

SPORTS BRIEFS

Elon inducts five into Sports Hall of Fame

At 1:30 p.m. Sept. 11 in Whitley Auditorium, five former Elon University athletes will be inducted into the Elon Sports Hall of Fame, and the event is open to the public. The honorees will also be recognized at halftime of the 7 p.m. football game against Shaw University that same day.

Football players Lamar Adams and Whitney Bradham, women's basketball and softball player Sinita "Nuggie" Dixon and men's tennis players Robert Eskilsson and Glenn Smith make up this year's induction class.

Basketball players sign with teams abroad

Men's basketball player Adam Constantine and women's basketball player Urysla Cotton have continued their basketball careers after graduation, signing for teams overseas for the upcoming season.

Constantine is playing with the Rilski Sportist of the Bulgarian and Balkan leagues, while Cotton has signed with Portugal's Montijo Basket, a member of the Pro B league.

Men's golfers qualify for U.S. Amateur

Junior Josh Goldstein and sophomore John Somers both qualified for the 2010 U.S. Amateur,

held from Aug. 23 to Aug. 29. The tournament is played at Chambers Play Golf Course in University Place, Wash., with a starting field of 312. Somers originally qualified as an alternate, but was notified that he would get the chance to play in the tournament.

The first two days of the tournament will consist of stroke play, where the field will be cut to 64 golfers. Then, the remaining players will advance to match play.

Sanders returns to Elon as director of basketball operations

Former student athlete Monty Sanders is returning to his alma mater to take the position offered by men's head basketball coach Matt Matheny of director of basketball operations for the 2010-2011 season.

He will be in charge of coordinating team travel, updating the recruiting database, coordinating film exchange, maintaining equipment and overseeing student managers for the Phoenix.

Sanders graduated from Elon in 2009 and has since been an assistant boys' varsity basketball coach at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Raleigh and the head coach of the Garner Road Basketball Club AAU 15U boys' team.

Irwin picks up honors before season starts

Senior goalkeeper Clint Irwin has

been named to the 2010 Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Trophy Watch List, along with 39 other men's soccer players from around the country.

The award is considered the highest honor in intercollegiate soccer, and after the field gets pared down to 15 in November, three finalists will be named in December. Irwin is the only Southern Conference player on the list.

He was also selected as one of 30 men's soccer players selected as a candidate for the 2010 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. To be eligible for the award, one must be an NCAA Division I senior athlete and have achievements in four areas — classroom, character, community and competition.

Elon football places No. 7 in two polls

The Elon University football team has placed No. 7 on two different Football Champions Subdivision preseason polls — The Sports Network and the FCS Coaches poll. In both rankings, Elon is the second-highest ranked Southern Conference team, with Appalachian State University placing No. 3 on both lists.

Elon was also ranked preseason No. 6 on Phil Steele's FCS rankings.

Women's soccer get preseason ranking, O'Keeffe receives honor

The Elon University women's

soccer team was selected to finish fifth in the Southern Conference, as vote on by the 12 women's soccer head coaches of the conference.

Sophomore defender Claire O'Keeffe was picked to the 11-member all-conference preseason team, the only Elon player from the women's soccer team to earn such recognition.

Women's basketball adds assistant coach

The Elon University women's basketball head coach Karen Barefoot announced the addition of assistant coach Ken Butler to the coaching staff for the 2010-2011 season.

Butler spent the past two seasons with the women's basketball program at Davidson College.

Women's tennis honored for success in academics

The Elon University women's tennis team was selected to receive the 2010 Division I ITA All-Academic Team award for the fifth year in a row. It was one of three Southern Conference teams picked for the award.

Recent graduates Laura Graybill and Paige Kensrue, senior Jessica Margolis and junior Elisa Simonetti were also recognized as ITA Scholar-Athletes. This was Kensrue's fourth award, while Graybill, Margolis and Simonetti received it for the second time.

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**LEMBO'S TEAM**

For the first time since arriving at Elon, head football coach Pete Lembo will coach a team entirely recruited by his staff.

MEN'S SOCCER

After finishing first in the SoCon in 2009, the men's soccer team looks to repeat this season.

**COACH TENDLER**

Get to know head volleyball coach Mary Tandler through the eyes of those who know her best — her players.

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