

Mountaineers Defeated by Elon, 48-45

Christians Eke Out Victory Over Hard-Hitting Apps

Coming from behind in the last seven minutes of play, the Elon Fighting Christians defeated the Appalachian Mountaineers in a North State conference game January 17 on the latter's court by a 48-45 margin.

Trailing 26 to 24 at the half, the Christians showed a powerful defense during the last period. With Co-captain Jack Gardner leading the attack went on to a triumph.

Gardner was high scorer of the night with sixteen points. Sophomore Warren Burns trailed his teammate with twelve. Coach Hendrickson said his boys played their best game so far this season.

Danny Miller led the Mountaineers scoring with fourteen points. He was followed by Belus Smawley who collected eleven tallies. Smawley missed Appalachian's two previous games.

Elon	g	f	pf	tp	ftm
Gardner, f	5	6	1	16	1
Hobson, f	2	0	0	4	2
Towns, c	2	0	4	4	1
Johns, c	5	0	2	10	0
Lentz, c	0	0	0	0	0
Clayton, g	1	0	3	2	0
Bean, g	0	0	0	0	0
Burns, g	4	4	3	12	0
TOTAL	19	10	13	48	4

Appalachian	g	fg	pf	tp	ftm
Miller, f	6	2	1	14	0
Williams, f	3	0	3	6	0
Smawley, c	4	3	3	11	3
Hawkins, c	0	0	1	0	0
Novonty, g	2	1	3	5	0
Fidler, g	1	0	0	2	0
Isaacs, g	1	5	2	7	0
TOTAL	17	11	13	45	3

Score at half: Appalachian 26; Elon, 24.
Officials: Hedrick (H. Point) and Jamieson (Greensboro).

Intramural Roundup

The intramural basketball season is now in full swing and the rivalry displayed in these games make the famous Duke-Carolina feud look like an old maids tea party.

Monday, January 19 Carlton House edged out Sigma Phi by the slim margin of 31 to 30. In the second game of this double feature Kappa Psi defeated Publishing House 28 to 11.

Wednesday, January 21 I. T. K. trounced the East Eagles 28 to 10. In the second game, South North won over its across-the-hall neighbors, North North by the score of 30 to 14.

Friday, January 23 Kappa Psi polished off South North 16 to 11. The I. T. K., Carlton game was forfeited by I. T. K.

Wednesday, January 28 Carlton House licked the East Eagles by the overwhelming score of 47 to 6. Kappa Psi lost their first game of the season being defeated by Sigma Phi 31 to 11. The Kappa Psi aggregation played without the services of one of their stars, Elroy Hooper.

Just in case you should forget, here are a few games that might prove very interesting to watch. Friday, January 30 East Eagles vs. North North and The Carlton House vs. Kappa Psi.

Monday, February 2, I. T. K. vs. Sigma Phi and Kappa Psi vs. North North.

Gardner and Towns, Elon Stars, Lost to Basketball Club

Elon College sports suffered dire loss this past week when it was revealed that Jack Gardner and Preston Towns, Coach Hendrickson's outstanding basketball forward and center, respectively, have dropped out of school.

Gardner, the Christian's co-captain and leading scorer, has accepted a job with Hanes Hosiery, while Towns has joined the armed forces of our country.

Jack was notified by the draft board that he would be reclassified if he continued in school. He was given his job by Hugh Hampton, coach of Hanes Hosiery team.

Last year Gardner set a North State conference scoring record, and has been a star since his freshman year. He was a Senior. In addition to his excellent basketball record, Gardner was one of Hendrickson's stars on the baseball diamond. He hit well over .400 last year.

Towns came to Elon after four years at Richmond Military Academy, Augusta, Ga. He left a week ago for Ft. McClellan, Anniston, Ala. Preston received his commission as a second lieutenant in January, 1941.

Loss of the pair dealt a serious blow to Elon's championship hopes. Both boys had practically seen full-time action in every game. "We will do the best we can and go on as usual," was Coach Hendrickson's comment after learning of the loss of the two stars.

CONFERENCE CHATTER

With only the Catawba defeat to their record the Elon Cannonade meets these traditional rivals, here in the local gymnasium tonight.

Bitter and hard will be the struggle that ensues on the battle field that night. Yes, Catawba licked us at the last meeting but we have a better team than they. Those Redskins played inspired ball the night they slipped by our boys, and of course they might have remembered a particular football score last fall which was 8-7 and the Indians were on the short end of the score. Too, our team had just suffered a severe loss in the persons of Jack Gardner and Preston Towns.

Many gave up hopes of Elon's chance for the conference crown after the absence of these two stars became known, but we beg to opine differently. The "Horse" has done an excellent job of molding a good club out of the boys that remained on the squad. It might pay to remember too that the crown is won by the team that captures the most games in the tournament.

Appalachian seems to have taken a back seat on the conference bandwagon after their defeat by Elon and High Point.

Don't count Western Carolina out of the race either, these Catawba's have a team that has been improving steadily for the past three years and these boys can be expected to offer stiff opposition to the so called conference favorites.

Rambling

With ED STOREY

POST MORTEM

When our Christians breezed over to Boone last Saturday night to take on those Appalachian Mountaineers the fans of that institution seemed to take pity on the poor boys from down at Elon for as they put it "Appalachian has the best team in the country and you fellows don't have a ghost of a chance to win tonight" . . . Must have been pretty hard medicine for the "die hards" of Appalachian when Elon upset their undefeated, invincible, team by a 48-45 score . . . True the Mountaineers had one of the best teams in the country, but that Saturday night they took on one that was just a mite better .

STOREY'S STORIES

Curry Bryan was voted the outstanding blocker on the '41 Christian football squad in a meeting Thursday . . . Gitchi will go down in Elon football history as the lad who blocked that all important punt to give the Christians an 8-7 margin over Catawba last November . . . Preston Towns, regular center on the Elon basketball team departed for his home in Augusta, Georgia Wednesday when he was informed by Dean Messick that he would not be able to play against Catawba Saturday night. Towns had hoped to remain with the Christian squad until after the Catawba game, but the fact that he could not register for the second semester made him ineligible for the Salisbury tilt. "Prestone" will be inducted into the army as a second lieutenant and will be stationed at Fort McLelland, Anniston, Alabama . . . All this talk about Elon dropping athletics can be forgotten as Coach Hendrickson's foresightedness in purchasing a surplus of athletic supplies will enable the school to carry on for the duration, or at least for another year, which we all hope will be the duration.

Folderol or Everyone Has a Right To His Own Opinion

Look for Molly Craft to carry the Elon baseball team a long way this year . . . Abernathy may be missed, but who doesn't miss big fellows . . . Tomanchek, Hobson, Clayton and the others may bring Elon another baseball title . . . the Boston Red Sox should have their best year in the majors, I'm looking for a pennant for Cronin and company . . . Note to freshmen footballers who failed to make a letter this year . . . You should worry, think of all the troubles a publicity man has . . . For one dollar per story I'll make up a nice tale that should take care of the reason you didn't make a letter; you can send it to that beauty back home . . . These guys who can't see a thing out of their left ear will probably make the best soldiers . . . On the morning the dining hall was destroyed "Chink" Spivey hurriedly told one of the sweating firemen not to put out the fire until he got back with his wieners and marshmallows . . . Look out for these defense jobs, boys; they're here today and gone with the Armistice . . . If you've read this far it's your own hard luck . . . Keep 'em playing.

McCrary Eagles Defeated Again

In one of the roughest and closest games ever seen here, the Elon Fighting Christians' basketball five barely nosed out a quint from McCrary January 20, by a score of 39 to 38.

Elon captured the lead in the opening minutes of play, but the visitors were on its heels until just a few minutes before the half ended when the locals went on a scoring spree and were out in front, 23-13 at intermission.

McCrary came back strong during the last chapter, and overtook the lead midway the last half by a field goal. But the Christians lost no time in recapturing the lead which they held until the game ended.

Jack Gardner, Elon's star forward, paced the way with fourteen points to his credit. However, high scoring honors for the night went to Roy, the loser's forward, who edged out Gardner with fifteen points.

Elon	g	fg	pf	tp	ftm
Gardner, f	7	0	2	14	0
Hobson, f	3	1	1	7	2
Towns, c	4	0	2	8	1
Burns, g	0	0	0	0	0
Clayton, g	2	2	1	6	2
Johns, g	2	0	0	4	0
TOTAL	18	3	7	39	5

McCrary	g	fg	pf	tp	ftm
Roy, f	7	1	2	15	2
Patton, f	3	0	1	6	0
Wright, f	1	0	0	2	0
Cookerham, c	0	4	3	4	1
Cheek, g	1	1	2	3	0
McLear, g	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	6	8	38	3

SPORTS CALENDAR

- Jan. 31—CATAWBA Here
- Feb. 4—DAVIS ELKINS Here
- BASKETBALL JUBILEE GAME
- Feb. 7—HIGH POINT Here
- Feb. 10—APPALACHIAN Here
- Feb. 13—LENOIR RHYNE Here
- Feb. 16—ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN There
- Feb. 17—ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN There
- Feb. 21—HIGH POINT There
- Feb. 23—GUILFORD There



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