, and the Braves recovered.

With 40 seconds left in the game the Braves moved the ball

from the eight-yard line to their own 31-yard line. From here they threw two incomplete hail mary passes.

With under 10 seconds remaining, West Georgia took one more shot. This time they were successful. The Braves completed a 69-yard hail mary touchdown pass with seven seconds on the clock to give Elon a tough 29-24 defeat.

"This is disappointing. West Georgia is one of the worst teams I've ever played against," senior offensive lineman Carl Stewart said. "It shouldn't have come down to one play in the fourth quarter."

The Fightin' Christians will play their first conference game Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Catawba.

## Search ends for women's tennis coach

**Chuck Walker**  
Staff Reporter

Elon College ended its search for a head women's tennis coach this past summer when they hired Herb Bolick.

Bolick comes to Elon with 23 years experience as a director of tennis. Bolick has worked as a club pro at Emerywood Country Club in High Point and he just recently left Old Forest Racquet Club in Elon College in June. Bolick's duties consisted of teaching, running events and tournaments.

For his efforts, Bolick was inducted into the North Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame.

"The most enjoyable part of my job, for me, was teaching talented juniors," said Bolick. "Coaching has always been enjoyable for me. I saw this as an opportunity to focus on that aspect."

Coaching at Elon will also provide Bolick to pursue other interests as well.

"The job is part-time," Bolick said. "That will allow me the opportunity to pursue a business, as well as allowing me to be able to stay in tennis and do something that I enjoy."

The man who played an inte-

gral part in bringing Bolick to Elon was assistant athletic director and men's head tennis coach Tom Parham.

"It was a process," said Bolick of his finding out about the Elon job. "Coach Tom Parham and I explored the possibilities and it happened. I'm excited."

Bolick had the opportunity to work with most of the women's tennis team this winter while he was still working at Old Forest, and

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he was impressed.

"We have the nucleus for a very good team," said Bolick. "Everybody is returning. We are ranked #19 in the nation in the preseason NCAA Div. II poll. I think one advantage the girl's have with me as the coach, is that I don't coach any other sport, and I have experience working with talented players. I think we can move up a level.

I think doing well nationally is a realistic goal."

Bolick definitely has experience working with talented players. Two quality players Bolick spent extensive time with are his sons: Burt and David.

Burt, the oldest son, was a very successful player at Williams High School in Burlington and N.C. State. Burt is now in the process of qualifying for the ATP Pro tour.

David, Bolick's youngest son, won the state 3-A singles title while at Williams last year. David is now a freshman at N.C. State.

"Their involvement and success in tennis is just something that evolved," Bolick said. "There was no set plan, on my part, for them to become professional tennis players. I was at the club so much with my job and they would come, and they developed an interest. I just coached them along the way. They turned out to be good players, but it was nothing designed on my part."

So now, Bolick will try to pass along his knowledge and experience to the women's team here at Elon. If experience and dedication are any indication, Bolick should be a perfect addition to the Elon coaching staff.

## Football Player Profile

### "Big Will" going out with a bang

**April Perkins**  
Sports Editor

Charles Mitchell, also known as 'Big Will', has walked onto the football field for 15 years, and this season will be his last time.

"This is it for me. I have had a lot of fun, but this is my senior year, and now I'm trying to go out with a bang," Mitchell said.

Mitchell is a 5-10, 270 pound senior from Sanford, N.C. He came to Elon in 1991 on a full four year scholarship for football. During his senior year in high school, Mitchell was recruited by coaches Leon Hart and Larry Stephens as one of Elon's defensive lineman. He has filled in at that position ever since. However, this is the first year Mitchell has started for the Fightin' Christians. Coach Stephens feels Mitchell has everything needed to be a strong player.

"Charles is a good defensive player," Stephens said. "He needs more consistency, but he has all the tools to be a good defensive player; size, quickness, height, and everything else that comes with it."

Mitchell suffered a knee injury and had surgery this past June. However, he feels that this will not stop him nor slow him down. "As long as I stay in shape and continue to exercise it, it'll be



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Charles Mitchell

alright," Mitchell said.

His knee didn't seem to bother him at all this past weekend at West Georgia. The Fightin' Christians lost 29-25 but Mitchell feels the team played well. "The game was 60 minutes and we played hard 59 minutes and 20 seconds." Mitchell finished the game with eight tackles and one fumble recovery.

Mitchell's biggest influence has always been his parents. "They would never let me give up and forced me to go after my goals," Mitchell said. And that is exactly what he intends to do. He is majoring in History and Philosophy and will graduate in December, 1995. Following graduation, he will go on later for a part time teaching certificate and hopes to teach and coach.

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## Schedule of Events

- Sept. 9 Volleyball vs. High Point University (HOME) 7 p.m.
- Sept. 10 Football vs. Catawba (away) 1:30 p.m.  
Women's Soccer vs. Queens College (HOME) 2 p.m.
- Sept. 11 Volleyball vs. Mars Hill College (HOME) 2 p.m.
- Sept. 13 Men's Soccer vs. Greensboro College (away) 4 p.m.  
Volleyball vs. Guilford College (HOME) 6:30 p.m.

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