

SPORTS BRIEFS

Elon football ranked
No. 23 in national poll

After capturing its second-straight win over a ranked team, the Elon University football team is starting to gain recognition.

Elon was listed as No. 23 in this week's STATS FCS poll and named the Football Championship Subdivision team of the week after the Phoenix topped No. 6 Richmond University on Saturday evening 36-33, moving the team to 3-1 (1-0) on the year. The win was set up by a fourth-quarter interception by junior linebacker Warren Messer, which allowed freshman kicker Owen Johnson to put the game winner through the uprights. This is the first time since 2011 that Elon has been able to capture a victory three weeks in a row.

Junior running back Malcolm Summers led the Phoenix offense again this week, bettering his career high in rushing yards that he set last week against Charleston Southern University. Summers had 294 yards on 40 carries against Richmond, earning him CAA Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors. The 294 yards by Summers was 15 short of the Elon program record for rushing yards in a game, but good enough to be the 10th most by a running back in CAA football history.

True-freshman quarterback Davis Cheek earned CAA-Rookie of the Week honors after going 13-19, throwing for 134 yards and three TD for Elon.

The maroon and gold's next test comes this Saturday afternoon as the Phoenix welcomes the Great Danes of the State University of New York at Albany to Rhodes Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Men's soccer remains
unbeaten

Through the first eight games, the Elon University men's soccer team remains unbeaten.

Over the past week, the Phoenix battled No. 21 North Carolina State University and James Madison University to scoreless draws. Those ties bump Elon's record up to 3-0-5. Goaltender Matthew Jegier is now also tied for second place all-time in career shutouts after capturing number 22 during the matchup against James Madison.

Elon will welcome Colonial Athletic Association foes University of North Carolina at Wilmington on Wednesday and College of Charleston on Saturday. Both games are slated to start at 7 p.m.

Port earns singles title
at Elon Invitational

The Elon University men's tennis team hosted the Elon Invitational this weekend at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center.

Redshirt senior Neal Port captured the title in the Powell Singles draw of the Elon Invitational after beating sophomore as Will Bissett of East Carolina University in straight sets. Juniors Louis Rico and Salvador Mijares had solid weekends for the Phoenix. Rico reached the final of the Phoenix Singles draw, while Mijares topped the consolation bracket.

The team will not play in competition until the middle of October when the Phoenix will travel to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association regionals in Cary.



Susannah Anderson, number 25, heads the ball back toward the James Madison side of the field during their match on Sept. 24.

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SOCCER IN SPANISH

Students, faculty gathered for the third annual Latin Night at Rudd Field

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The Elon University women's soccer team lined the field with 20 flags representing Spanish-speaking countries as it hosted its third annual Latin Night celebration at Rudd Field versus Colonial Athletic Association rivals University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

In light of September being National Hispanic Heritage Month, this yearly festivity is hosted in conjunction with

Elon's El Centro de Español — located on the first floor of the Carlton building — to pay tribute to the Latin-American population on campus, and acknowledge their shared love of soccer.

Before kickoff, a table was set up pitchside with an array of typical Hispanic dishes — including platanos maduros and arroz con frijoles — to compliment the Spanish music played during the team's warmups. During the game, a Spanish-speaking public announcer called out substitutions. Members of El Centro were there in full support, including sophomore Maris Rivera who spoke to the significance of Latin Night in the Elon community.

"It's important to have a night like this because it brings all the Latinx students together," Rivera said. "[It's important] to teach people about the culture, give them an opportunity to come and talk to us and ask us questions and to let them know that we're fun."

Diana Prieto Viñas, assistant director of El Centro, was also in attendance for this year's Latin Night celebration and shared her views about the evening and the effect Latin Night has had on El Centro.

"Bringing food and music represents our culture," Viñas said. "Each year [popularity] is increasing, and we have more people coming [to El Centro]."

On the field, the women's

soccer team drew with UNCW after a hard-fought 110 minutes, bringing its record to 7-2-2. After the match, head coach Chris Neal was in high praise of the celebration, especially since his team has never lost on Latin night.

"I think it's awesome — Elon's a very global-minded university," Neal said. "It brings different culture, different electricity to the game ... We're undefeated on Hispanic Heritage night, we haven't lost a game in three years."

Elon's Latin Night was a success for the third consecutive year, and members of the Phoenix community will be looking forward to the fourth annual Latin Night celebration slotted for 2018.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

RESULTS	7-2-1
SEPT. 21 UNC WILMINGTON/ELON	1-1
SEPT. 24 JAMES MADISON/ELON	0-1

SCHEDULE

SEPT. 28 TOWSON/TOWSON, MD	7 P.M.
OCT. 1 COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON/ MT. PLEASANT, SC	1 P.M.

MEN'S SOCCER

RESULTS	3-0-5
SEPT. 19 NC STATE/ELON	0-0
SEPT. 23 JAMES MADISON/ELON	0-0

SCHEDULE

SEPT. 27 UNCW /WILMINGTON	7 P.M.
SEPT. 30 COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON/ ELON	7 P.M.

FOOTBALL

RESULTS	3-1
SEPT. 23 RICHMOND/RICHMOND, VA	36-33

SCHEDULE

SEPT. 30 ALBANY/ELON	2 P.M.
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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

RESULTS	11-6
SEPT. 22 TOWSON/ELON	1-3
SEPT. 23 DELAWARE/ELON	3-2
SEPT. 25 JAMES MADISON/ELON	0-3

SCHEDULE

SEPT. 28 WILLIAM & MARY/ELON	7 P.M.
OCT. 3 NC CENTRAL/ DURHAM	6 P.M.

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Sophomore Carner Snover prepares to throw in the ball during a game against James Madison on Saturday.