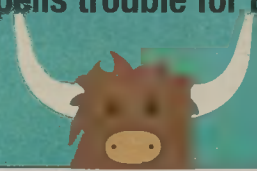


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Finding a balance

Men's soccer looks to spark struggling offense as defense shines

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There is one glaring weakness, at least in the season's early stages, for the Elon University men's soccer team, and it's on the offensive end.

The unit has no shortage of dynamic playmakers, starting with senior forward James Waterman and junior midfielder Jason Brace. But in the early going, those two, as well as the rest of Elon's go-to offensive options, have struggled to consistently find the back of the net.

Despite the burden of not having an offense to support them, the defense, which the Phoenix considers its calling card, has more than lived up to the challenge. The unit has conceded just four goals in five games, with three of those four coming in the season opener against Stetson University at the John Rennie/Nike Classic in Durham.

Since letting in three goals to the Hatters, the Phoenix has held three of its next four opponents scoreless and has not allowed another goal in regulation. What's more is that Elon's allowing less than a goal per match, a remarkably low number for a team competing at the highest level of collegiate soccer.

"There's a commitment from all 11 players on the pitch to defend," said Elon head coach Chris Little. "The application from the players has been very good. We feel as though we've limited the opposition to few chances."

Little credits his defense's early season dominance to its discipline and organization in the midfield and in the back line. That stringency has allowed Elon to pro-

tect the box with large numbers of maroon and gold jerseys and force opponents to take most of their shots from well outside the box.

"It's the discipline the players have shown, both physically and tactically," Little said. "Players are doing their role and working hard on the training pitch and knowing the standards we expect of them."

It's hardly an aberration. The unit allowed just more than a goal per game (1.3) last season after spending most of the season under one. They conceded more than two goals just three times, once to the No. 1 team in the nation, the University of California at Los Angeles.

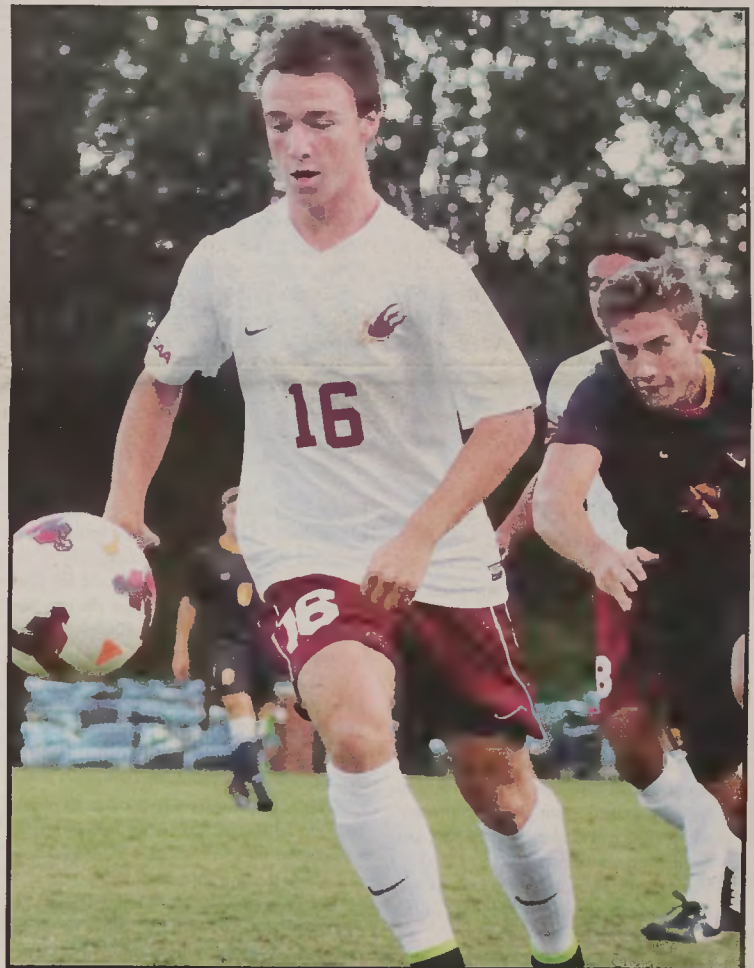
Elon's solid defense has become the program's identity and a source of great pride for its coaches and players. It seems year after year that the one common denominator among Elon's most successful teams has been a stout midfield and back four.

"It's part of our mentality. First we defend, then we attack," said junior midfielder Miguel Salazar. "If we're able to keep teams from scoring, that gives our offense a chance to win the game, and that's our primary focus."

On offense, only three Phoenix players have scored — Salazar, who leads the team with two goals, junior defender Nathan Diehl, who has one goal, and Brace, who has found the net twice.

Waterman, who last year led the Phoenix in total points (31), goals (12) and tied for the team-lead in assists (seven), has not contributed a single point this season

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Midfielder Taylor Adler has been one key component to an Elon defense that has let in just four goals. NICOLE OSGOOD | Staff Photographer

Upgraded printing system more efficient, met with confusion

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A new campus-wide printing system was installed at Elon University this summer, intending to make the printing process more efficient. Even though users haven't asked for help from Campus Technology, some say the new system is difficult to navigate.

With the old system, users had to download various print drivers to correspond to different printing locations around campus. The upgraded system has universal print drivers that allow faculty, staff and students to "send files to one printer on their computer and be able to print those docu-

ments at any HP or Xerox print station on campus."

Campus Technology began talking about printing upgrades since last spring in an attempt to bring the school's systems up to date as Elon grows.

Users can download the universal print drivers on personal computers using instructions on the Elon Technology Wiki at wiki.elon.edu, while computer labs and common areas on campus already have the new printing system.

"We are so much more efficient now," said Christopher Waters, assistant vice president for technology and chief information officer. "You don't have to know the

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Elon application now inquires about sexual orientation, gender identity

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Beginning this month and for the first time, applicants to Elon University will be given the option to identify themselves as part of the LGBTQIA community on the admissions application.

The decision to ask Elon hopefuls an optional question about sexual orientation and gender identity is part of an effort to create an atmosphere of inclusion on campus before students arrive at Elon, said Matthew Antonio Bosch, director of the Gender and LGBTQIA Center.

"We've created an institutional center, where people feel they belong, and that be-

longing now starts from the first moment of inquiring about the application process," Bosch said.

Elon and Duke University are the first schools in North Carolina to inquire about sexual orientation and gender identity on the admissions application. Duke announced plans to include a supplemental essay question on the Common Application encouraging applicants to write about their cultural backgrounds, including the words sexual orientation and gender identity, earlier this month.

Elmhurst College in Illinois was the first college to specifically inquire about sexual orientation and gender identity on

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