

Elon breaks 3 game losing streak

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Quentin Mitchell fights off a defender as he runs towards the endzone. Brian Corrado/ The Pendulum

The Fightin' Christians rallied in the fourth quarter to beat the Presbyterian Blue Hose 28-21 last Saturday at Burlington Memorial Stadium.

The Fightin' Christians, who have struggled in recent fourth quarters, exploded for 21 straight points to snap a three game losing streak and give them their fifth straight win over South Atlantic Conference foe Presbyterian.

"To lose as many close games as we have is very disappointing, and to finally win one of those games felt real good," said head coach Leon Hart.

Elon started the game with a bang when senior running back Quentin Mitchell went for 60 yards and a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage of the day. After that, however, the Fightin' Christians' offense would be shut out until the fourth quarter.

The Fightin' Christians' defense, which spent close to 40 minutes on the field, was led by senior linebacker James Washington who had 12 tackles. At the half, Elon had yielded only seven points. They went into the locker room tied at seven a piece.

The second half did not begin as smoothly for the Fightin' Christians as the first half had. The Blue Hose kept the Elon offense off the scoreboard the entire third quarter. In that time they also managed to score twice. Once in the third quarter, and again on their first drive of the fourth quarter. This sequence left the Fightin' Christians 14 points down with 13:44 remaining in the game.

As it turns out, Elon would need almost every second. The fourth quarter surge was started by an eight-yard touchdown pass from

junior quarterback Maurice Blakeney to junior wide receiver Corey Hatchell. The extra point attempt was good; cutting Presbyterian's lead to seven.

The Blue Hose's next drive was halted by the Fightin' Christians' defense. Rod Clark took the ensuing punt and raced 56 yards for the game tying touchdown.

"He's (Clark) been a big play guy for us all year," said coach Hart.

Of course the game was not over yet. The defense still had to hold the Blue Hose offense in check, and they did. The Fightin' Christians got the ball back late in the fourth quarter with one last chance to win the game.

The victory drive lasted six

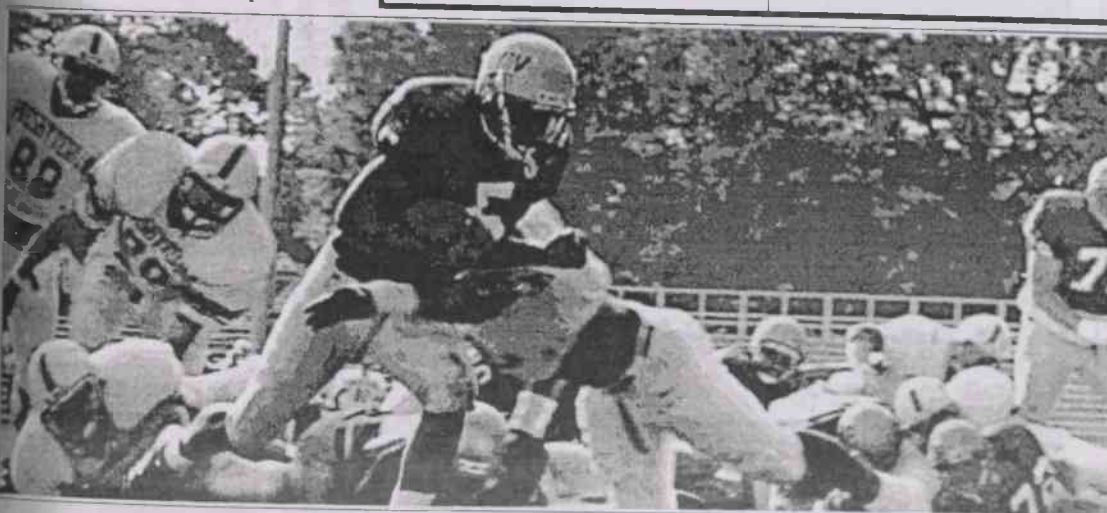
plays, chewed up 75 yards and culminated in a 12-yard touchdown run by Quentin Mitchell. The game winning touchdown was Mitchell's second of the day, and his seventh of the season.

"He has a knack for making people miss down at the endzone," replied coach Hart when asked about his running back's scoring ability.

The Fightin' Christians have this weekend off. Hart plans to utilize the bye-week to "work a lot on fundamentals," and "give the banged up players a rest."

Elon's next game is on Oct. 29 at Burlington Memorial Stadium against Gardner-Webb. Kickoff is at 2 p.m.

SAC Scores	SAC Standing
Mars Hill 36, Carson-Newman 32	Elon 2-3
Lenoir-Rhyne 35, Wingate 33	Lenoir-Rhyne 4-0
Gardner-Webb 63, Catawba 19	Carson-Newman 4-1
Elon 28, Presbyterian 21	Mars Hill 1-1
	Gardner-Webb 0-1
	Wingate 1-3
	Presbyterian 0-2
	Catawba 1-4

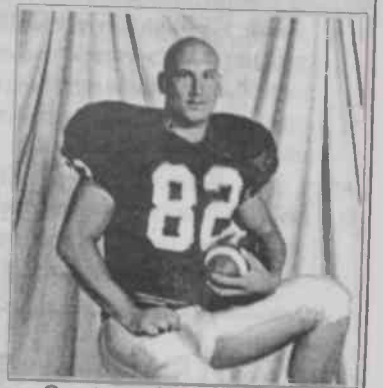


Quentin Mitchell runs past Presbyterian defense with the help of his teammates. Brian Corrado/ The Pendulum

Football Player Profile

"Bull" continues to be consistent

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Courtesy of Sports Information
Karl Stewart

Karl Stewart, also known as "Bull," is one of the football team's most consistent players this season.

Stewart is a 6'5", 280 pound fifth-year senior from Groveland, Mass. He came to Elon in 1990 as a walk-on and is now on a full grant and aid athletic scholarship.

"Bull is the type of guy who's always gonna give you everything he's got. He's a solid performer and has developed into a big leader on the field," co-offensive coordinator, John Patterson said.

Last season Stewart played tight end; but since then, has moved to right offensive tackle. During that time period he was able to gain 100 pounds which contributed to his transition.

"I just ate five to six times a day and lifted a lot of weights," Stewart said. "I don't mind playing offensive tackle, it's whatever is best for the team."

According to coach Patterson, last week's game against Presbyterian was Stewart's best game overall. "He will get the recognition in our group as the Offensive Player of the Week," Patterson said.

"Bull" felt very optimistic about last week's game. "I feel great about it. I'm actually glad we could turn the season around, we haven't won in three weeks,"

Stewart said. "Overall though, I don't feel we play as a unit. In that game we did. It wasn't just the defense doing well or just the offense, we all played as a whole."

Stewart is 22-years old, majoring in leisure sports management. Following graduation in May of 1995, he plans to move back to Massachusetts. "After that I have no clue what I'm gonna do," Stewart said.

Stewart has been playing football for 10 years and played other sports as well in high school. His senior year of high school he was named Lineman of the Year in football, Most Valuable Player in basketball, and Player of the Year in baseball.

"Bull's" biggest influence is his mother. "My mom has overcome a lot of things in her life, including escaping from East Germany during the Cold War," Stewart said. "Her strength has given me strength."



Schedule of Events

- Oct. 20 Women's Soccer vs. St. Andrews Presbyterian (away) 4 p.m.
- Oct. 22 Volleyball vs. Carson-Newman College (away)
Women's Soccer vs. Barton College (away) 2 p.m.
- Oct. 24 Volleyball vs. NC Central University (HOME) 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 25 Women's Soccer Food Lion SAC Tournament 2 p.m.
- Oct. 26 Volleyball vs. Wingate College (away) 6:30 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Wingate College (HOME) 4 p.m.

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