

Bostick Brings Talents to Elon From Akron

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Elon University football coach Jason Swepson announced Thursday that running back Karl Bostick (Englewood, N.J./Bergen Catholic HS) has transferred in to the Phoenix program after playing his freshman season at the University of Akron

in 2011. Bostick (5-9, 201 pounds) appeared in nine games for the Zips as a true freshman last season. He rushed for 82 yards and one score and also caught four passes for 10 yards. His best game came against VMI when he toted the ball nine times for 45 yards and a score. In his collegiate debut against Ohio State Bostick earned three yards on three carries and had one reception.

Bostick finished his prep career at Bergen Catholic with 675 rushing yards on 99 carries and eight touchdowns. In his senior campaign he ran for 334 yards and two scores on 40 attempts. That year he also had 10 catches for 177 yards and another two TDs. Bostick was named to the Star Ledger All-County team and was a second-team all-state pick after helping his prep squad to a 10-2 record as a senior.

Karl is the son of James and JoEllen Bostick. His older brother, Kevin, is a member of the track and field team at Rutgers University. Karl is also a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

FORMER NBA STAR ORLANDO WOOLRIDGE PASSES AWAY

Orlando Woolridge, who played in the National Basketball Association for 13 years, has passed away. He was in hospice care for a chronic heart condition in his parent's home in Mansfield, La. Woolridge was part of Notre Dame's Final Four team in 1978 as a freshman. As a senior, he hit a last-second jumper to end Ralph Sampson and No. 1 Virginia's 28-game winning streak. Woolridge, a 6-foot-9 forward, was taken with the sixth overall pick by the Chicago Bulls in 1981. He played five seasons in Chicago, averaging 22.9 points per game in 1984-85, Michael Jordan's first in the league.

He signed with the New Jersey Nets as a free agent after the 1985-86 season and was suspended in 1987 for violating the league's substance-abuse policy. He went on to play for the

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Lakers, Nuggets, Pistons, Bucks and Sixers and finished with career averages of 16 points and 4.3 rebounds per game.

After playing overseas, Woolridge was a coach for the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks and recently coached Arizona in the ABA. In 2010, Woolridge was inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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