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Elon snaps four-game losing streak

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After four straight weeks without a win, Head Coach Leon Hart and the Fightin' Christians finally came away with a much needed victory.

Elon notched its third win of the season by coming from behind to defeat Division I-AA opponent Wofford College, 20-16.

On the opening kick-off running back Robert Rogers fumbled the ball and Wofford recovered on the Elon 13. Two plays later the Terriers ran the ball in to open the scoring.

Elon would then turn the ball over on its next two possessions. Fortunately the Elon defense stepped up like it has so many times this season and prevented Wofford from scoring off the turnovers.

"You have to give a tremendous amount of credit to our defensive players. We had run four offensive plays and turned the ball over three times and only gave up

six points," Hart said.

Down 9-0 early in the second, Elon managed to get on the board when kicker D.J. McGarrigan split the uprights from 28 yards out.

Elon then capitalized on a Wofford turnover by orchestrating a nine-play, 49-yard drive. The drive was capped off by running back Ron Johnson's one-yard touchdown which gave Elon a 10-9 lead.

After a fumble recovery by defensive lineman Sam O'Shields, McGarrigan kicked his second field goal of the game, this time from 24 yards out, giving Elon a four point lead with three minutes left in the third.

Wofford quickly answered back with a touchdown enabling its team to regain the lead 16-13.

With 8:34 left in the game, Elon put together one of the most impressive drives of the season and it couldn't have come at a better time according to Hart.

"Even from the sideline you could sense the determination and the intensity that was out there in

the huddle. I had several players tell me that there was no question in anyone's mind out there, that we were going to score, no matter what it took."

Running back Reggie Ignash completed the 16-play, 68-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run that gave the Fightin' Christians a four point lead with a minute and a half left to play.

Wofford's last attempt was foiled when Elon safety Keith Gaither intercepted a pass on first down.

"As soon as I had it I just wanted to hit the ground immediately and let the clock run out," Gaither said.

Hart believes that his football team has had much adversity that has endured this season.

"The one thing that makes me so proud of this football team is that they have never given up. They never considered quitting," Hart said.

"When we were down, there was no bickering or complaining. I'm proud of the way these guys



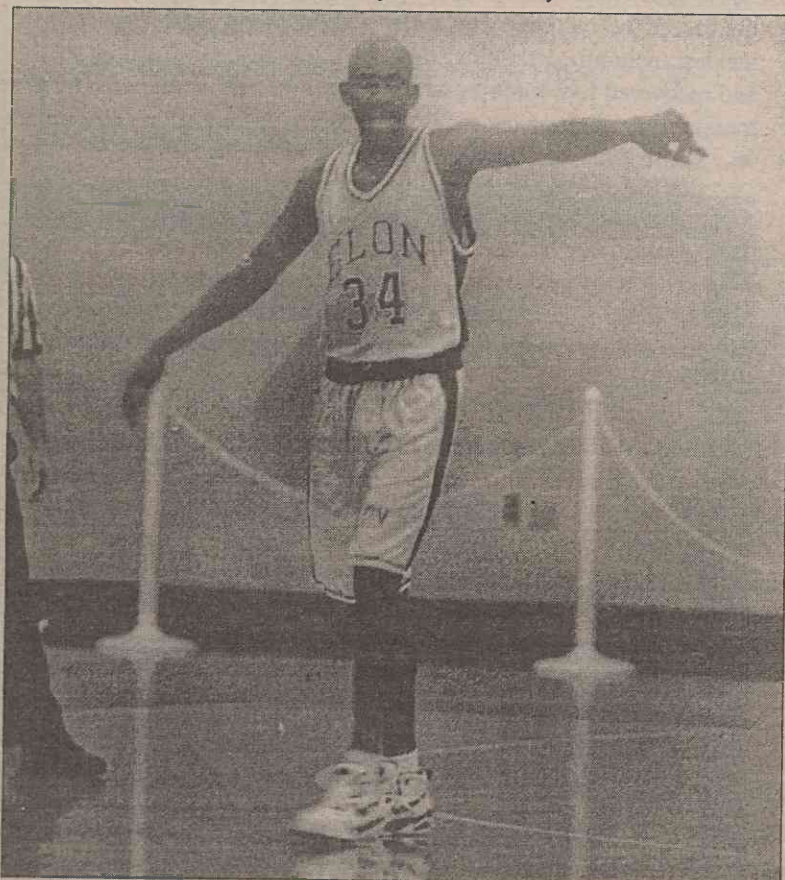
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Coach Leo Barker instructs the defensive linemen during practice earlier in the season.

have hung together and pulled together. They play so hard and they deserve to win."

Elon will wrap up the season this Saturday when they take on

Wingate in the Homecoming/Hall of Fame game. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m.



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Elon's Tony Kitt (34) tries to push the Fightin' Christians back down the court Monday against Ft. Bragg.

Cross country ends at regionals

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The University of South Carolina at Spartanburg was host to the 1995 Southeastern Regional Cross Country meet in which the Elon women and men placed fifth and eighth respectively.

Leading the Fightin' Christians was freshman Meg Crawford who finished 13th overall with a time of 19:34.69. Her impressive times all year earned Crawford the selection of All-Regional. "Meg did a great job," Coach Bill Morningstar said.

Following close behind were teammates Julie Vance (29th) and Suzanne Czarnetzky (30th) Patricia Norris also ran well and placed 33rd.

"The women ran an outstanding race," Morningstar said. "They ran the best they did all year." The Lady Christians concluded their

season with an overall record of 70-14.

Elon's men's team finished eighth out of 18 teams with 247 points.. Morningstar said he was pleased with the men's performance.

Michael Cody led the men with a time of 35:31.49 and placed 32nd out of 130 runners. Josh Cutter also finished within the top 50. The men completed their season with a 67-27 record.

Morningstar hoped that both teams would finish in the top five or six. However, Elon competed with powerhouses such as the University of North Florida and Kennesaw State, which both finished in the top spot.

The cross country teams are already optimistic for a promising season next year.

"All of the players will be returning next season," Morningstar said. "We expect to be very good."



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