

Cross country finishes 1st and 2nd in SAC tournament

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The men's and women's cross country team, in their second year of competition at Elon, competed two weeks ago in the Food Lion SAC tournament and were very successful.

On Oct. 29 the women's cross country team placed second in the South Atlantic Conference tournament while the men captured the conference title for the second year in a row.

Elon's top placement for the men's team was sophomore Brian Keller who finished with a time of 29:45. Freshman Eric Hines followed close behind finishing fourth with a time of 30:23. Also finishing in the top 10 were Chad Bebout and Scott Breslin.

For the women, freshman Julie Vance finished fourth with a time

of 22:41. Also finishing in the top 10 for the women were Suzanne Czarnetzky and Tricia Norris.

On Nov. 5 the teams competed in the Southeastern Regional meet in Spartanburg, S.C. The men's team placed 15th out of 20 teams with Keller finishing 48th out of 135 runners with a time of 36:54. The women were successful placing seventh out of 19 teams. Vance finished 29th out of 136 runners with a time of 21:34.

Coach Bill Morningstar was very pleased with the overall results of the SAC tournament and the NCAA regionals.

"In the conference race, we ran as well as we have all year. It was a great effort by all of our runners," Morningstar said. "In fact it was probably the best race we've had this year."

"In the regional meet the ladies ran exceptionally well. But the men looked a little tired. They put in a lot of effort for the confer-

Cross country individual conference results for 1994 season

Co-Coach of the Year: Bill Morningstar

1st Team All-Conference: Brian Keller, Eric Hines, Chad Bebout, Julie Vance, Tricia Norris

2nd Team All-Conference: Scott Breslin, Pete Ormsby, Suzanne Czarnetzky

Conference Freshmen of the Year: Julie Vance, Eric Hines

Conference Runner of the Year: Brian Keller

ence tournament so I think they were a little tired from that," Morningstar said.

The cross country season has ended for 1994. However, many of

the runners and Morningstar are looking forward to next year's season. "Our team is very young, so we'll be looking forward to next year," Morningstar said.

Men's basketball preview for 1994-95 season

Jeff Dunlop
Staff Reporter

The Elon College men's basketball team will head into action this season with many new faces, all trying to help take Elon to the top of the South Atlantic Conference.

Coach Mark Simons begins his second season as Elon's head coach. His first season saw the Fightin' Christians finish the 1993-94 campaign with a 5-21 overall record and a 3-11 SAC record. A major concern for Simons is the loss of several key players following graduation. Among those gone from last year's team are Jo Jo Stuart and Tim Wallen.

Wallen led the team with a



Brian Corrado/The Pendulum
Transfer Rick Godfrey and Brian Therriault share the ball.

19.4 points per game average and was the team's leading rebounder. Stuart, Elon's starting point guard, was the team's emotional leader and led the team in assists and steals.

Other key losses include: Lamont Turner, Monty Bumper and David Wyrick. With Turner, Bumper and Wallen gone, the Fightin' Christians lose a considerable amount of size inside. Wyrick was valuable to the team with the experience and veteran leadership he offered.

Elon will counter these losses with nine new players. They include: seven freshmen and two transfer students from Lewisburg Junior College in Virginia. The two transfers, Rick Godfrey and Chris Adcock, both add size to the depleted Elon front line. Among the freshmen are Ken Spell and Adam Roberts, who were backcourt teammates at Trinity High School in High Point, N.C. The other five freshmen are all guards, except Wesley Berry who is a 6-foot-6-inch forward.

Simons feels that the team is in good shape, despite so many key losses.

"We're a better team than we were last year," Simons said. "We have more of a team concept this year."

The Fightin' Christians will return three key players from last year. Seth Chambliss and Bryan Therriault return in the backcourt, while Michael Deason returns to throw his weight around in the low



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Elon's transfer student Chris Adcock goes for a layup during practice.

post. Chambliss is a scrappy point guard who hustles on both ends of the court, while Therriault averaged 12.2 points per game and is a legitimate threat from beyond the three-point line.

With nine of the 16 roster spots being guards, the Fightin' Christians will obviously be depending on the perimeter aspect of the game to account for much of the offense. Simons, however, is impressed thus

far with the play of his inside men, including Deason.

"Mike (Deason) has made a dramatic improvement since last year," Simons said. "I would put him and Rick Gottfried against any post player in the conference right now."

Elon tips off the new season on Nov. 29 against Averett College at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Gymnasium.

Athlete of the Week

Bud Hoopes
Staff Reporter



Name: Brian Keller
Sport: Cross Country
Hometown: Long Island N.Y.

Class: Sophomore
Major: Physical Education

Future Goals: "After graduation I hope to go on and possibly coach track on the high school level."

Highlights of career:
Most valuable runner in SAC last year
First team All-Conference
No. 1 runner last year in beginning and end of season when team won SAC

Coach Morningstar's comments: "He's got a lot of ability as a runner. He works very hard and we look forward to him being with us for the next two years."

Keller's thoughts on the coming year: "I think we are going to have a good team this season with a possibility of repeating as champs of the SAC."

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