

Fightin' Christians hold Mountain Lions Defense shuts out Concord

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Staff Reporter

The Fightin' Christians upped its season mark to 2-1 with an impressive 37-0 victory over the Concord Mountain Lions this past weekend.

Elon dominated the home opener on both sides of the ball. It held Concord to zero offensive yards in the first half. By game end, the Mountain Lions had mustered a mere 14-yards rushing and 57-yards passing.

"I was really, really pleased with how the defense responded," Elon head coach Leon Hart said. "Anytime you shut someone out in college football it's a heck of an achievement."

The strength of the Fightin' Christian offense continues to be the running game. Elon chewed 258 yards on the ground while nine different players carried the football.

The Fightin' Christians took the opening kickoff and never looked back. Rod Clark's 51-yard return set up a 22-yard Maurice Blakeney scramble touchdown. In all, four different players scored for Elon. They were: Blakeney,



Tonya Hubart/The Pendulum
Charles Mitchell, Tony Gentilcore, Keith Gaither, Fleming Brewer, and Rico Porter hustle on defense against Concord College.

freshmen running back Sherron Peace, freshmen wide receiver Jarius Wallace and freshmen running back Reggie Ignash, who found the end zone twice.

Freshman quarterback Reggie Tyson played most of the second half and proved his ability. "We really dominated," Tyson said.

Elon's special teams also rose to the occasion. It blocked one punt and applied pressure all afternoon, which resulted in two safeties.

"I think it's great that we got a shutout but there's still room for improvement. But I think that any shutout proves that defense wins games," Robert Burnett said.

This weekend the Fightin' Christians take on conference rival Carson-Newman. "This is a good healthy rivalry. The players really look forward to these games," Hart said.

Kick off is 2 p.m. Saturday at Burlington Memorial Stadium.

Football Player Profile

Thompson uses past play as driving force for the season

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Staff Reporter

If one seeks evidence that hard work leads to success, look no further than Stefan Thompson.

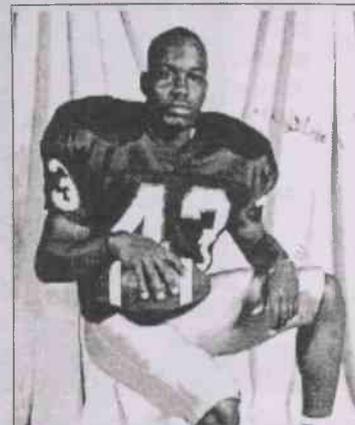
Thompson, a 5'9", 170 lbs. defensive back, is among the often over-looked group of athletes that excel not only on the field, but in the classroom. A 20 year-old junior from Greensboro, N.C. Thompson is a physics major and carries a 3.45 GPA.

"He's a very exceptional young man who manages his time well, on and off the field," said defensive coordinator Larry Stephens. "His work ethic is very strong."

Thompson decided to attend Elon three years ago, because it was his favorite school of those that offered him a football scholarship. He began to start at defensive back towards the end of last season.

His most memorable moment on the field, so far, occurred three weeks ago against West Georgia. It is not a moment he likes to recall, however.

West Georgia won on a Hail Mary pass in the waning seconds of the game. The receiver that



Courtesy of Sports Information
Stefan Thompson

caught the pass was in Thompson's zone.

"I'm using that play as my driving force for the rest of the season," Thompson said.

Stephens feels that the blame should not fall on Thompson's shoulders.

"Stefan played excellent defense throughout the entire game. The Hail Mary pass was a fluke thing. It just happened to be caught in his zone."

Stefan's future plans include attending North Carolina A&T for graduate school and embarking in a career in engineering. With his strong work ethic, look for Thompson not only to be a success in the Elon secondary, but also in whatever life throws at him.

Directions to Burlington Memorial Stadium

Take Oak Street (In front of the cemetery, near the Town of Elon College sign) to Front Street. Turn right onto Tarleton Road. Williams High School will be 1 mile on the left.

SAC Scores	SAC Standings
Catawba 34, Mars Hill 10	Elon 1-0
Carson-Newman 38, Presbyterian 7	Carson Newman 1-0
Wingate 30, Shepherd 10	Catawba 1-1
Elon 37, Concord 0	Wingate 0-0
UT-Chattanooga 47, Gardner Webb 23	Lenoir Rhyne 0-0
Lenoir-Rhyne 45, Wofford 26	Gardner Webb 0-0
	Mars Hill 0-1
	Presbyterian 0-1



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Fullback Mark Lloyd throws feet in the air for a few more yards.



Schedule of Events

- Sept. 24** Men's and Women's Cross Country Greensboro Invitational
Football vs. Carson-Newman College (HOME) 2 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Lenoir-Rhyne College (away) noon
Men's Soccer vs. Lenoir-Rhyne College (away) 2 p.m.
Volleyball SAC Round Robin tournament at Mars Hill.
- Sept. 25** Volleyball SAC Round Robin tournament at Mars Hill.
- Sept. 26** Women's Soccer vs. Greensboro College (away) 4 p.m.
- Sept. 27** Men's Soccer vs. Pembroke State University (HOME) 4 p.m.
- Sept. 28** Volleyball vs. Gardner-Webb University (HOME) 6:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Longwood College (HOME) 4 p.m.

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