

# Sports



The Elon University men's soccer team is making its first trip to the NCAA tournament in school history. PHOTO COURTESY OF SOCON PHOTOS

## Men's Soccer: Top-10

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The Phoenix defeated the University of North Florida 5-0 to secure its first win of the season Sept. 11 at Rudd Field. Junior forward Chris Thomas scored twice and added two assists, earning Southern Conference Men's Player of the Week for his efforts. Junior forward Archie Karpeh, sophomore midfielder Daniel Lovitz and sophomore defender Glenn Scott each scored one goal in the win.

Prior to the team's final home game Oct. 31, Elon honored eight senior players for their work and dedication to the program during the past four years. Jordan Neuhauser, Morgan Fleming, Tony Pusateri, Jahan Threeths, Nick Millington, Austin King, James Carroll and Drew Gardner were all recognized before the team's 1-0 loss to UNC Greensboro.

The Phoenix earned its first SoCon win of the year with a 2-0 victory against Wofford College Oct. 4 in Spartanburg, S.C. Karpeh scored both goals off of Elon set pieces.

Elon traveled to Durham Nov. 1 and played the host Duke University to a 2-2 draw and remained unbeaten in three contests against teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference. Thomas scored two second-half goals to put the Phoenix ahead 2-1 until Duke scored an equalizer in the 72nd minute.

Senior midfielder Nick Millington and freshman defender Austin Dunker were each recognized by the SoCon at the conclusion of the regular season. Millington was named to the All-SoCon Second Team while Dunker was named to the SoCon All-Freshman Team Nov. 8.

Elon defeated Clemson University 1-0 in a night game in Rhodes Stadium Oct. 11 to earn its first win against an ACC opponent this season. Thomas scored the game-winning goal on a header in the 36th minute.

The team continued its streak of success against ACC teams with a 2-0 win at Wake Forest University Oct. 18. Sophomore midfielder Matt Wescoe scored his first goal of the season in the 14th minute and junior midfielder Gabe Latigue netted another in the 37th minute.

Entering the SoCon tournament as the No. 6 seed with a conference record of 2-5, the Phoenix started its postseason run with a 1-0 win on the road against the No. 3 seed Georgia Southern University Nov. 6. The win avenged a 4-2 loss to Georgia Southern just two weeks earlier. Latigue scored the game's lone goal in the 48th minute to send Elon into the semifinals.

Once again an underdog, the Phoenix knocked out the No. 2 seed and 16th ranked Furman University with a 1-0 win Nov. 11 to advance to the tournament final. Thomas scored the game's only goal to set up a rematch with UNCG in the final.

The Phoenix capped its SoCon tournament run with a 3-2 victory against local rival UNCG to capture Elon's first SoCon tournament title in program history and its first appearance in the NCAA tournament. Two goals by junior forward Jordan Smith and a penalty kick by Latigue were just enough to hold off a late comeback from UNCG. Smith, Latigue, Austen King and Millington were each named to the All-Tournament Team, with Millington being named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

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Congratulations to @ElonMensSoccer on their tournament championship!!  
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Congrats @ElonMensSoccer! RT @SoConSports: Elon wins 3-2 over UNCG-SoCon Men's Soccer Tourney champions!  
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@ElonMensSoccer your 2011 Southern Conference Tournament champions!  
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SOCON SOCCER CHAMPS!!! EU YOU KNOW!

@iamgoldpanda  
ELON MEN'S SOCCER ARE THE #SOCONCHAMPS! SO MANY PHOENIX VICTORIES THIS WEEKEND :D  
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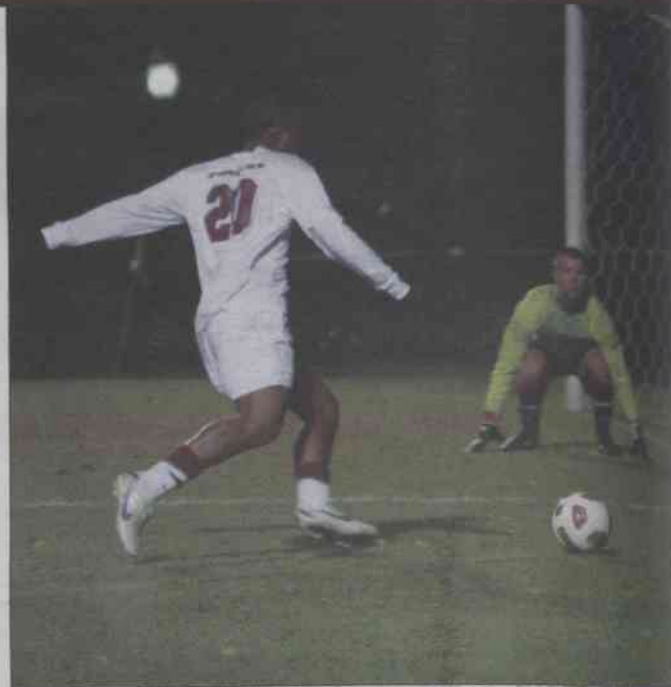
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@ElonPhoenix men's soccer wins its first SoCon Tournament!

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Congrats to @dpowell6 and Elon Men's soccer for their SoCon tourney win! On to the NAAs for the first time ever!!

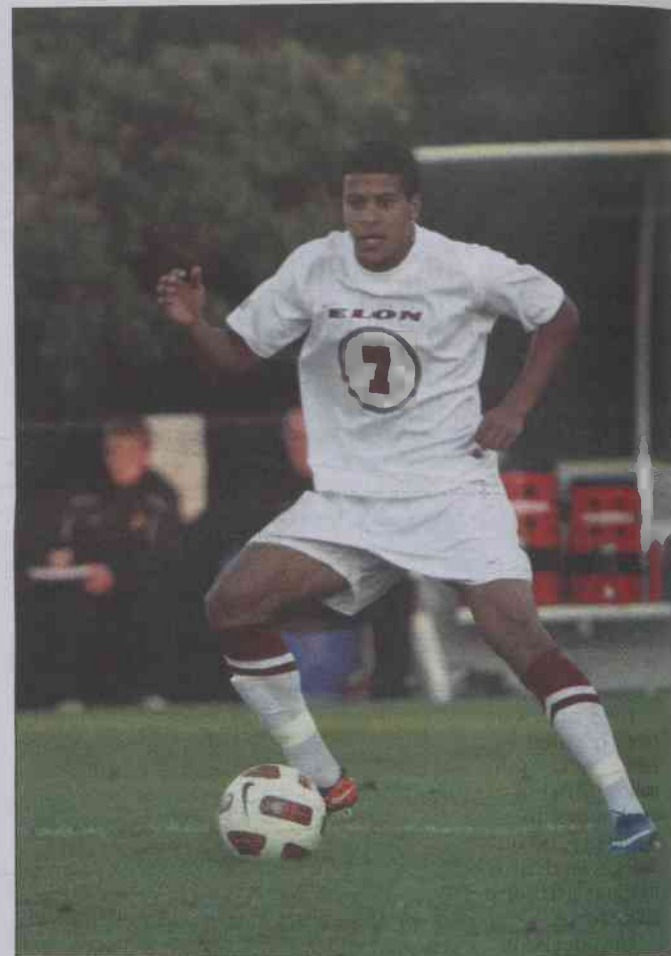
@synoptico  
Congrats to my elon soccer family... off to the NCAA's after winning the SoCon Championship... proud soccer alumni here

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Woo... congrats! First time to NCAA's! RT @elonphoenix: RT @SoConSports ELON WINS 3-2 over UNCG ... SoCon Men's Soccer Tournament champions!

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No one deserves this more than @dpowell6 and @ElonMensSoccer. Always plays the right way and makes players better no matter the results.



FILE PHOTO BY MOLLY CAREY  
Junior forward Chris Thomas has scored a team-high eight goals this season.



FILE PHOTO BY AL DRAGO  
Junior midfielder Gabe Latigue has four goals and seven assists this season.



FILE PHOTO BY AL DRAGO  
Senior midfielder Nick Millington was named to the All-Tournament Team and won the Southern Conference tournament's Most Outstanding Player award.

### THE SWING

This week, sports editor Justin Veldhuis discusses the Phoenix's victory at the SoCon tournament and what to look for in the upcoming NCAA tournament.

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