

Wasps suffer heartbreaking 14-12 loss to Greensboro

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The Emory & Henry Wasps fell just short of a victory in their first home game of the football season to Greensboro 14-12. With fumbles, interceptions and penalties hindering Emory's progress, the team just could not manage to pull together a win against Greensboro. According to Coach Don Montgomery, "Emory beat Emory."

Emory struck first in the first quarter with a 28-yard Daniel Booher pass to Jonathan Hawkins for a touchdown. Unfortunately for the Wasps, Greensboro returned the favor twice. They scored on the following drive with a 9-yard run by Rodney Beasley. Greensboro's Andreas Platt then intercepted a Daniel Booher pass and returned it 80 yards for a touchdown, making the score 14-7.

Another potential interception made by Greensboro was negated by a penalty. Also, Emory's offense suffered from multiple fumbled snaps. The defense played hard, making key plays and stopping Greensboro's momentum. The Wasps held Greensboro to a total of 152 total yards on offense. However, on offense Emory was unable to make much happen.

With less than two minutes left, Greensboro mishandled a punt snap that went through the back of the end zone, causing a safety. The Wasps had one more opportunity to win the game, but once again they could not capitalize. The Wasps play NC Wesleyan next on the road on Sept. 20, and then will return home on Oct. 4 to play Methodist.



Top Left: A coach discusses strategy in the offensive huddle. Top Right: An Emory & Henry runner is caught in the backfield. Below Left: Quarterback Daniel Booher steps up to the line, ready for the snap. Bottom Right: Booher overlooks the Greensboro defense before snapping the ball.

Henson, Byers net two apiece in physical 4-1 win over Warren Wilson

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After the triumph over Averett on Sept. 3, the Emory & Henry Wasps proved themselves again with an astonishing win of 4-0 at the game with LaGrange.

The team is primed for a strong season, and ready to put the past behind them, waving goodbye to the loss at the Maryville Tournament.

The Wasps were determined to win the game and pushed hard through both halves. The Wasps started with a goal just eight minutes into the game by PJ Henson by way of an assist from Erik Olson.

At the end of the first half, Coach Travis Fravel called Zach

Edwards off the bench. Edwards didn't let him down, scoring a goal and setting the theme of triumph.

In the second half, Mike Fintel helped Henry Byers to add another goal to the list at 53 minutes of the game. Only fifteen minutes later, Eric Humes buried a goal into the back of the net, ending any last hope LaGrange could have had. PJ Henson took a total of seven shots, and Captain Chris O'Connor contributed four shots in this game.

LaGrange totaled seven shots as a team, but to their misfortune, none of them went past Daniel Mills, who made five beautiful saves. LaGrange keeper Benjamin Rollings played a very steady game with nine saves, but

he still couldn't do anything to alter the score.

The Wasps continued their winning ways against the Owls of Warren Wilson College Sept. 13, a strong second-half performance contributing to their 4-1 victory. Senior Henry Byers scored two penalty kick goals, and Henson netted two in the run of play.

Currently the team is 3-2-1 through six games. Sophomore PJ Henson leads the team with seven goals. Co-captains Chris O'Connor and Byers have been strong contributors as well. Byers is second on the team with three goals and O'Connor is third with two goals. Sophomore keeper Daniel Mills is also continuing off of his strong freshman year.

E&H Cross Country: A Student's Perspective

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The single most important weapon of an endurance athlete is heart.

This does not mean the organ; no, it means the very fire within a soul that pushes one to go beyond ordinary limits and to encourage others around you to do the same.

The E&H cross-country team has been displaying this trait for a while now, and are moving on after losing last season's top runner, Jonathan Seidel, to graduation.

It is evident to anyone who watches them train or hears of their workouts. Imagine getting up at 5:30 in the morning to prepare for a workout at 7:00.

These workouts differ every day. One day, they run mile repeats. Another day they go for a long run, which could be as much as eight miles.

These are just a couple of examples of what these athletes go through every day. Incorporated into the training regimen, Coach Mike Abrahamson includes hill workouts, weight-lifting sessions, etc... and maybe even a second workout in the day.

This team is not a large team though. It is a relatively new development in E&H sports, and yet it is showing some extreme commitment already.

Among the roster for the male runners are: Cameron Taylor, Jeff Casassa, Ryan Bowyer, Will Garrison, Will Gardner and Chris Caruana.

Among the female runners are: Karen Archibald, AJ Hagee, Samantha Hammer, Madison Hilliard and Katelyn Clark.

Abrahamson strongly encourages group running. The team spirit has to maintain itself in all aspects of the training. This contributes to the heart of the team.

Everyone is close and counts on each other to show up and help out. Abrahamson said to the team after the first meet: "All of the other cross-country teams are almost peaking right now in their seasons, but we have a lot of room for improvement."

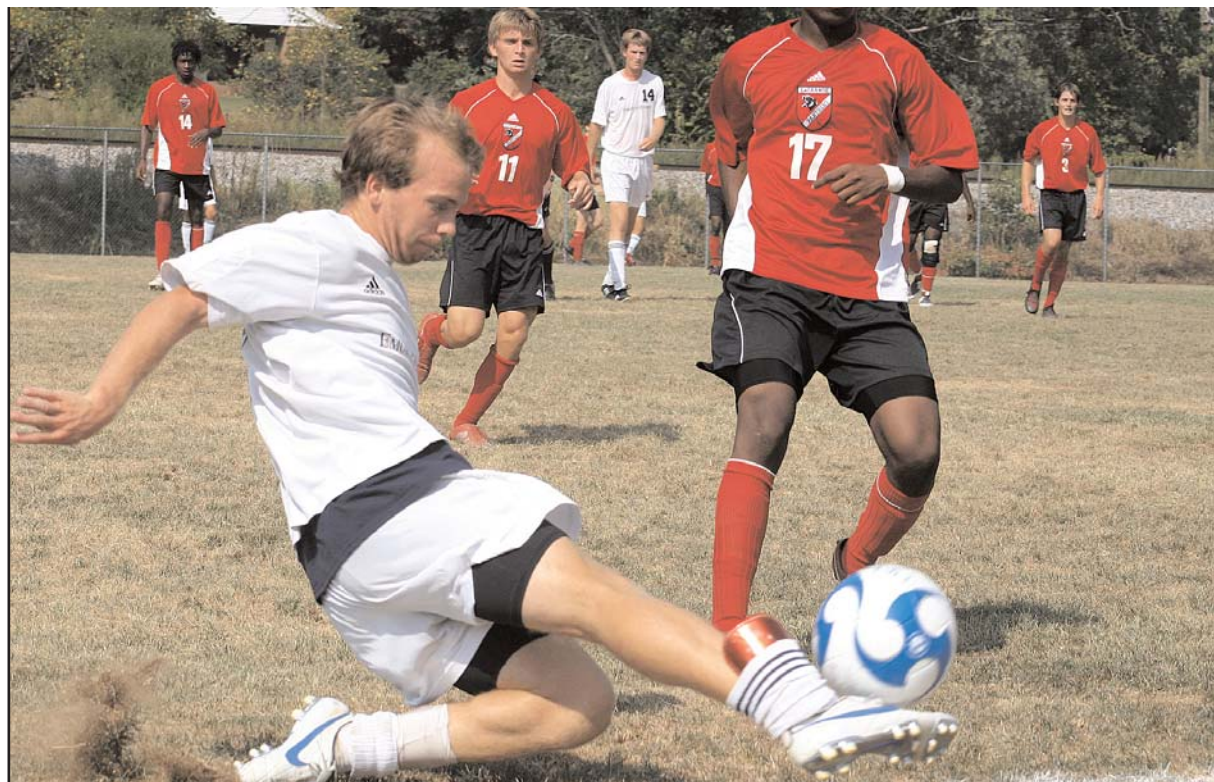
It seems to a bystander now that there will be no peak for this team. As the days roll by, they are stronger and faster than before.

The team has already participated in one meet, which took place about 3 hours north of here, in Lexington, Virginia at the Washington & Lee Invitational on Sept. 6. The team will run again at the Roanoke Invitational on Sept. 20.

The team only has one home meet listed on the schedule. The aptly named Wasper 5K will take place on Oct. 18, here at Emory & Henry, and will start at approximately 7 a.m.

The commutes are long, and the wake-up hours are early, but this dedicated group does not mind.

These athletes deserve recognition for their hard work. No matter what the obstacle is, the Wasps runners will attack it with the belief that together as a team their will to succeed will prove fruitful over time.



Erik Olson attempts to win the ball from an opponent and keep it in bounds by sliding underneath it. This picture was taken last season on the old soccer field. Both men's and women's soccer teams along with the football team will play in a new facility.