

TOP SPORTS GAMES

In their fourth year in the Colonial Athletic Association, Elon University looks to compete for



FOOTBALL

Elon University is facing a stacked schedule this fall. Five of the Phoenix's opponents this year are ranked in the top 25 in the FCS coaches poll. Even the team's lone FBS opponent was tabbed as the best in their conference, as Toledo topped the Mid-American Conference media poll. No matter how you slice it, Elon is staring down the barrel of a tough schedule. The most winnable game of the season will likely come in Week 9 when the Phoenix takes on Rhode Island University on the road. The Rams tied Elon at the bottom

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of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) standings last year with a 2-9 record and are predicted to finish last this season. The Phoenix will play its best opponent Nov. 18, when it travels to James Madison University to take on last year's FCS national champions. In their past three matchups against the Dukes, Elon was outscored 173-41, so there isn't much reason to expect a Phoenix victory. But JMU is a fun-to-watch team stacked with talent.

Above: Senior defensive back Chris Blair snags an interception against Villanova Oct. 1, 2016.

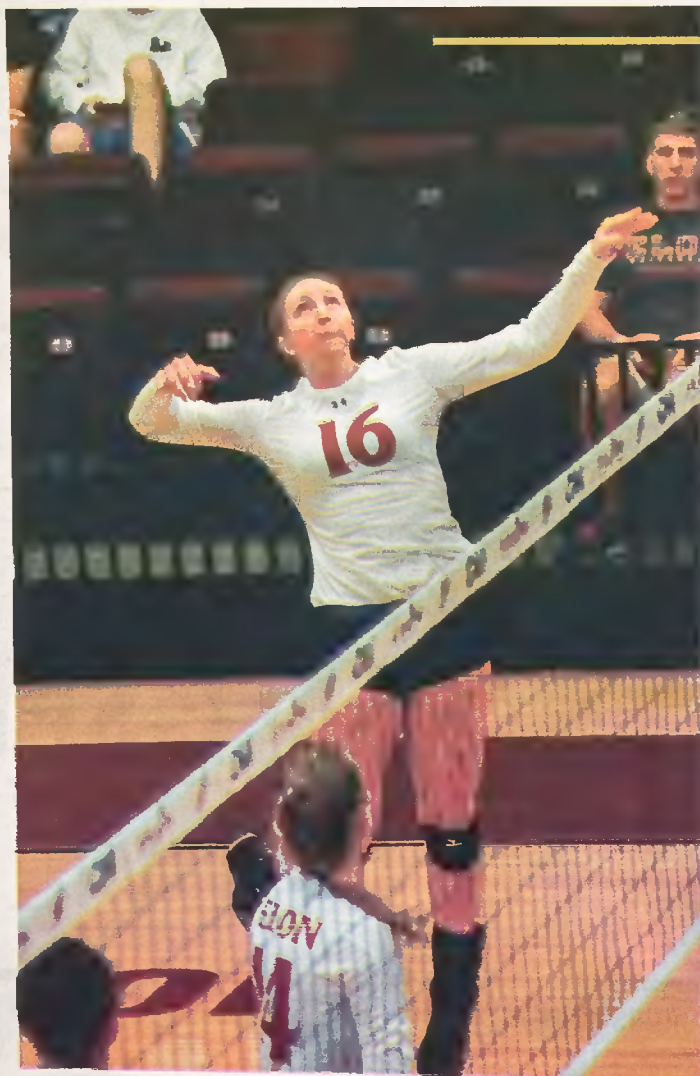
VOLLEYBALL

Elon University's best volleyball matches this year will likely come in tournament play. Between Sept. 8-9, Alumni Gym will host the Phoenix Classic. Elon, North Carolina Central University, Charleston Southern University and Norfolk State University will play a round robin

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in Elon across two days, providing the Phoenix with a solid warm-up slate before conference play as well as a number of winnable games. In conference play, Elon will take on Hofstra University twice, once at home on Nov. 3, and once on Oct. 6 in Hempstead, New York. The Pride was picked to finish second in the CAA and have a roster featuring two all-conference selections.



Left: Elon University junior and women's volleyball outside hitter Kam Terry attacks the ball against Radford Sept. 14, 2016.