

# Elon loses in the second half against Lenoir-Rhyne

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The Fightin' Christians' record sunk to 2-3 overall with last Saturday's 36-34 loss to the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears.

Elon's offense, which totaled 103 yards, was led by junior quarterback Maurice Blakeney. Blakeney threw for 91 yards and two touchdowns; while also rushing for 101 yards and another touchdown.

For the first time this season Rod Clark did not carry the ball out of the backfield. His only touches came on one pass reception and his usual kickoff and punt returns. Clark was shifted to the wide receiver to provide a new dimension for the passing attack.

"The passing game was lacking punch, we just weren't getting many big plays," said head coach Leon Hart. "We've got to make sure Rod Clark touches the ball more than the last (this) game."

It was Blakeney who put the Fightin' Christians out in front on their first possession of the game. Elon's opening drive started at its own 23 yard line after the Bears

missed a 40-yard field goal. The Christians had moved the ball into Lenoir-Rhyne territory where they faced a third-and-three. With the help of some great blocking, Blakeney kept the ball and took off 44 yards down field for a touchdown. The extra point attempt was



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Head Coach Leon Hart

good.

Elon scored two more times in the first half. Once by Quentin Mitchell and again on a big play by the defense. With 3:17 left in the half, Lenoir-Rhyne was attempting to run off the right side when the ball carrier ran into a host of

Elon defenders and the ball popped loose. Senior safety Robert Burnett recovered the fumble and sprinted 82 yards for a touchdown.

The successful extra point attempt gave the Fightin' Christians a 21-14 lead at the half.

In the second half South Atlantic Conference rushing leader Leonard Davis of L-R eventually put the first points of the half on the board. With 5:34 remaining in the third quarter Davis took a hand off to the right side for two yards and a touchdown. The extra point attempt was good.

Elon wasted no time in striking back. Blakeney threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Clark. The extra point attempt was unsuccessful though.

The Bears responded with a big scoring drive of their own. Led by Davis, and his drive-ending touchdown, Lenoir-Rhyne marched 72 yards to take a 28-27 lead.

Elon's next drive lasted only three plays and resulted in a punt. With 8:23 left in the game, the Bears took over at their own 18-yard line.

Lenoir-Rhyne eventually put the ball in the endzone; but it was on the extra point that the Bears bit

a bullet. The Fightin' Christians managed to block the point after kick; however, the ball bounced right up into the hands of the Lenoir-Rhyne holder who tossed it to an open teammate for a two-point conversion.

This gave the Bears a nine point lead with only 5:58 left. This was not enough time for the Fightin' Christians to come back. Although they managed to score another


touchdown quickly: a 31-yard pass from Blakeney to Jarius Wallace.

"It was a game of missed opportunities all over the place," said Hart referring to several missed tackles, dropped passes and unfortunate bounces.

The Fightin' Christians will travel to Mars Hill Friday afternoon and will play Mars Hill College on Saturday.

Kickoff is at 1p.m.

SAC Scores	SAC Standing
Carson-Newman 63, Catawba 24	Elon 1-2
Wingate 36, Gardner-Webb 34	Carson-Newman 3-0
Lenoir-Rhyne 36, Elon 34	Lenoir-Rhyne 2-0
Mars Hill 50, Kentucky State 14	Wingate 1-1
Presbyterian 10, Wofford 7	Mars Hill 1-1
	Catawba 1-2
	Gardner-Webb 0-1
	Presbyterian 0-2



## Schedule of Events

- Oct. 6** Women's Soccer vs. Wingate College (HOME) 4 p.m.
- Oct. 8** Women's Soccer vs. Carson-Newman (away) 1 p.m.  
Men's Soccer vs. Carson-Newman College (away) 3 p.m.  
Volleyball vs. Presbyterian College (away) 9:30 a.m.  
Men's and Women's Cross Country USC Spartanburg Invitational  
Football vs. Mars Hill College (away) 1 p.m.
- Oct. 10** Men's Soccer vs. Pfeiffer College (HOME) 4 p.m.
- Oct. 11** Volleyball vs. Catawba College (away) 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12** Women's Soccer vs. Catawba College (away) 4 p.m.  
Men's Soccer vs. Queens College (away) 4 p.m.
- Oct. 13** Volleyball vs. St. Andrews Presbyterian (HOME) 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 15** Women's Soccer vs. Presbyterian College (HOME) 4 p.m.  
Men's Soccer vs. Catawba College (away) 7 p.m.  
Volleyball SAC Round Robin Tournament at Catawba  
Men's and Women's Cross Country State Meet at UNC-Charlotte  
Football vs. Presbyterian College (HOME) 2 p.m.
- Oct. 16** Volleyball SAC Round Robin Tournament at Catawba
- Oct. 18** Women's Soccer vs. Gardner-Webb University (HOME) 4 p.m.  
Volleyball vs. Wofford College (away) 6 p.m.
- Oct. 19** Men's Soccer vs. Winthrop University (away) 4 p.m.

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## Football Player Profile

### Washington continues to go strong

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Sports Editor

James Washington has suffered two injured shoulders in two seasons but still continues to run strong on the field.

Washington, a 6'0", 190 pound senior, is one of the top defensive players the football team has this season. He holds his position at linebacker and is one of the team's captains.

Last season Washington bruised his right shoulder. This year, in the season opener against West Georgia, he dislocated his left shoulder. But nothing seems to hold him back. Although his left shoulder still bothers him, he shows up for practice everyday, and goes to treatment two times a day, five days a week.

"Although he doesn't always tell us, I know that his shoulders are bothering him," coach Larry Stephens said. "But he certainly loves the game and wants to play."

Washington is attending Elon on a full grant and aid athletic scholarship. Last season he was named one of the members of the South Atlantic Conference — All Conference Team.

"James has a good attitude, enjoys playing, and is very determined. He is pretty much the ideal player for his position," Stephens said. "He has the ample size and strength, and also has the speed to meet his position. He plays one of the toughest positions on defense and it requires his type."

In last week's game against Lenoir Rhyne, Washington was in on 13 tackles. He had nine individual tackles and four assisted. "I think everyone played as hard as they could but... we lost," Washington commented. "Overall, I think we have a good team. We're just having trouble putting things together and making them click."

Washington is from Hilton Head, S.C. and is majoring in leisure sports management. Following graduation he plans to move



Courtesy of Sports Information  
James Washington

back home and find a job anywhere in the area of sports management.

He has been playing football for 15 years. His biggest influence growing up has been his brother. "He has been the biggest influence in my life because he's the first person in my family to graduate from college five years ago, and he encourages me to do a lot of things."

Washington will graduate in May, 1995.