



I'm Telling You

By ROCCO SILEO

Up in the big city they say "As Dimag goes so go the Yankees," so here in our little village we may do well to take up the slogan "As Rakes goes, so go the Christians," for the brilliant young sophomore has responded to his first starting role of the season in a blaze of glory. The result was stimulating. Rakes, flashing that spectacular form which last season put him in solid with Christian followers, bagged 19 points against Western Carolina to lead the Elon cagers to their initial conference victory. Too, the win will go down in school annals as Elon's first in the Memorial gymnasium.

Coach "Doc" Mathis' latest maneuver to find the best working "combo" has undoubtedly been the best to date and may well be the solution to most of our rookie coach's problems. Rakes, as aggressive and spirited as a year ago when he bowed out of action with a leg injury, continued his fine work in the second Western Carolina tilt. Dave Mondy also came through with some spectacular play this past week. Teaming up with Nel Cooper in the back court, Mondy, also a sophomore, tallied with one-handers and set shots to take over the scoring burden.

Coach Mathis' youthful cagers did themselves proud against High Point. Employing a shifting zone almost to perfection, the Christians held the highly-touted Panthers to a 32-29 half-time count before the veteran High Point quintet, rated by many as second to State College in collegiate circles in this area, unleashed a torrid scoring spree to win going away.

Remember, don't sell Coach Mathis' charges short. Rakes, Mondy, Larry Gaither, Nel Cooper and Don Haithcox are youngsters playing together for the first time as a unit. And while they can't be giant killers this season, they will certainly command a respectable position in the conference standings within a year or two. Remember, too, conference opponents are loaded with experienced talent, Veterans that have been paying together

VARSITY CAGE SCHEDULE

- Elon 36, Carolina 57.
- Elon 57, Eatmons 36.
- Elon 47, Elkin "Y" 32.
- Elon 55, McCrary 67.
- Elon 46, Elkin "Y" 36.
- Elon 29, Hanes 51.
- Elon 62, A. C. C. 65.
- Elon 44, E.C.T.C. 56.
- Elon 57, Catawba 66.
- Elon 66, Hanes 83.
- Elon 44, Camp Lejeune 61.
- Elon 48, Appalachian 78.
- Elon 52, Lenoir-Rhyne 55.
- Elon 46, Catawba 62.
- Elon 50, W.C.T.C. 40.
- Elon 72, W.C.T.C. 50.
- Elon 51, High Point 75.

(Remaining Games)

- Feb. 4.—Guilford away.
- Feb. 7.—Lenoir-Rhyne here.
- Feb. 8.—Appalachian here.
- Feb. 10.—Lynchburg away.
- Feb. 11.—E.C.T.C. here.
- Feb. 14.—A.C.C. here.
- Feb. 16.—High Point away.
- Feb. 18.—Guilford here.

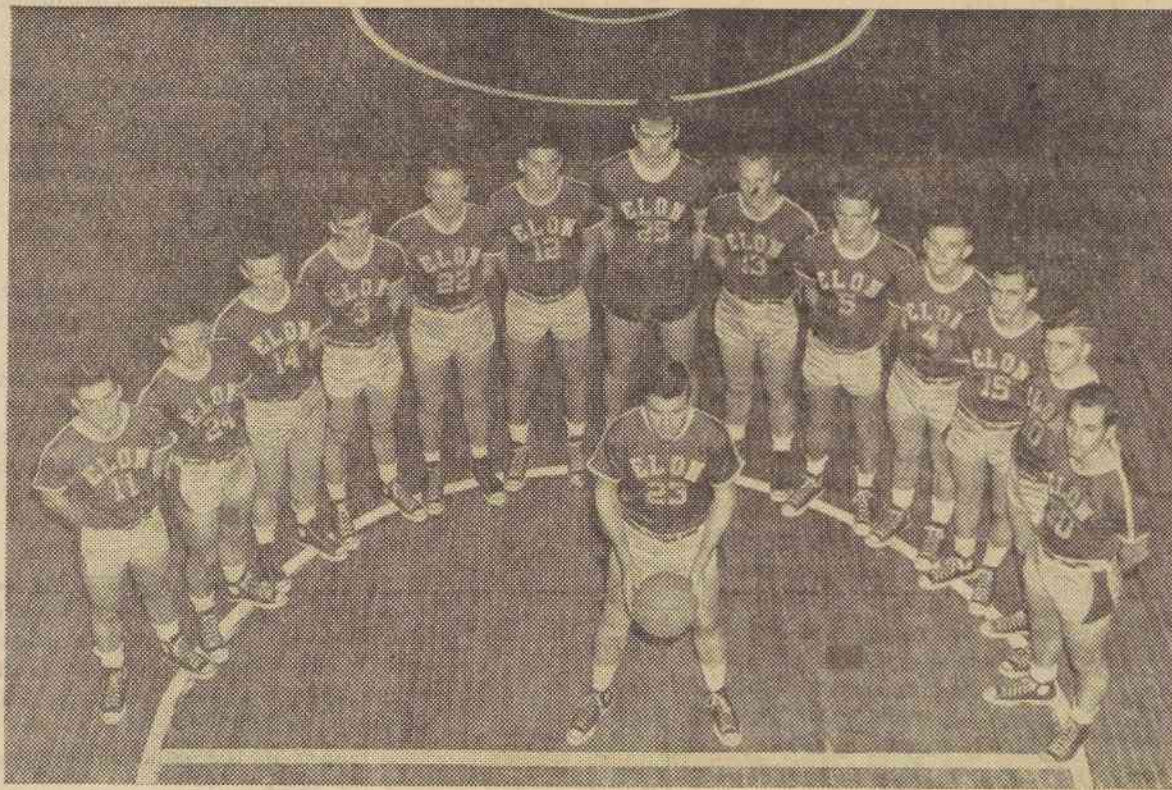
for the past two or three years, and many of whom are now seniors, will be gone come another cage season, and then the opposition will find themselves in Elon's present category.

Spirit and sentiment were running sky high last week out at the practice field as Coach Mallory ran his rugged gridders through their initial week of winter drills. Beaming with joy over the performance of prospective linemen, Coach Mallory stated, "We have a very tough schedule ahead of us this fall but the opposition, one and all, will know that they've been in a ball game."

One reason for the hustle and spirited football drills is the unanimous approval of the newly selected field generals for the coming campaign—Co-Captains Pete Marshburn and Joe Erickson. You'd have to look long and deep into the wild blue yonder to come up with a better duo as far as hustle, leadership and football savvy go.

Ten Games For 1950 Grid Season

FIGHTING CHRISTIANS OF HARDWOOD COURTS



The Fighting Christian basketball squad, which hopes to tack a good finish on an otherwise mediocre season, is driving hard in an effort to better its chances for the North State Tournament. Captain Ed Drew is shown in the center. Others, left to right, are Lester Foster, Jack White, Mickey Joyce, Curtis Martin, Bob Taylor, Bill Blackstone, Don Haithcox, Leo Kampman, Dave Mondy, Nelvin Cooper, Bernie Owen, Billy Rakes and Lacy Gane. Larry Gaither, regular forward, was not present for the picture.

Elon Opens Campaign At Emory And Henry

Winter Grid Work Draws Large Squad

More than four full teams of candidates for Elon's 1950 football squad answered Coach Jim Mallory's call for winter football practice last week and have been working out daily in preparation for a rough and tough campaign when the new grid season rolls around.

Included in the group which drew equipment for the off-season workouts were twenty-three lettermen and an equal number of less experienced candidates, including a host of boys who saw reserve service with either the varsity or Jay-Vees during the highly successful 1949 season, which netted eight wins against two defeats.

The lettermen participating in winter practice include Len Greenwood, end; Sal Gero, Jim Snow and Ed Watkins, tackles; Hank DeSimone, Raleigh Ellis, Al Ludwig and Fielding Dickens, guards; Bill Renn, Fred Burmeister, Mike Moffo and Jack Annas, centers; and Joe Erickson, Pete Marshburn, Mal McCracken, Archie Brigman, Hal Johnson, Frank Tingley, Carroll Reid, Harry Farmer, Bill Barger, Dick Lee and Fred Biangardi, backs.

Others who answered the call included Lou Rochelli, Joe Durso, Ken Rutherford, Jack Christy, Benny Pannelli, Ernie Gero, Bill Parker, Roy Kelly, John Hirsch, Ted Webb, Ike Braxton, Buford Andrews, Branch Bragg, Joe Jerinigan, Arnold Ward, Bob Reese, Bob Summers, W. Sharpe, Odell Welborne, Bob Rogers, George Seay, Walt Deal and Ernie Klutzz.

Coach Mallory has announced plans for continuing the winter workouts through February until winter quarter exams start and following spring holidays, through the later part of March. The workouts will stress fundamentals and lay the foundations for both the offense and defense for the coming fall.

A wise guy comments that a college education is the one thing that many people are willing to pay for and then not get.

Ten football games, and not a soft touch in the list, make up the 1950 football schedule for the Fighting Christians of Elon College, announced this week by Coach Jim Mallory, who directed the Maroon and Gold eleven through its best post-war season last fall. The Christians will open their campaign with one of the toughest opponents on the entire schedule, for they are scheduled to invade Virginia on Saturday, September 16th, to battle the powerful Emory and Henry Wasps in the first of the ten scheduled engagements.

The Wasps buzzed through their 1949 season without a defeat and went on to two bowl games before they hung up their moleskins, and reports issuing from Southwest Virginia are that the Wasps will have lost none of their sting when another autumn rolls around, all of which indicates a very busy evening for the Christians when they invade the Wasps' home nest.

The Mallory men are then scheduled to meet each of the other eight teams in the North State Conference, for Western Carolina has been added to the list met last year. This second new opponent also packed a powerful punch last fall, when the Catamounts won the North State Conference title. The tenth battle will find the Christians meeting ever-potent Newberry.

With Emory and Henry and Western Carolina added to the list the Christians will not meet the Edenton Marines and the Newport News Naval Apprentice, two teams that fell with comparative ease last fall.

The schedule will be evenly balanced in the matter of home and foreign games, for five of the tilts will be played at home and five away. Plans now call for all games to be played on Saturday, since the Friday engagements failed to prove good drawing cards last season.

The schedule, as announced by Coach Mallory, includes the following games:

- Sept. 16.—Emory and Henry, away.
- Sept. 23.—A.C.C., home.
- Sept. 20.—Appalachian, away.
- Oct. 7.—E.C.T.C., home.
- Oct. 14.—Newberry, away.
- Oct. 21.—Catawba, home, (home coming).
- Oct. 28.—W.C.T.C., away.
- Nov. 4.—High Point, away.
- Nov. 11.—Lenoir-Rhyne, home.
- Nov. 23.—Guilford, home.

Twin Wins Over Catamounts Lift Christians From Conference Cellar

A pair of victories over the Western Carolina Catamounts here last week snapped a long losing streak for the Fighting Christians, and the twin wins served to lift the Maroon and Gold quintet out of the depths of the North State Conference cellar.

Inspired by their two victories over the invaders from the mountains, the Christians cut loose full force in the first half of their battle against High Point, but their new zone defense could not stop the high scoring Panthers in the final half and the result was another defeat. The score of the fourth battle last week, against Guilford on Saturday night, was unavailable at this writing.

ELON 48, APPALACHIAN 78

The Christians caught Appalachian's Mountaineers in a scoring mood when they invaded Boone on Tuesday, January 24th, and Appalachian chalked up a 78 to 48 victory. The rivals rode along on even terms through the first five minutes, but Appalachian pulled away to a 37 to 15 lead at half-time.

The line-ups:
Elon (48)
 F. Mondy (5)
 F. Gaither (8)
 C. Haithcox (5)
 G. Cooper (1)
 G. Foster (2)
Appalachian (78)
 Causey (3)
 Hunt (11)
 Hope (17)
 Martin (10)
 Stevens (11)
 Score at half: Appalachian 37, Elon 15.

Elon subs—Kampman (6), Hall (4), Rakes, Taylor, Drew (3), Blackstone (1), Leigh (2), Myers (2), White, Jones (4).

Appalachian subs—Norman (6), Lancaster (4), Mast (3), Hendrix, Moir (5), Hauser (6), Wey (2), Garris, Cook.

ELON 52, LENOIR-RHYNE 55

Another of the extremely close battles dropped by the Elon cagers this season was to Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory on Wednesday, January 25th, when the Bears chalked up a 55 to 52 victory over the Christians in a North State Conference engagement.

Dave Mondy and Larry Gaither paced a brilliant comeback drive down the stretch for Elon after the Christians had trailed 32 to 29 at the intermission. The drive brought Elon a tie count with a minute to go, but the Bears rallied to pull the game out of the fire in that final minute.

The line-ups:

Elon (52)
 F. Mondy (13)
 F. Gaither (13)
 C. Haithcox (11)
 G. Cooper (8)
 G. Foster (3)
Lenoir-Rhyne (55)
 Kantorski (12)
 Sellari (10)
 Newsome (10)
 Wells (7)
 Neighbors (5)
 Score at half: Lenoir-Rhyne 32, Elon 29.

Elon subs—Kampman, Hall, Drew (2), Myers (1), Jones (1).
 Lenoir-Rhyne subs—Willis, Bost (9), Pawlak, Acerra, Cashwell (2).

ELON 46, CATAWBA 62

The Catawba Indians chalked up their second victory of the season over the Christians and handed Elon her sixth straight North State Conference defeat at Salisbury on Saturday, January 8th. Neither team was "hot" as the Indians won by a 62 to 56 margin.

Johnson hit 17 and Wood 11 as the Catawba guards paced the offense for the victors, while Haithcox topped Elon and also led the scoring for the entire game with 18 points. Dave Mondy chipped in 10 points to take the runner-up honors for the Maroon and Gold five.

The line-ups:
Elon (46)
 F. Mondy (10)
 F. Gaither (7)
 C. Haithcox (18)
 G. Cooper (5)
 G. Foster
Catawba (62)
 Graham (7)
 Hunsucker (6)
 Tomlinson (6)
 Johnson (17)
 Wood (11)
 Score at half: Catawba 33, Elon 26.

Elon subs—Kampman, Hall (2), Drew (2), Myers, Jones, Gane, Owen (2).

Catawba subs—Hodgin (9), Taylor (2), Brown (4).

ELON 50, W.C.T.C. 40

The Christians finally broke the ice and chalked up their first North State Conference win out of eight starts on Monday night, January 30th, when they dropped the Western Carolina Catamounts 50 to 40 in a ragged exhibition, which failed to show either team shining.

Billy Rakes, back in the starting lineup for the first time since early season, played a beautiful floor game and hit his shots well to roll in 19 points. He was ably aided and abetted by Dave Mondy.

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MARSHBURN AND ERICKSON TO LEAD FOOTBALL SQUAD

Pete Marshburn and Joe Erickson, two of the outstanding backfield performers on the Elon football squad during the 1949 season, have just been chosen as co-captains of the Fighting Christian eleven for the coming 1950 campaign.

The results of the election by the squad was announced last week and the choice has met with universal approval on the part of both student body and the members of the football squad. They succeed Arnold Melvin and Claude Gentry, two husky line stars, who were game leaders for the Christians last autumn.

Pete Marshburn, who hails from Greensboro, packs 185 pounds of concentrated power on his stocky frame, and he played an outstanding role in many of the Elon games last fall. He is a Junior and has improved each year, being winner of the trophy last season as the "most improved back" on the squad.

Joe Erickson, who transferred to Elon from Wake Forest, hails from Bay Shore, Long Island, N. Y., the same town which gave "Bulldozer" Biangardi to the Christian squad. Ineligible during the first year he was on the campus because of the transfer rule, Erickson stepped into a regular role last season and proved himself one of the finest blocking backs and field generals in the North State Conference.



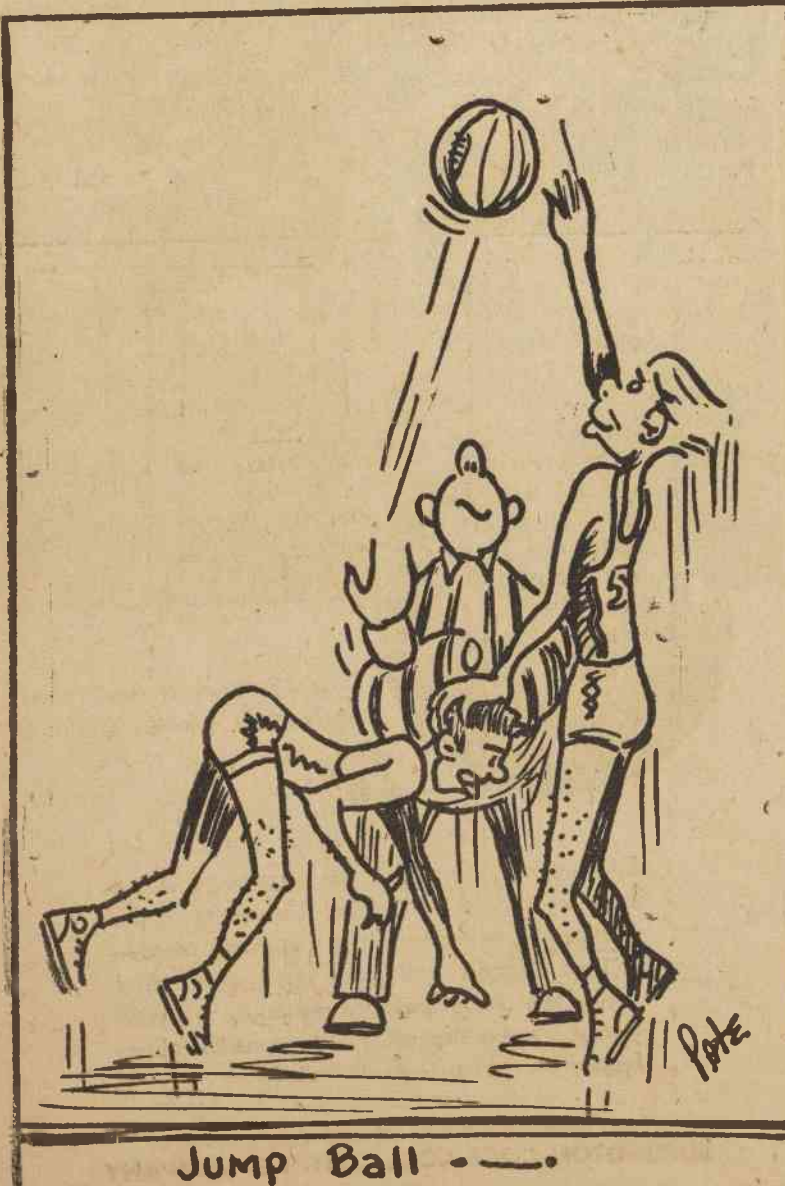
Jay-Vees Keep Their Fast Pace

The Jay-Vee basketeers continued their successful play during the past two weeks, chalking up three wins in five starts, including two more victories over North State Conference opposition.

Their victories were over the Lenoir-Rhyne Cubs by a 49 to 43 margin; a revenge decision over Burlington High by a 50 to 31 count; and over the Little Panthers of High Point by a 65 to 47 score. The losses were to Appalachian Jay-Vees 70 to 59 and to the Catawba Papooses by a 57 to 47 margin.

Coach Lou Savini's youngsters continued their hustling type of play and accurate shooting through these battles, rolling up an average score of 54 points per game while holding their opponents to an average of 51.3 points in each game.

Joe and Jim Mills, twin brothers from Raleigh, were the referees for the Elon-Catawba game, probably the only twin referee act in college basketball.



Jump Ball