

# ELON GRIDDERS TAKE OPENING GAME

## IT SAYS HERE—

By ED MOSS

Before reading this little contribution to the sports page day students are requested to look elsewhere on this page for a little item about intramural sports. Somewhere among those paragraphs they will find the score of the touch-football game played last Monday between Oak Lodge team and a Day Students team (in fine print we hope). Read, you day students, then bow your heads in shame. Oh the humiliation of it all! The largest single unit taking part in the intra-mural athletic program could not put a team on the field that could match the opposition. A score of 32-0 is not one to make the hearts of the day students rejoice.

There will be other games in which the day students are expected to participate. Not only will there be more football games but other athletic events as well. Day students unite! Let us erase this blemish from our noble escutcheon; this affront to our athletic prowess. Check the schedule of the intra-mural games and find when we are playing then come out and join in the fun. There's plenty of good material among the day students. Never let it be said that we are a bunch of juke box jockeys.

There are other athletic events, which are a part of the intramural program. Full information about the tennis, bowling and touch-football schedules can be had at Coach Pierce's office on the second floor of the library building. Much of the information can be found on the bulletin board just across from his office. Go up and get the dope and then

pick your sport.

It was the custom of the college and high school coaches some years ago to give their teams a pep talk with all the tear stops wide open just before a game. Each player was so impressed with the importance of winning a game that should the coach ask for it he would cut off his right arm and hand it to his mentor if it would help win the game. The "Do or die for Podunk High (college)" spirit is no more. At least not among coaches who know their players and their psychology.

On a recent radio broadcast Bill Stern mentioned that the coaches of at least two big colleges ridiculed these impassioned bursts of oratory as a means of getting the team pepped up. We had never given the subject much thought before but we could see the logic in it. This made us curious so we began to make a few inquiries.

Coach Perry finds that a simple talk explaining what the men are up against and what they should look out for serves his purpose very well. "I've never tried it but I think it would be difficult convincing a bunch of war veterans that they should go out and risk life and limb for the honor and glory of their dear old Alma Mater," "Hap" said. "Besides," he added, "such tactics cause the players to wear themselves out during the first period, making them of little value during the rest of the game"



"MOUNTAINEERS, HERE I COME!" cries George Shumar, backfield threat from Mt. Pleasant, Pa., as he prepares for action with Elon teammates against Appalachian State Teachers College in today's North State conference clash at Boone, in the mountains of Western Carolina.

## Christian "11," Appalachian Battle Today

Coach L. J. Perry will seek his second straight North State conference win today, when he sends his Elon College Christians onto the gridiron at Boone to battle a strong Appalachian State Teachers College eleven. The conflict promises to be a stern test for the Christians, who returned to the grid wars on September 26, after a four-years' absence, scoring a 14-0 victory over stubborn Atlantic Christian College.

Although he wasn't exactly satisfied with his team's showing against A. C. C., Coach Perry thinks they did as well as could be expected so early in the season. However, in preparation for the trouble he expects from Appalachian, he has run the squad through tough drills this week, trying to patch up the weak spots which were most apparent in the opening game. In addition the Maroon and Gold gridmen have practiced defense against a T-formation (which Appalachian will probably employ today),

and the team has been shown films of their recent scrimmage with Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Elon especially wants to trim the Mountaineers today, because of a certain game back in the fall of 1937. That year, as this, an Elon coach was making his debut—"Horse" Hendrickson. When the season was over, the only blot on the Christians' record, out of eight starts, was a loss to you guessed it—the Apps from Boone.

That was the year Elon stepped into the upper strata of gridiron competition and subdued a powerful Virginia Military Institute eleven, 12-6. Maybe the Christians won't finish this year with a record as great as that of their 1937 squad, but a win over Appalachian would certainly make them the envy of their more glorified predecessors. The Mountaineer victory of '37 cost Elon the conference championship, and it would be sweet vengeance if Coach Perry's current hopefuls could upset the highly-touted Apps' aspirations this afternoon in their own backyard. At least, Elon's showing against A. C. C., in the opening game, reveals the possibility of a surprise victory over the favored Mountain boys.

Next Saturday, October 12, Elon will play closer to home, engaging Eastern Carolina Teachers College in a night game at Reidsville, the former home of the Christians' coach. A record turnout is expected to see "Hap's" team perform.

## Harris, McClenny Star In 14-0 Win Over A.C.C.

### Statistics

ELON 14—A.C.C. 0		
	Elon	A.C.C.
First Downs	12	7
Yards gained rushing	303	68
Yards lost rushing	11	28
Passes attempted	3	22
Passes completed	0	5
Yards gained passing	0	62
Passes intercepted	3	0
Fumbles	6	1
Own fumbles recovered	3	1
Number of punts	6	7
Average distance punts	35	29
Number of penalties	9	5
Yards lost, penalties	92	38

## Intramural Competition Is Started

The men's intramural touch football program was off to a flying start during the past ten days when seven games went by the beard. On September 25, in an American League fray, South-North took to the air to defeat South Dormitory to the tune of 18-7. Steve Walker was the spark-plug for the South-North team, scoring two touchdowns and intercepting several passes. The same day, the Day Students failed to have enough players show up, thereby forfeiting their National League game to North-North.

Other National League battles this week saw Oak Lodge display a flashy attack in beating Alpha Pi, 26-6, and the Day Students by 32-0. Mooney took one from Alpha Pi by forfeit.

On Monday in the American loop, I. T. K. captured a 7-6 verdict from Kappa Psi, in the week's most exciting struggle. Kappa Psi scored in the fourth period on a pass, Frank McCauley to Albert Haney, to take a 6-0 lead; but I. T. K. marched right back to tie the score, completing several passes in succession, with Claude Comer grabbing the last one over the goal. Warren Burns then passed to Comer for the winning point.

South-North earned its second American League victory on October 1, a forfeit nod over Vets Court.

Team standings in the two leagues are as follows:

AMERICAN			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
South-North	2	0	1.000
I. T. K.	1	0	1.000
Kappa Psi	0	1	.000
South Dorm	0	1	.000
Vets Court	0	1	.000
Club House	0	0	.000

  

NATIONAL			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Oak Lodge	2	0	1.000
North-North	1	0	1.000
Mooney	1	0	1.000
Alpha Pi	0	2	.000
Day Students	0	2	.000
Sigma Phi	0	0	.000

### FLASH

On Tuesday afternoon, preparing for the Mountaineers, we saw Coach Garland (Just Big) Causey running the boys through some of the Chicago Bears T-formation plays, getting ready for varsity scrimmage. Said "Just Big": "Now hang it up there easy and put a jug handle on it." "Sarge, were you running?" "Do tell. I thought you were just creeping up on a mud-turtle." "Probably taking a loaf of bread home, huh?" "O. K.—O. K. So you WERE RUNNING, but you sure fooled me, bo. I thought you were doing a sprint in a telephone booth." What language were you speaking, Garland dear? Gridiron, huh?

After a scoreless first half the Elon Christians got off to a good start in the North State conference football race on Thursday night, September 26, when they turned in a triumph over Atlantic Christian College 14-0. Coach "Hap" Perry utilized running plays to defeat the A. C. C. team and give Elon its first victory of the season. Scoring for the Elon Christians was Bobby Harris who crossed the goal line in the third period after completing a 47 yard run. In the fourth period he swept right end for another touchdown. The extra points were booted by Steve Castura.

A fumble which was recovered by A. C. C. deep in Elon territory made the situation look pretty dark for the Christians at the start of the game, but the line held. Then began a series of skirmishes up and down the field with neither team able to score during the first half. An apparent touchdown by A. C. C. in the second period was ruled out when the referee signaled that the A. C. C. team was offside. Elon gains were obtained by ground plays while the A. C. C. Bulldogs used forward passes to gain a total of 62 yards. Five of their 22 forward passes paid off.

Elon had a good chance to score in the first period when they drove to the Bulldog's 15 yard line. A fumble ended the Christians' threat when A. C. C. recovered the fumble and kicked to safety. In the second period Elon again threatened without scoring when the Christians rested on the Bulldog 11 yard line and had a first down. Dave McClenny contributed much to the drive which put the Christians within scoring distance by carrying the ball 30 yards down the field. The half-time whistle prevented the Elon gridriders from taking advantage of their position.

To start the second half the Bulldogs received and marched down the field to Elon's eight-yard line. At this point McCaskill, who sparked the A. C. C. drive down the field was replaced by Versperilli. The Elon line held and on the fourth down McClenny intercepted a pass from Versperilli in the end zone and ran the ball out to his own seven-yard line.

After kicking out of danger Elon again got the ball on downs on their 30-yard-stripe. The Christian offense carried them to the 47-yard-line of the Bulldogs. From there Harris took the ball and galloped the rest of the way for a touchdown.

A crowd which was estimated to number more than 2,000 saw the Christians make their re-appearance in the North State conference. The student cheering section was filled to overflowing. The next home game will be against Lenoir-Rhyne. Saturday the Elon team-plays Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone.

The line-up:

Pos.—Elon (14)	A.C.C. (9)
LE—B. Perry	Phillips
LT—Darden	Gliarmis
LG—Brande	Wiggins
C—Domenick	Davis
RG—Hardy	Brown
RT—Hoffman	J. Brown
RE—Causey	Chapin
QB—Russell	Bain
LHB—McClenny	McCaskill
RHB—Claytor	Clark
FB—Murry	J. Versperilli

Scoring: Elon—Touchdown, Harris, 2; points after touchdown, Castura 2 (place kicks).

Substitutions: Elon—Russell, Hogan, Castura, Savini, Gregory, Price, Knight, Ferneyhough, Agresta, McCracken, Gunn, Wilson, Hardy, Fulghum, Brownie, Shumar, Manzi, Cornish, Kozakewich, Sharron, Melvin Harris, Spivey, Drew, Matze, Fulton, Parker, Drummond, T. Ferneyhough, Wigmore. A.C.C.—Zollicoffer, Horton, DeRatt, Mercer, Goff, Davis, White, Lewellyn, Helmer, O'Connor, Parker, Saleeby, Thompson, B. Versperilli.

Elon	0	0	7	7—14
A.C.C.	0	0	0	0—0

Officials: Referee—W. H. Averette (N.C.S.); umpire—J. R. Brown (U.N.C.); linesman—B. W. Hackney (U.N.C.); field judge—H. H. Montgomery (U.N.C.).

## Girls' Sports

By BETTY BENTON



thing of which they may be proud.

Good sportsmanship and team spirit can mean more than the score. Competition adds excitement to a game, but true sportsmanship gives the game its value to the individual. This is true of volleyball as well as all other games.

The rules for volleyball are not complicated, and each girl will be given a copy. However, there are a few points which might be emphasized.

When the ball momentarily touches a player on her hands or arms she shall be considered as holding the ball. The ball must be clearly batted. Scooping, lifting, shoving, or following the ball shall be considered as holding. The ball must not be touched by the same person more than once, unless it has been played by someone else in the meanwhile. Often a point is lost because the server fails to observe the rule about the serving line. The ball is not good if the server steps over the serving line before completing the serve.

Remember it takes ten players to make a team, but it takes the support of the entire floor or dorm to make it a winning team.

### FOES NAMED FOR TENNIS, BOWLING PLAY

Pairings have been made for the Men's Intramural tennis and bowling tournaments, and play has gotten underway this week. All matches are to be played as soon as possible and results posted on the bulletin board outside Coach J. L. Pierce's office, second floor Library Building.

In the first round of the singles tennis tournament, the upper bracket finds Ed Brannock pitted against Tom Bur-

ton, Holt Thornton against Ace Harrell, George Bullock against Tom Collins, and Nelson Snyder against Bob Woolridge; in the lower bracket Bill Godfrey faces "Lefty" Hollander, Bill Allen meets Frank McCauley, Frank Roberts clashes with Carl Allen, and Andre Saltoun has a bye.

The doubles tournament finds only three combinations entered. Bill Allen and Carl Allen tangle with Dalton Harper and Frank McCauley, and the winners meet the top-seeded Saltoun-Woolridge duo for the title.

Paired off in the bowling ladder are Harrell against Burton, McCauley against Tom Collins; Bob Graham against Bullock, Snyder against Fred Yarborough and Hollander against Godfrey.



215-POUND LOUIS AGRESTA, husky Elon lineman from Hazleton, Pa., who plugged up plenty of space in Maroon and Gold forward wall against A. C. C. Bulldogs in season's opening tilt. Lou, called home unexpectedly this week, may not be on hand when the Christians face tough Appalachian Mountaineers at Boone today.