

# Men's tennis drops its record

**Bob Grimmie**  
Staff Reporter

The men's tennis team record dipped to 1-2 when USC Spartanburg defeated the Fightin' Christians, 6-1, Sunday at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center.

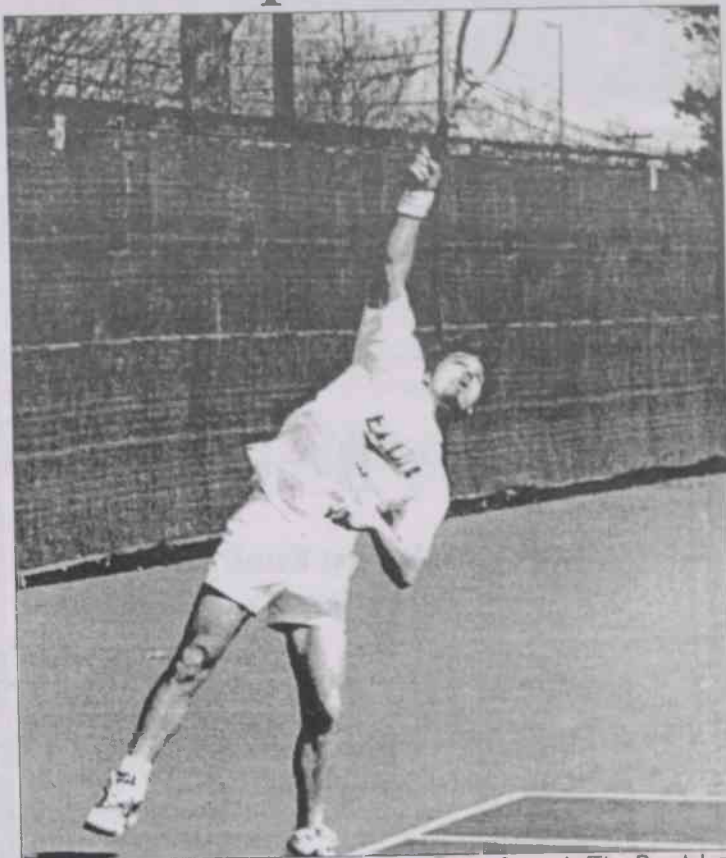
Elon's one point was provided by number one singles player Danny Colangelo. Colangelo remained undefeated on the season with his 6-3, 6-4 victory over USC's Kasper Nielsen.

"Danny Colangelo had a good win at number one singles, but Spartanburg was much stronger at the number four, five and six singles positions than we are," said Elon head coach Tom Parham.

The doubles team of Colangelo and Justin Clark out dueled their opponents for an 8-6 win.

However, USC Spartanburg won the other two matches to pick up the one point awarded for doubles play.

The men will return to the courts on Friday at East Carolina University at 2:30 p.m.



**Brian Corrado/The Pendulum**  
Danny Colangelo extends to knock the ball over the net against Spartanburg.

# Burnett off to National All-Stars

**Steve Lucatuorto**  
Staff Reporter

One of Elon's football players has been invited by the National All-Star Association to attend a two-day event with a professional combine and a football game on March 10 and 11.

Robert Burnett, a 5-foot-11-inch, 195-pound cornerback will travel to Orlando, Fla., for the event.

While he's there, Burnett and several other players will be tested in the 40-yard dash, 20-yard shuttle run, a verticle jump test and a 225-pound bench press for reps.

Pro scouts from nine professional football leagues will be present, including the National Football League, Canadian Football League, Arena Football League, World Football League and the European Football League.

Burnett has played football since he was five years old. He began in pee-pee league with his older brother and has been playing ever since.

"My idol was always Walter Payton. I tried to play like him and every year I would pick number 34 to wear on my uniform," Burnett said.

Burnett admits that his favorite part about playing defense is not



Courtesy of Sports Information  
**Robert Burnett**

only the physical challenge but the mental challenge as well.

"I love playing defense," he said. "You have no idea what the offense is going to run until the ball is snapped. Defense is based all on reaction."

Many wondered why Burnett's statistics declined slightly during the 1994 season and the answer is simple.

Burnett played cornerback all through high school and his first three years in college. When he was asked to move to free-safety last season, he embarked on the biggest challenge of his career.

"I was used to playing corner and this was totally different," Burnett said. "I also didn't have a lot of time to prepare because of baseball, and basically learned to

play safety in two and a half weeks of training camp."

Burnett said he wasn't nervous about competing in Orlando.

"No, I'm not at all (nervous). I'll be playing corner, the position I feel most natural and comfortable with."

Elon football coach Leon Hart didn't seem suprised at all that Burnett was getting a shot at the pro's.

"He's a great player who works hard and takes a lot of pride in his work ethic," Hart said. "He's a gifted athlete who started with raw athletic skills and has taken them and developed them to perfection."

Considering Elon is a small school, Burnett never expected to receive the opportunity that he has been granted.

"No, I never thought I would be in this position. It always seemed like even when I gave my best, someone or something was holding me back, not myself, but maybe by the people who vote or the lack of exposure by the media," Burnett said.

He feels that all the adversity he has endured is now behind him and the best thing for him to do is to take advantage this situation.

"It makes no difference, just getting there and playing at the next level would be a dream come true," Burnett said.

# Elon tackles rugby

**Bud Hoopes**  
Staff Reporter

In only its third year of existence, the Elon Rugby Club is on its way to increasing popularity.

Elon senior Martin Hill of Raleigh said he got interested in rugby this year through a friend, who plays at Eastern Carolina University.

When Hill, team captain, saw fliers around school he thought he'd give it a try.

Elon's club is comprised of about 20 students from all around the world, including Ireland and Bermuda.

"There are about three or four players who have played rugby before and they teach us the basics," Hill said.

Hill said he hopes the club will expand to play other schools in the area that have more developed programs like Chapel Hill, Appalachian State and Guilford College, but that is still in the

process of being organized.

Rugby, a physical combination of football and soccer, includes two 40-minute halves with running time and fifteen players from each side on the field at once. Rugby is played on a field that is slightly bigger than a football field.

"A lot of people think that all you do in rugby is go out and hit people all the time, but rugby professionals consider rugby a gentleman's sport," Hill said.

"At the end of the match the opposing teams throw a party for each other so that both clubs can get together and discuss the results. Players leave the aggression on the field."

However, Hill isn't sure what the club's future plans are.

"I definitely think that the more people come out the better the clubs' chances are for success," he said. "Maybe, if we continue to get a good turnout, we can even expand to more than one team."

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**This Week**

- March 2 Softball vs. Limestone College (away) 2:30 p.m.  
Women's Tennis vs. Barton College (away) 2:30 p.m.
- March 3 Men's Tennis vs. East Carolina University (away) 2:30 p.m.
- March 3-4 Men's and Women's Basketball Food Lion SAC Tournament at Wingate
- March 4 Men's Tennis vs. Barton College (away) 1 p.m.  
Baseball vs. Carson-Newman College (HOME) noon
- March 4-5 Golf Challenge of The Carolinas, Lockwood Folly Golf Links, Holden Beach, N.C.  
Softball Catawba Kickoff Tournament (away)  
Baseball vs. Carson-Newman College (HOME) noon
- March 5 Baseball vs. Carson-Newman College (HOME) 2 p.m.  
Women's Tennis vs. Francis Marion College (HOME) 1 p.m.  
Men's Tennis vs. West Virginia University, (HOME) 1 p.m.
- March 6 Softball vs. Bethel College (HOME) 2:30 p.m.
- March 6-7 Golf Greensboro Invitational, Greensboro, N.C.
- March 7 Men's Tennis vs. Ferris State (HOME) 2 p.m.
- March 8 Softball vs. Barton College (away) 2:30 p.m.
- March 9-12 Baseball vs. High Point University (away) 3 p.m.  
Men's and Women's Tennis Tournament in Savannah, Ga

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