

KILLER KAM HITS THE COURT

SPORTS BRIEFS

Senior outside hitter Kam Terry rises into the record books

Tellier Lundquist

Elon News Network | @elonnewsnetwork

Kam Terry is nothing short of a handywoman. She can do it all, she succeeds at all.

Terry is a senior outside hitter for the Elon University volleyball team but should not be restricted to her title.



Kam Terry

Despite fighting her "average" height through the college recruiting process, it was easy for Elon's head volleyball coach

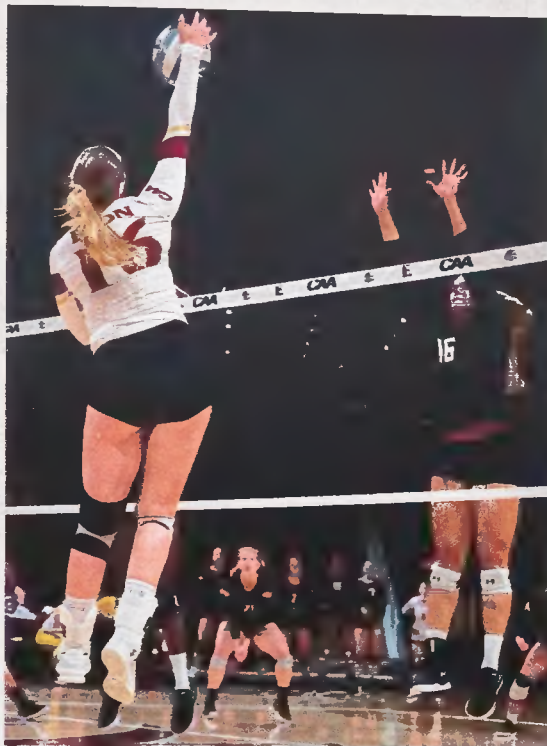
Mary Tendler to see the versatility and potential Terry possessed. Having progressed as a player over her four years at Elon, Coach Tendler understands the importance of Terry's stamina and positional flexibility.

"She likes the role of being that player that needs to be on all the time and lead the team, and she obviously does a lot for us," Tendler said. "She's getting a lot of kills and digging balls and passing, she has to pass a lot of balls being serve-receive on almost every rotation."

Being on the court for nearly every point will surely bring some big numbers to the stats sheet. Terry has been no stranger to racking up huge box scores. In her career, she has totaled 1,223 kills thus far, ranking her No. 7 all-time in Elon history, and she's not even done yet.

Terry plays almost every point of every set of every match. Her constant presence on the court has allowed her fellow teammates to count on her and understand how she plays.

"On the volleyball court, you need to play with people to kind of have a feel for what they're going to take, what balls they're going to take and what she's going to leave for you,"



Senior Kam Terry (16) hits the ball past Towson's blocker at the net in the Schar Center on Thursday, Oct. 4.

Tendler said. "So, to have some consistency on the court is a good thing."

Terry's leadership and ability on the court have given her not only incredible success but also a bond with her teammates, which is conveyed through the progress of the team throughout the season.

When asked about her individual success, Terry was quick to give credit to her teammates.

"As a bitter, I rely a lot on my team, so it's been really helpful having Maddie [Jaudon] back there as our libero, making sure

we get some good passes, and obviously Kodi [Garcia] coming in last year was also a huge help, having a really key setter," Terry said.

“

SHE LIKES THE ROLE OF BEING THAT PLAYER THAT NEEDS TO BE ON ALL THE TIME AND LEAD THE TEAM.

MARY TENDLER
HEAD COACH

Unfortunately, in Terry's time at Elon, the athletic program has moved into the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) and provided some much stronger competition. Adapting to this elevated competition has been difficult as Terry's team has yet to record a single win in conference play.

Despite some conference woes in the past, Terry believes the league is "really great be-

KILLS ON COURT

1,223

kills in Terry's career, ranking her No. 7 all-time in Elon history.

cause on any given day, you can take any team, it really depends on how you play."

Terry's name continues to rise in Elon record books as her career continues. She notched a 32-kill game this season against Georgia Southern University, placing her name at No. 2 for most single-game kills, one behind Velma Degree in 1993. Her name may not be etched into a plaque upon her departure from the Elon campus, but her legacy and influence will continue to impact all the younger players on this year's team.

"[Terry]'s a good mentor for [the younger players], and she's in a position where we have first-year players, ... so they get to watch her and see what she's doing," Tendler said.

Leah Daniel and Kellyn Trowse, both freshman hitters for the Elon volleyball team, are the two players who are expected to learn the most from Terry, playing the same positions and watching her from the bench as well, giving them an additional perspective.

Terry also loves seeing young players gain experience just like she did when she came in.

"It's especially exciting for future years because when you have freshmen that get to play right away, you know, they get that experience right off," Tendler said. "As we are getting into conference and they are seeing that level of competition it takes to compete in this league, they are getting better too, which is good to see."

The combination of Terry's success and leadership have given her a chance to leave a long-lasting mark on the Elon volleyball program. Her presence on the court has given fans lots to cheer for over the years, and for Terry, "It's just been an awesome experience so far."

Men's soccer drops another game

Elon men's soccer could not crack into the win column this past week. The Phoenix dropped its game against the University of Delaware 1-0 at home on Oct. 3. The setback was the sixth in a row for the Phoenix, who last saw a "W" next to their name now more than a month ago when Elon won on the road against High Point University. Elon went down a goal in the 68th minute when Delaware's Timo Hummrich found the back of the net. The loss dropped Elon to 0-3-1 in the conference and 3-6-1 overall this season. Elon will be at it again on Wednesday, Oct. 10, when the team faces the Seahawks of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Women's soccer can't keep the momentum

The Elon women's soccer team lost 2-0 on the road against the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) leading Huskies of Northeastern University on Sunday, Oct. 7. Elon nearly got off to a quick lead less than a minute into the game when junior Taylor Paradoski's shot rang off of the crossbar. Elon would end up conceding an own goal just 14 minutes later to put them down in the game. Freshman Makenzie DePriest-Kessler attempted to clear a free kick directed on-goal by Hannah Rosenblatt but found the back of her own net instead of safely clearing the ball. Northeastern poured shots on-goal, forcing sophomore goalkeeper Valentina Estrada to save four shots on goal to keep Elon in the game. Elon will get its chance to keep a positive momentum when they travel north to The College of William and Mary on Thursday, Oct. 11, before returning home to host the Pride of Hofstra University at noon on Sunday, Oct. 14.

Volleyball's skid now stands at seven

Elon volleyball had the opportunity to turn around its less-than-ideal start to Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) play with a three-game home stand, but the Phoenix were unable to change its fortunes as its losing streak was extended to seven games, remaining winless in CAA play. Elon began its home play on Thursday, Oct. 4, against Towson University. After dropping the first two sets, Elon was able to battle back in the third and force a fourth set. Elon fought hard to try and move to a fifth deciding set, but the Tigers quelled the Phoenix and took the match 3-1. Elon then had to take on the defending conference champions, James Madison University. The Dukes came into the Schar Center and showed exactly why they were favored to win the CAA again, losing just one set to the Phoenix. After a tight third set ending 31-29, the Dukes slammed the door shut in the fourth, closing the Phoenix out with a 25-15 statement. The Phoenix put up a hard fight at home against the Blue Hens of the University of Delaware on Sunday, Oct. 7. After losing the first set, Elon battled back to take the next two from the Blue Hens, but they were unable to finish them in the fourth set. Back and forth the two sides went, but ultimately Delaware took the five-set battle to keep Elon winless in the conference. Elon will get what may prove to be some much-needed rest this week as they will have a full week to prepare for their match with The College of William and Mary on the road on Sunday, Oct. 14.

ZACH MONSON

Zack Monson made his first career start on a big stage, getting the nod to play at James Madison University. The freshman linebacker stepped up to the opportunity and made himself a cornerstone of Elon's defense. He led the team with 12 tackles and seven solo stops. He also put his name next to two tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. Those numbers were by far his best of the year, topping his previous high of four tackles against New Hampshire.

Monson's play was key in helping to contain the Dukes' high-powered offense. Elon held its opponent to just 103 yards on the ground, with Monson and the rest of the linebacking corps stuffing run attempts. His efforts were good enough to earn the conference's Rookie of the Week honor, the first of which awarded to an Elon player this year. This season has seen a fair share of defensive players take their turn in the spotlight, but there's reason to believe Monson could be back in it soon. By leading the team's defense in its biggest win of the year, he's making a bid to become a permanent fixture in the starting lineup as the years roll on.



Freshman Zack Monson and sophomore Destin Floyd tackle red-shirt-junior Ben DiNucci of James Madison University on Oct. 6.

STATS VS. JMU

SOLO TACKLES: 7

ASSISTS: 5

SACKS: 1.5

TACKLES FOR LOSS: 2.0

RIISING PHOENIX OF THE WEEK

ABOUT

SPORT: FOOTBALL

POSITION: LINEBACKER

HOMETOWN: ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

HIGH SCHOOL: WEST POTOMAC

CLASS: FRESHMAN

WEIGHT: 215 LBS

HEIGHT: 6'3"