

# CHRISTIANS BAG PANTHERS, 36 TO 33



**MAROON AND GOLD**  
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It's tournament time! Tuesday it starts, and for the following few days all eyes and ears will be directed toward High Point, where eight North State teams will be battling for the conference championship. Elon will be in there fighting along with the other clubs, and must be considered a potent force with a good chance to bring home the bacon.

Picking a winner in this tourney is not an easy job. High Point will have to be made a slight favorite, not only because of its fine season's record, but because no North State team has been able to beat the Panthers on their own court. Ranked right behind them, however, are three strong clubs; Appalachian, Catawba, and Elon, who have been beating one another all season. The Catawba five hit the skids for a while, but last week traveled into South Carolina and defeated Erskine, Newberry, Wofford, and Presbyterian on four straight nights; all by substantial scores. The Indians rested one night and then proceeded to wallop the daylighters out of Lenoir-Rhyne by about 30 points. Consequently, count Catawba as a contender in this tourney. As for Appalachian, everyone knows the terrific strength of that outfit.

There are four "dark horses" in the tournament. Atlantic Christian has a club which was good enough to upset High Point in a 53-52 thriller; then Lenoir-Rhyne turned right around and upset Atlantic Christian

the following night by nine points; so the Bears or the Wilsonites might get hot. Probably the strongest of these "maybe" teams is Western Carolina, which boasts a high-scoring center in Jim Gudger. W.C.T.C. lost a heart-breaking 59-58 ball game to Appalachian the other night, on the Apps' own court, too.

Real underdog of the tournament will be Guilford, which at the time of this column's writing had lost something like 17 straight games—but what tough luck they have had, losing to Appalachian by 44-43 and High Point, 52-47, in tight contests! The Quakers are real scrappers and even they must be considered. (Ed Guilford beat Elon on Thursday.)

So there you are, basketball fiends: eight clubs, and all well matched. If our Elon boys get in there and fight, and we know they will, they may bring home the championship. Wish them luck!

Speaking of tournaments, we may have our own little "just-for-fun" tourney, as soon as the intramural playoffs are over in March. An empty week faces us before baseball and softball start; therefore this corner suggests an intramural tourney. Coach Pierce has been pretty swell about these things, really doing a fine job, so we can probably count on him. In the first bracket of the tourney, the last-place team in the National loop will meet the corresponding American League team, and so forth. Sound like fun? O. K.; tell Coach Pierce you'd like it, and he'll come through.

ELON CAPTAIN



WARREN BURNS, all-conference forward last year, has kept team going at top speed this season.

## Christian Five Baffle Bears By 51-37 Score

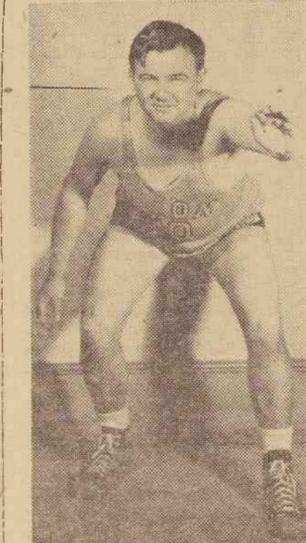
The Bears from Hickory bowed for the second time this season to our Christians by a 51-37 count February 8 at the Elon gym. Leading at half-time by 23-10, Elon was never in trouble and held the lead throughout. Roney Cates, tall center, continued to pulverize the basket, this time racking up 24 points, McDuffie led the Bears with ten points. The easy victory showed the great improvement of the Christians, who barely eked out an overtime win the last time the two clubs met.

ELON	G.	F.	PTS.
Huyett, f	0	0	0
Burns, f	3	3	9
Savini, f	2	0	4
Pope, f	0	1	1
Cates, c	11	2	24
Russell, c	0	0	0
Taylor, g	0	0	0
Drew, g	0	1	1
Andrews, g	0	1	1
Hooker, g	0	0	0
Erlacher, g	0	0	0
Clayton, g	3	1	7
Lentz, g	2	0	4
Totals	21	9	51

LENOIR-RHYNE	G.	F.	PTS.
Bost, f	1	1	3
Jones, f	4	0	8
Coren, f	2	0	4
DeMarcus, f	0	1	1
McCall, c	2	3	7
McDuffie, c	5	0	10
Gibson, g	0	0	0
Mando, g	0	1	1
Miller, g	1	1	3
Totals	15	7	37

## Cates, Clayton Lead Way To Vital Conference Win



JOHNNY CLAYTON, scrappy Elon guard, was instrumental in victory over High Point.

You can't keep a good team down! Elon has a good team, and proved it Tuesday night on the college court when our Fighting Christians really played their hearts out to whip High Point in the most important game of the season. The final score, as everyone knows by now, was 36-33, and the student body went home in a joyous mood.

The game was a team victory with John Clayton and Roney Cates standing out. Clayton was all over the court, taking rebounds away from such big men as Ted Moran and Vin Cale, and shooting around at a "mile a minute" pace. As for Cates after flipping in 12 points in the first half, he refused to shoot in the second half, passing off again and again as Elon controlled the ball. His 15-point total was tops for the night, however.

High Point had a 10-6 margin in the early minutes, but the Christians pulled into a 17-13 lead midway the first half. The halftime score was 23-23. The second half was furiously fought, and, with four minutes to go Elon led, 34-29. At the two-minute mark it was 36-31 and Elon went into a "freeze" holding the ball long enough for the coveted victory. Jack Andrews, Ed Drew, Warren Burns, and Lee Pope all saw plenty of action, and each of the lads can be commended for a fine job.

The win put Elon right into the conference race.

In the preliminary game Tuesday, Elon's Jayvees dropped a tough 31-28 overtime decision to the Panther Cubs, after a last-minute foul shot by "Junior" Thompson had sent the contest into the extra period at 28-28.

ELON (36)	G.	F.	PTS.
Pope, f	0	0	0
Burns, f	2	6	10
Savini, f	1	1	3
Cates, c	5	5	15
Drew, g	2	1	5
Andrews, g	0	0	0
Clayton, g	1	1	3
Totals	11	14	36

HIGH POINT (33)	G.	F.	PTS.
Sheets, f	2	1	5
Hammond, f	1	0	2
Cale, c	3	1	7
Moran, c	3	0	6
Henry, g	3	3	9
Sullivan, g	0	0	0
Lombardy, g	1	2	4
Demmy, g	0	0	0
Totals	13	7	33

## Elon Repulses Guilford Rally For 55-48 Win

Playing before a packed house last Saturday night, Elon rolled up its eleventh victory of the season against nine defeats by trampling a scrappy Guilford club, 55-48. The victory, together with a pair of baseball and basketball triumphs of last year and this year's tie football game, made it six contests in a row that Guilford has not been able to stop the Christians, who apparently have the Indian sign on them. A split in tennis is the only satisfaction the Quakers have had since the war.

Holding a 33-25 lead at half time, as Roney Cates tossed in one sensational jump shot after another, the Perryman increased the lead to sixteen points midway in the second half, 45-29. The Quakers, coached by Paul Lentz, wouldn't say die, however, and put on a drive to pull up to 47-46 and really make things interesting. At this point Roney Cates tossed in another honey, Burns a crip, and Clayton a set shot, and the Quaker rally was stopped. The amazing Cates led all individuals with 25 points, to bring his scoring for the year up to 358. Ed Drew's rebound work was a big factor in the Christians' winning cause.

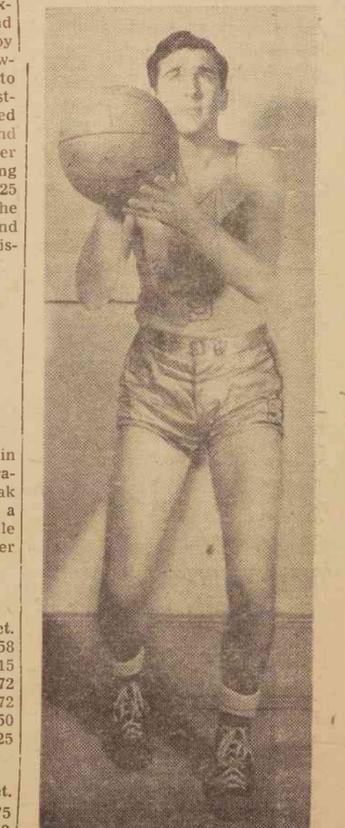
## SOUTH AND MOONEY GAIN UPPER HAND IN CAGE LEAGUES

Mooney and South Dorm were in front of all teams in the men's intramural leagues as of Tuesday. Oak Lodge trailed Mooney by half a game in the National League, while South holds a full game lead over Club House in the American.

Standings:

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Team	W.	L.
South Dorm	6	1
Club House	5	2
Vets CoCurt	4	3
Kappa Psi	4	3
South-North	2	6
I. T. K.	1	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Team	W.	L.
Mooney	7	1
Oak Lodge	6	1
North-North	4	4
Alpha Pi	3	4
Sigma Phi	3	4
Day Students	0	7



LEON POPE, forward, has been Christians' handy-to-have-around man all year.

## Elon Cagers Top Marines 44-40, After 63-57 Loss



ED DREW, guard, has aided Elon greatly by brilliant rebound work.

Traveling to New Bern, the Elon Christians split a brace of games with the strong Cherry Point Marines, February 11 and 12. The Marines, one of the few teams to beat State College this year, won the first contest by a 63-57 count, but in the second contest Elon came roaring back for a 44-40 victory. Roney Cates led the scoring in the first game with 24 points; Warren Burns took honors in the second with 15.

Each team had a good excuse for its defeat during the split. In the first game, two rather inexperienced referees had a lot to do with the Elon setback; and in the second contest, Cherry Point was without the services of Fenn and Ritter, two of their best players.

Cherry Point took a 33-28 lead at half time in the first game, and managed to hold on until the end. In the second tilt, it was a different story. Although Elon trailed by 29-18 at half time, a determined second half rally brought them up to 40-40 and then on to an exciting 44-40 triumph. Jack Gardner, one of the greatest Elon basketball stars of the past, was the official in the second fray and turned in a good job.

The Elon players were allotted some real entertainment at Cherry Point, and came back raving about the good food, a special movie show given just for them, and the all-around fine treatment. A lot of Cherry Point-Elon games are probably in store for the future. Captain Bob Rose, formerly of Carolina fame, once again was the outstanding player on the court for the Marines, with Miller also playing good ball.

My rank as a prognosticator has certainly fallen since the last issue of the paper. In fact, I seem to be about the rankest one of all. I predicted the Tau Zeta's and 3rd Floor West would come off with their league championships. Seems like I was mistaken. But at least I left myself a loop-hole in one respect.

The B.O.B.'s and the Tau Zeta's played a whole-hearted game the 12th, with the B.O.B.'s coming off the winners, 21-16. Betty Benton and Agnes Harris led the scorers with nine points each. Jo Watts and Jane Warren led the Tau Zeta's with six points each.

In the big game that decided the dormitory league Ladies' Hall defeated 3rd Floor West 17-16, February 17. Grace Ward was high scorer with 12 points, leading "Little Bit" Isey by two. This was one of the hardest fought games of the season.

The Pi Kappa's defeated the Delta U's the same night that I'm writing this, and due to injuries I sustained, please don't hold me responsible for writing this column. The score was 18-8, with Janice Frazier and Jane Lewis leading the scorers with seven points each. Jeanne Meredith led the losers with six points.

The B.O.B.'s and the Delta U's must play off the game which they have postponed, and that will end the girls intramural basketball. The play-off between the winners of each league will be announced at a later date.

It's a little late in the season to be mentioning this, but an intramural game is not as important as friendships. Let's not let rivalry get the best of us. Rivalry makes for better games in moderation, but winning isn't that important. The game should be replayed just the same.

## GIRLS' SPORTS

By BETTY BENTON



LOU SAVINI, smooth-working forward, has come through for Christians when going was tough.