

South Dormitory Runs Through Its Schedule Undeclared

I'm Telling You

By ROCKY SILEO

If it's a fine, peppery ball club you're wanting to see, come out to College Park this afternoon and watch Coach Joe Tomanchek's high-spirited Jayvees bang heads with the baby Mountaineers of Appalachian . . . C. K. (Choo Choo) Siler, like the illustrious Justice from Carolina, specializes in kicking. Both are great exponents of the artful quick-kick. Saturday, Siler's two best efforts, of the quick-kick variety traveled 67 and 57 yards respectively. One came to rest on the Lenoir Rhyne one yard marker.

Speaking of the celebrated Choo Choo, a most reliable source wants it known that the Asheville Express is an amiable, extremely modest chap, who would prefer to dispense with all fan-fare. The Carolina Comet is probably the most nervous person in Keenan Stadium awaiting the initial kickoff . . . Coach George Munger of the U. of Pennsylvania calls Chuck Bedernik "the best center I have ever seen," but Hank DeSimone, who saw the Penn.-Penn. State tilt a couple of weeks ago believes the great pivot man is over-rated.

Tom "Shorty" McWilliams of Mis. State, one of the greatest performers in the country, may not even get an All-American mention. The dazzling halfback, who teamed up with Davis and Blanchard on the great Army war teams, is playing his fifth year of college ball. He has been selected on the All-Southeastern eleven for three years, and if he is selected this year for the fourth time, he will be the first player ever to hold that distinction.

Army keeps rolling toward another undefeated season, but it is the consensus of most sports writers that the actual greatness of this '48 club will never be known. Many cadets at the military fortress along the Hudson claim this year's edition of the Black Knights

is better than the aggregations led by Blanchard-Davis and Co. Coach Blaik will only admit that the present club is faster and more alert.

We of the Nutmeg State are mighty proud of little Wesleyan of Middletown, Conn. The Cardinals, who have now extended their win streak to 22 games without a defeat over a three year period, were good enough to get a National rating last season and may repeat before this campaign runs out.

Aside from the usual large number of upsets, this year promises to be one of the most unique in football history. Among the more startling oddities was the four game record of the Wofford football team which sported an undefeated slate with nary a victory to show for its efforts . . . Then there is the big war between the two top professional leagues, which is hurting no one but the two leagues themselves . . . And one bright afternoon earlier in the season, Devens College defeated the U. of Mass. when an end caught a pass which glanced off the pate of a teammate. But the hero never knew what happened; immediately after snagging the pass, he wrapped himself around a goal post, and he didn't learn of his heroic efforts until sometime after the game.

Mel Hine, immortal captain and center of the mighty N. Y. Giants of yester-years, is now line coach of the Los Angeles Dons. The former All-Pro pivot man recently told his former coach, Steve Owen, that he thought professional ball is on the down grade in so far as player performance and spectator enthusiasm goes . . . Running the "T" for the Dartmouth Indians is a brilliant young sophomore who answers to the name of Johnny Clayton . . . What about that, Chub?

In his last eight full seasons, except for time spent in the service, Johnny Mize of the Giants has driven in more than 100 runs every year.

INTRAMURALS CHAMPIONS OF 1948



Hail the Champs! South Dormitory's fine ball club has won nine straight ball games to take honors in the Intramural Touch football league. The Engineers are also favored to cop the post season playoffs. Left to right, front row: Lawrence Gaither, Ed Gentry, Bob Walker, Harris Blake, Rocky Donato, Walker Fesmire, Phil Cotran and Jim Parker. Back row: Coach Bill Hopkins, Captain Ernie Klutz, Charles Gibson, Bus Davis, Len Fesmire.

FIGHTING CHRISTIANS' STATUS TO DATE

North State Conference					All Opponents				
Won	Lost	Pct.	PF	PA	Won	Lost	Pct.	PF	PA
2	3	.400	32	85	3	5	.275	76	145

Elonites In The World Of Sports

By GEO. STANLEY

New Courts Will Expand Tennis Doings

Work is well under way on six new tennis courts which will be located to the west of the new gym site.

Three of the new courts will be Tennico and three will be of cement. The all-weather Tennico tennis sites will definitely be available for use in the Spring, while the cement courts are expected to be completed immediately thereafter.

The new courts will be for the general use of the entire student body, but when the tennis team plays host to conference competition, the varsity netters will have first preference.

Coach Pierce said that as a result of the new courts' being built, the tennis program will be greatly expanded. The varsity netters will travel with the baseball team on its trip through Eastern Carolina and Virginia during the spring holidays.

Girls' Intramurals Get Underway

Amid rousing shouts of pleasant anticipation from the many males, the girls have begun their annual intramural activities with volleyball. Four teams will battle for campus athletic honors in the forthcoming net battles.

From Ladies' Hall will come one powerhouse, while West Dormitory will put on the floor not one, but three separate teams: Team A from the first and second floors, Team B from the third floor.

The contests, instead of being played in leagues as are the men's contests, will be in the form of a tournament, the final winners being the team with the most wins.

A tentative schedule is as follows:

- Nov. 22—West A—Ladies' Hall.
- Nov. 29—West B—3rd Floor West.
- Dec. 1—3rd Floor West—Ladies' Hall.
- Dec. 6—West A—West B.

This schedule is liable to revision. All games will be played at 6:30 p. m. in the gymnasium.

Several ex-Elon athletes were seen about the campus the week end of the Lenoir-Rhyne game. Back for the game were Jack Russell, quarterback and captain of last year's eleven, and Herbert "Chink" Spivey. Herbert was a guard on the fine pre-war teams and is now coaching and teaching at Rural Hall, N. C. Also at the game was Ike Fesmire, basketball star for the Christians during the mid-thirties.

You might be interested to know that Joe Caruso, ex-Elon grid star, has been selected as the coach of the Eastern All-Stars as they meet the West in the annual Optimist Bowl at High Point. Caruso is coach of the Henderson High team.

L. J. Perry, class of '23 and ex-coach, was in Oklahoma over the week-end to officiate the Tulsa-South Carolina game.

Roney Cates, who set a North State Conference record by scoring over 450 points during the '46-'47 basketball season, is now director of the Recreation Department in Burlington. Assisting him is another Elon graduate, Claude Comer.

Ed Sauer, baseball star who played here before the war, was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals recently.

Charlie Donato, all-conference tackle on the '41 championship team, is having a very successful year coaching the Leavenworth High team in Waterbury, Conn.

Horace Hendrickson, who successfully coached Elon before the war and later coached at the U. of Penn., is now backfield coach of the Brooklyn Dodgers as well as scout for Brooklyn's professional baseball and football teams.

William Palantonio is now coaching and teaching at North Coventry, Penn. The former Elon all-conference guard of '40 served as line coach with former Coach Causey in '46.

Rinaldo "Pud" DiAntonio, baseball manager in pre-war days, is now coaching basketball and teaching at Foxworth, Penn.

Basketball in the United States draws about 75 million spectators a year; baseball, 65 million, football, 60 million, and softball, 30 million.

Jayvees Meet Appalachian Here Today

For the first time this season, local enthusiasts will have an opportunity to see the Elon Jayvees in action when Coach Joe Tomanchek's little Christians play host to the Mountaineer Jayvees of Appalachian at College Park this afternoon.

The high spirited, well-drilled Jayvees have yet to taste victory this season. They tied Catawba and suffered successive losses to Lexington High School, High Point Jayvees and the Greenbriar Military Academy.

However, Coach Tomanchek is very high on his hard-driving aggregate. He says that they have turned in a fine performance with each defeat.

Stars From Small Schools Are Best Pros

Pro-football scouts who comb the back country for gridiron talent agree that the "carefree rustic game is the most spectacular of all," according to Al Stump, who discusses the small-college game in "Football's Biggest Bargain," in the current (Nov. 20th) Saturday Evening Post.

You have to get out in the bush leagues where there's no pressure to see those what-the-hell triple reserves and lateral forwards.

"There are approximately 150 large schools with a total of about 5200 athletes which get most of the sport-page columns and the big-city attendance. But there are also 700 small colleges and junior colleges with more than 28,000 youths in suits who wow fans from Worcester Tech to Whittier . . ."

Football remains no more than an adjunct to education at small colleges. Mr. Stump declares, and he uses Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, to illustrate the problems confronting a grid-conscious small school.

Many prep-school players are flocking to colleges like Willamette, according to Mr. Stump. They have become aware that percentages are against them in football factories where eight or ten backs out of 75 candidates get a chance to play regularly.

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Stout Engineers Weather Nine Straight Intramural Tilts Easily

Important Playoffs Begin This Week

By GEORGE STANLEY

By virtue of a great undefeated season, in which they won nine straight games, South Dormitory supplanted Oak Lodge and East Dormitory as the Intramural Touch Football champions.

Thus the Engineers went into the playoffs heavily favored to cop the post season attraction. South not only ran through their schedule without a loss, but averaged at least three touchdowns per game while holding the opposition to 24 points, which incidentally were by two teams, Vets' Apartments and the Alpha-Pi Club House combine.

Mainstays throughout the season for South were the elusive Ernie Klutz and a couple of fine ends, Bill Hopkins and Lawrence Gaither, who are among the top scorers in the league. Rocky Donato joined the club after the season started and added plenty of weight and fight to a comparatively small line.

Steve Walker, triple threat back of East Dorm, went on a scoring spree in a recent game and set what is believed to be a modern record when he chalked up 40 points for one afternoon's efforts. The splendid speedster scampered across the goal line for six touchdowns and added four extra points in turning in the finest individual effort of the season.

Other backs who merit much consideration in selection of the All-Intramural squad are Billy

Racks, Jack Hanel, Ed Ellis, Len Fesmire, Muggsy Gibson, and Dick York. Linemen who have featured all season are Donato, Hopkins, Gaither, Tubby Johnson, Bill Wilkins, and Wayne Phillips.

The championship also gives South Dormitory 10 points toward the trophy which is awarded annually to the dormitory or fraternity which accumulates the most points over a school year in the various intramural activities. The touch football playoff is merely a post season attraction; therefore the winner will not be awarded any points.

At press time, South, Oak Lodge and Alpha-Pi Club House were all assured of a playoff berth but three teams were knotted at the fourth position due to the 14-0 upset of Carlton House by the newly spirited Kappa Psi aggregation.

Richard Harris, co-captain of the Texas Longhorns, won all-conference honors at center in 1945 and '46, and was named All-American tackle last year. He is back at the pivot position this season.

The 1948 season was the first campaign in which Tommy Henrich of the New York Yankees ever batted in more than 100 runs.

Charley (Red) Ruffing leads all pitchers in World Series victories with seven.

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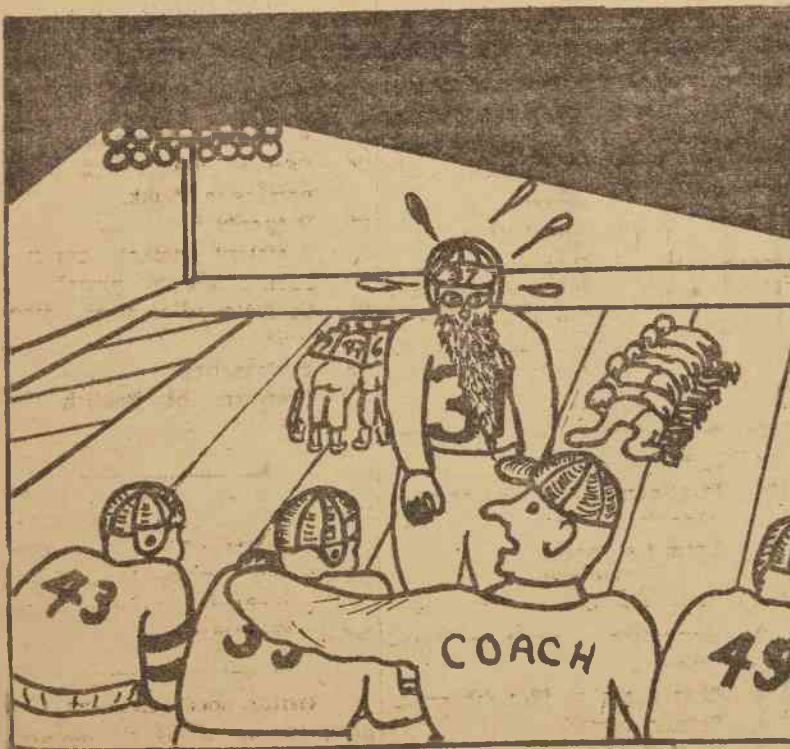
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