

# ELON SUFFERS FIRST DEFEAT

## Game Is Played In Snow and Ice

### Nine Are Frostbitten

In the aftermath of a snow-storm and heavy rain, the Appalachian Mountaineers defeated the Elon College Christians in the major football upset of the North State Conference last Saturday by the impressive score of 31-0.

The Christians were very much out of their element when they attempted to launch a winning attack in the mud and slush of the mountain valley gridiron. The field was a veritable sea of mud, and it was a practical impossibility to control passes and punts.



Archie Israel

In the high wind with a ball that was so slippery with mud that it seemed as if it were greased. Abbitt's usually successful punts were unable to do any good. The punts would start off alright but would suddenly take a nose-dive before they had attained their proper height and distance. There were several factors which may have been the cause of these failures. The ball was slippery and soggy, a high wind was blowing directly off the snow-clad mountains onto the field, and the Christians were stiff from cold in which they have not had to play so far this season. The team was seriously handicapped by the loss of several important players, especially Bradley and Mastro in the line. Some also attribute the defeat partly to a certain amount of egotism caused by the string of victories piled up by the team.

The standing of the North State Conference team after last Saturday's game is as follows:

	Won	Lost
Appalachian	2	0
Catawba	1	0
Elon	1	1
Lenoir-Rhyne	0	1
Guilford	0	1
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## RAMBLING With Frank Donovan

Elon's first defense of the North State Conference championship in football proved to be a highly successful one. The Lenoir-Rhyne Bears were completely outed in the recent tussle during which all of the men who made the trip to Hickory saw some action. With some fine running and handy blocking, the Elon backs were able to push over four scores. Rabbit Abbitt scored two touchdowns, and not three as we had published in our last issue. "Bashful" Joe Golomebek scored the other two. Thanks for telling us we mistreated you Joe, old boy, it was a very modest gesture. Joe Laruso's blocking was also highly commendable. Joe dumped would be tacklers just at the right time more than once, and his specialty was one of the main features of the game.

The Bears were unable to do much with the Elon defense. Their lone touchdown was scored a few minutes before the final whistle when the entire first team was taking showers. The victory was a costly one, however. Al Mastro one of the greatest linemen in the history of Elon, received a badly twisted knee sometime in the last quarter. How long this injury will keep him out of the game is not yet known. The poor

Battest had not completely recovered from a badly cut eye either, and the injury jinx seem to be ganging up on him.

They had no place, such as a safe or vault in Hickory in which to put the valuable articles carried by the players, so manager Bill Maness was given a large box with a strong lock on it instead. He told all the players to put their watches and jewelry in it and to mark them so they could be later identified. Charlie Hamrick came up to Bill and said "Is this box going to be put in a safe place." Bill said, "Sure, it's going to be put in a room which will be locked good and tight." Charlie asked if there was any chance of the room being entered and the box opened. Bill said "not a chance in the world," but started to worry a bit, thinking Charlie was about to give him some precious diamond or a large sum of money, and said, "No, I have never been stolen or lost in four years as a manager." Charlie replied, "I guess its pretty safe then, here, take good care of these while I am gone." He handed Bill his teeth.

Quite a few Elonites manage to see the game and have a great time after the game was over. That was a pretty nice souvenir. "Ace" Parker and a couple of

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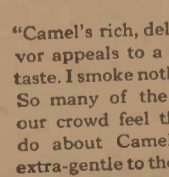
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