## Sports September 30, 1999

# Elon keeps rolling with 40-7 win over A&T

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Moore is rapidly approach-

To say that Elon dominated

The Fightin' Christians con-

The Aggies did not help them-

Elon held the Aggies score-

This brought mixed emotions

In the week preceding the

Apparently, the Aggies head

ing the 2,000 yard career rushing

mark, with less than 100 yards to

the first half is one thing. But to

actually read the the statistics is

trolled the ball with a 17-4 edge in

first downs, as well as converting

seven straight third downs into the

selves however, racking up nine

penalties in the first half, including

less through the first three quarters

of the game. A&T's only score came

with 2:00 left in the game when

Maurice Smith scored on an 80-

from the visitor's side of the sta-

game, comments about the show-

down between the two participat-

ing teams began flying around vari-

coach Bill Haves made some state-

ments to the effect of Elon being

beaten very badly by his team. It

should also be noted that as the head

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two illegal substitution calls.

#### **Travis Suber** The Pendulum

With a beautiful blue sky day as the backdrop, the Fightin' Christian football team continued its quest for a I-AA playoff berth with a dominating 40-7 victory over the North Carolina A&T Aggies Saturday, Sept. 25 at Burlington Memorial Stadium.

Everything seem to play out like a plot from a movie as Elon improved to a staggering 4-0 record and the Aggies fall to 2-1. Elon is now the 25th ranked team in I-AA in the nation according to the ESPN/ USA Today Coaches Poll.

Lead by its stellar cast of characters, the Fightin' Christians dominated right from the start of the game with an incredible 15 play, 80 yard drive that feasted on almost seven minutes of the clock.

To cap off the drive, senior running back Steven Fergusonthe team's leader in rushing yards, fourth leading rusher with 198 yards touchdowns and points scoredbroke through the defensive line with a 4 yard run for a touchdown.

Ferguson had 109 yards on 22 carries and one touchdown. This marks the second time in Ferguson's career he has scored a touchdown in four consecutive games.

Elon's march down the field was one that even Sherman would be proud of. Fortunately, Burlington Memorial Stadium was not burned in the Aggie scorching.

The first half was an on-field "Elon Fest", with the Fightin' Christians scoring 34 unanswered points.

Those points included an interception returned 38 yards for a touchdown by Elon's own Shanard Smith, a junior who is among the team leaders in tackles and now tied for the lead in interceptions.

Junior quarterback Derrick Moore also scored on two short yardage runs. Moore is the team's

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coach at A&T, Hayes is the winningest coach in the history of the program.

Hayes has had only a few embarrassing defeats in his tenure. Elon's smacking is the worst one the Aggies have received in over two and a half seasons, and ranks as fifth all-time worst.

When asked about his comments and how they possibly may have affected the outcome of the game during a post-game interview, Hayes simply trotted off the field.

Elon once again dominated the ground attack with 346 yards on 72 total carries. The Fightin' Christians also had 76 return yards.

The one key statistic that possibly sums up the game entirely is the difference between the amount of rushing plays for Elon to the number of total plays made by A&T.

Elon carried the ball 72 times while the Aggies performed 45 total plays.

The 25th ranked Fightin' Christians wil take on University of New Haven on Oct. 2 at Burlington Memorial Stadium to finish Elon's three game home stand to a Family Weekend crowd.

New Haven brings a squad that began the season ranked in the top ten of Division II polls, and is now ranked 17th.

Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m.

### Men's soccer falters to Stetson U. **Travis Suber**

The Pendulum

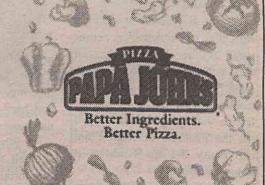
The Fightin' Christian men's soccer team couldn't stop Kjell Aasheim of Stetson University as the junior forward netted two goals in the first half to defeat Elon 2-0 Sunday at Bakatsias Field.

Aasheim used a little showtime trickery as he booted the first shot off of his heel into the net while keeping his back to the ball. Elon goalkeeper Scott Wahl was screened by defenders and completely missed the shot as it rolled into the net for the fist score of the game

Aasheim scored once again with an assist by Mark Poole at the 40:00 mark of the first half to pad the Mad Hatter lead.

Elon (2-5), came back in the second half with a vengeance as the Fightin' Christians took five of their eight shots on goal in the second half. However, Stetson goalkeeper Tim Riek made four saves to ensure the victory.

The Fightin' Christians will attempt to improve their record this week with contests against Campbell and UNC-Asheville. Both games will be played at Elon's Bakatsias field.



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