

# Volleyball digging for success

**Colleen Herndon**  
Staff Reporter

The women's volleyball team split four games at the Elon College Invitational Challenge last weekend and lost to Presbyterian Monday making its overall record 21-6.

A total of eight teams participated in the weekend tournament which was held at Alumni Gymnasium.

The Lady Christians won their 20th match of the season defeating Eckerd (5-6) in a grueling five game marathon, 15-5, 13-15, 15-12, 13-15, 15-13.

"We played extremely well in the first game, but really struggled as a team with our blocking," head coach Sue Leonard said. "In games two and four our blocking broke down and it almost cost us the match."

However, in the second game



Andrew Brickey/The Pendulum

Elon volleyball team giving its best effort against Fairmont State.

against Rollins College (11-4), Elon could not defend against the Tars' serving power. Rollins swept Elon in three games, 15-12, 15-12, 15-13.

"We played with a lot more intensity in the second game, but

Rollins was serving extremely well," Leonard said.

The Fightin' Christians also split day two of the tournament as they defeated St. Leo and lost to Fairmont State.

Elon won a hard fought game

in the first match-up against St. Leo, (7-8), 5-15, 15-10, 9-15, 15-13, 15-13.

However, in the second game, Elon fell short to Fairmont State (16-7) in another five game marathon, 15-3, 6-15, 15-7, 0-15, 15-13. Freshman Lisa Bumgarner had 13 kills and 10 digs in the losing effort.

"Blocking and receiving are important aspects of the game, and we did neither all weekend," Leonard said. "We played flat all weekend."

The highlight of the tournament was the nomination of senior Debbie Hall to the All-Tournament team as voted on by the participating coaches. Hall had 43 kills, 62 digs and three service aces during tournament play.

The next matchup for Elon (21-6) will be on Oct. 5 against High Point University beginning at 7 p.m.

## Women stay focused in nine-game winning streak

**April Perkins**  
Sports Editor

The Elon College women's soccer team has completed more than half of the '95 season with a new coach, one loss and a nine-game winning streak.

"(The winning streak) is a product of many things in which the players are doing," head coach Paul Webster said. "They're taking care of themselves off the field, they're staying healthy and when they're coming to train they're doing a real good job of staying focused."

Elon successfully earned their

ninth win of the year against Mars Hill College, 3-0. This was the eighth out of ten games in which Elon has held its opponents scoreless. Elon's only loss came in the season opener against Liberty College. The score was 0-2.

"They have prepared themselves really well for every match that we've played since that first one," Webster said.

Elon's overall record stands at 9-1 while its South Atlantic Conference record remains undefeated at 3-0. Elon has already walked on Wingate College (5-1), Presbyterian College (4-0) and this past weekend Mars Hill College. How-

ever, tough competition lies before Elon. On Oct. 7 the Christians will face Lenoir-Rhyne College followed by Gardner-Webb, Catawba and Carson-Newman. Each game will be played at home.

"They feel very good about what they've done so far. But they still have very realistic visions of what's coming up," Webster said. "They realize the games coming up are extremely important and they seem to be taking them very seriously."

Elon's Stephanie Sorrells is the team's leading scorer with eight goals. She has also contributed 33 shots as well as three assists. In

addition, Kam Radford and Molly Page have each scored seven goals towards Elon's success.

Elon has proven its strength on the field, however, Webster believes there is one weakness his team faces that may not be resolved.

"We're not the swiftest of feet. If we get in a game where the other team is technically as solid as we are and they're a lot faster, that could be a problem. But there's not a whole lot you can do about that."

Despite the lack in speed, Webster and the Lady Christians have proven their abilities as a team and will continue to do so as they face the last half of the season.

### Elon Scoreboard

#### Volleyball

(Elon is now 21-6)

Elon vs. Eckerd  
15-5, 13-15, 15-12, 13-15, 15-13  
Rollins vs. Elon  
15-12, 15-12, 15-13  
Elon vs. St. Leo  
5-15, 15-10, 9-15, 15-13, 15-13  
Fairmont State vs. Elon  
15-13, 6-15, 15-7, 0-15, 15-13  
Presbyterian vs. Elon  
16-14, 8-15, 4-15, 15-8, 15-11

**Congratulations to  
Elon's Debbie Hall  
who made the All-  
Tournament team!!**

#### Football

(record: 2-3)

Elon 31, Lenoir-Rhyne 0

#### Men's Soccer

(record: 6-3)

Elon 0, Catawba 1  
Elon 0, Gardner Webb 4

#### Women's Soccer

(record: 9-1)

Elon 3, Mars Hill 0

#### Cross Country

Greensboro Invitational  
Men placed 8th out of 16  
Women placed 4th out of 15

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### TO THE TOP WITH A BULLET



Dave McKay

Basketball season is just around the corner, and there have been some very interesting changes around the NBA. The high level of uncertainty in the off-season has made for something of a changing of the guard in the league.

In the most major of guard changes, the Washington Bullets acquired perennial all-star Mark Price last week. The second-best true point guard in the NBA (next to John Stockton, of course), Price will be the final piece to the Bullets' playoff hunt.

Nov. 17, 1994 was supposed to be the Bullets' franchise turning point. On that day, Washington signed rookie forward/center Juwan Howard and dealt for '93s top overall pick Chris Webber.

Washington general manager John Nash and the long-suffering roundball fans of D.C. declared a day of celebration.

There was a problem, though. Who could get the ball to these big men?

Scott Skiles and Doug Overton did what they could, but this team needed a top-flight point man. They went to the draft lottery for the sixth straight year.

Ta-da! "Mr. Price I'd like you to meet Chris, Juwan, and Calbert ... Rasheed? Yeah, he's on his way."

The main reason why Nov. 17 is NOT the day that will go down in Bullets' history is Sept. 27, 1995. That's the date the Bullets swapped their '96 first rounder for Price and signed rookie Rasheed Wallace.

Not a bad day's work. In fact, the moves prompted Nash to declare, "I think we have a legitimate shot. This a major day in the Bullets' history."

I think I may have heard that one before. This time however, I have to agree.

If Jim Lynam is able to coach at all, and he may not be able, this team could showcase itself in the NBA Finals,

"...and this showcase can be yours, if the Price is right."