

# Catawba To Be Homecoming Foe

BACKING THE BOYS WHO CARRY THE BALL

## Old Rivals To Battle For Returning Alumni



A new and peppy Elon spirit seems in the making this year, and much of the credit is due to one of the finest crews of cheerleaders in the recent history of the school. The cheerleaders, all dolled up in their new sweaters and monograms, are shown above. Left to right they are KNEELING: Jeanne Pittman, Delores Hagan, Martha Berry and Betty Joyner. STANDING: Oscar Holland, Patsy Milam (Chief), John Truitt, Jane Peterson and Charles Johnson.

## Mountaineers Come From Behind To Tie Powerful Elon 14 To 14

By JOE SPIVEY

That dazed expression on the faces of the Fighting Christians last week and that searching look in their eyes did not mean they were looking for a lost dime. Instead, they were looking for pieces of their broken hearts, for that game with the Appalachian Mountaineers up at Boone on Saturday night, September 30th, was truly a heart-breaker.

Going into the final minutes of the game, after dominating the play throughout the earlier portions of the battle, the Christians held a 14 to 0 lead. Then, by some strange quirk of fate, Appalachian came back and threw some desperate passes which netted two quick touchdowns and a tie count.

Elon ruled the game completely from start to finish except for the closing minutes of that fatal last quarter. The Mountaineers were held to only seven yards rushing during the first half, and they gained only 74 yards for the whole game. Elon, in the meantime, ripped the Appalachian defenses to shreds as the Christian backs romped for 279 yards.

The Christians drew first blood in the second quarter, with R. K. Grayson going over from the 3-yard line after a sustained drive of sixty-four yards. Sal Gero converted from placement to put Elon in front 7 to 0. Another drive late in that same quarter fell short when Bob Lewis snagged an aerial on the Appalachian 2-yard line, only to be bounced out of bounds. The half ended before another play could be run.

The Christians unleashed another aerial and ground attack, which ended when Co-Captains Pete Marshburn hammered over for the second touchdown to climax a 62-yard drive. Gero converted again to give Elon a comfortable 14 to 0 lead.

"That's the ball game," the fans thought, and many of them started for the exits. Just then a third-stringer by the name of Steve Gabriel trotted on the field wearing Appalachian's Black and Gold colors and began heaving last-gasp passes. His first one, tossed from his own forty, ended deep down field in the hands of Tom Hendrix, who was standing in the Elon end zone, and Appalachian had scored. Bill Cross split the uprights, and the score stood Elon 14, Appalachian 7. The Mountaineer followers be-

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### ELON WILL BATTLE NEWBERRY INDIANS

Co-Captains Pete Marshburn and Joe Erickson will lead their Fighting Christians down into South Carolina's Saluda River valley this weekend to put down an Indian uprising, and the Elon grid warriors have been priming all their weapons in readiness for a tough battle with the Newberry Indians.

The Christians defeated Newberry 26 to 12 last year down in Burlington Stadium, and Coach Jim Mallory and Doc Mathis have been pointing their boys for a repeat victory this weekend. The Elon outfit needs a win this year to take the lead in the series with the South Carolina outfit. Present standings show two victories each for Elon and Newberry, with one game a tie.

The first meeting between the two colleges came in 1940 when the teams battled to a 6-all tie. There was no game in 1941, but the series was renewed after World War II. Newberry won 20 to 0 in 1946, Elon copped the game 3 to 0 in 1947, and Newberry took the 1948 contest 20 to 7. Then came Elon's win last year.

One of Elon's oldest and bitterest rivalries will be renewed when the Fighting Christians tangle with the Catawba Indians squad in the annual Homecoming Day battle, which is slated for Burlington Memorial Stadium on Saturday night, October 21st.

The rival squads will enter the 1950 game all even as far as victories go over the entire series of fifteen games, so the contest will assume additional importance as the Christians and Indians seek to gain the advantage in the series as well as the victory for this season.

Elon and Catawba met for the first time back in 1928, and they have met fifteen times since that initial contest, the record showing each team with seven victories and one game tied. Some of the games have been won or lost by close scores, while others have yielded overwhelming victories for one team or the other. Regardless of the score, however, no game on either schedule has produced more spirit on the part of the players nor more interest on the part of the fans.

That first game back in 1928 was one of the close ones, with Catawba winning 13 to 12, but Elon got revenge the following season when the Christians rolled to victory 26 to 7 in the 1929 contest. Catawba copped the 1931 battle 38 to 0, and there were no more games until 1934, when the two teams battled to a scoreless tie.

The next year introduced a series of three Elon wins in a row, the Christians winning 32 to 0 in 1935, 33 to 13 in 1936 and 22 to 2 in 1937. The teams played turn-about for the next four years, with Catawba winning 20 to 6 in 1938, Elon copping 7 to 0 in 1939, Catawba triumphing 13 to 0 in 1940 and Elon grabbed a thriller in 1941 by an 8 to 7 margin.

There was a break during World War II, and Catawba moved ahead when the rivalry was resumed. The Indians won 40 to 0 in 1946, 38 to 0 in 1947 and 35 to 0 in 1948, but Elon got back in the running with a thrilling 20 to 14 win last season.

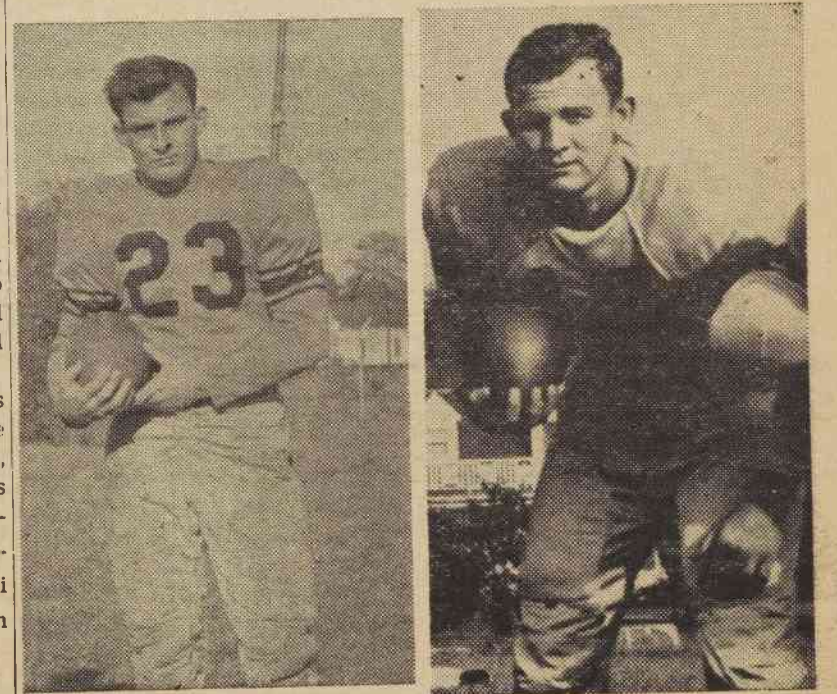
### Cagers Will Play Professional Five

Basketball comes early to the Elon campus this year, with the Elon cagers breaking right into the middle of the football season to play an exhibition tilt with George Glamack's major league professionals from Grand Rapids, Mich., over in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Tuesday night, October 31st.

The very name of George Glamack stirs memories in the minds of thousands of North Carolina basketball fans, and a huge crowd is expected to pack the Elon gym that night to see the towering "Blind Bomber," who gained All-American honors while playing the pivot and setting scoring records for Tar Heel teams.

Glamack's professional outfit, like major league baseball teams, is on a training trip to the South and is working out at Chapel Hill.

### OVER QUARTER MILE GAINED THIS YEAR



R. K. GRAYSON

PETE MARSHBURN

Pete Marshburn and R. K. Grayson, the two leading ball carriers for the Christians on the basis of statistics for the first three games of the year, have combined to advance the prolate pigskin well over a quarter of a mile this year. In fact, the combined total gains of the two shows that they have moved the ball 662 yards into enemy territory this season, and that is just two yards more than three-eighths of a mile. Marshburn leads the way in total individual gains for the year, with 388 yards. That total includes 228 yards on forward passes and 160 yards rushing. Grayson tops the list in rushing gains, having hammered his way forward for 274 yards on the ground, and he added 5 yards on a pass to give him a grand total of 279 yards.

### Spying On Sports

by JOE SPIVEY

Statistics Department: For those who are figure-minded (not the two-legged variety), I hereby disclose some interesting results of the first three games played by the Fighting Christians in regard to rushing averages of our fine backfield:— R. K. Grayson, the "Thomasville Terror," has toted the pigskin 35 times, gained 274 yards and has an average of 7.8 yards per carry; Pete Marshburn has run the ball 40 times, gained 160 yards and has an average of exactly 4 yards per carry; Frank Tingley has heisted the leather 13 times for 93 yards and a 7.1 average; Lou Rochelli has carried 3 times, gained 27 yards and averaged even 9 yards a clip; Archie Brigman has moved the ball 10 times for 149 yards and an average of 14.9 yards each trip; Fred Biangardi has hammered through 7 times for 25 yards and an average of 3.5 yards; Gary Farmer has carried once for 4 yards; Joe Parker once for 10 yards; and Bob Lewis romped 18 yards on two end-arounds.

Guilford could take a lesson from the Fighting Christians on the "Brotherly Love" angle. It's a fact that the brothers are here, or have been, but you'll have to make a personal check on the "love" angle. On the football squad, there are the Gero brothers, Ernie and Sal, along with the Farmer boys, Gary and Harry. Bob Reece, regular end, is the brother of Luther Reece, who saw action with the Christians last year on the gridiron. Two years ago Claude and Garland Gentry sported the Maroon and Gold colors in football.

Major Item: Do you know how a major college team gets to be classified as such? Well, the majority of their games must be played with major teams. Now the problem is, "Who picked the initial major teams?"

Lou Savini, former football and basketball star at Elon, is coaching at Jacksonville, and his team has won three straight this season. Lou also coached Jay-Vee basketball during his last year at Elon.

Speaking of basketball, Coach Doc Mathis had his hopefuls over a few days ago for uniform meas-

urements, and a few workouts are being held for an exhibition game later on this month. Prospects look good for Elon to take the North State Conference championship this year.

Intramural football is underway, and so far, there have been good turn-outs. For you students who do not participate in varsity athletics, this is your chance to get a little exercise. All games are supervised, and the competition is keen, with a lot of fun to be had by all.

The latest word from the varsity football practice field is a new nick-name for the offensive squad in scrimmage. Those who run this squad against such stalwarts as Gero, Marshall, DeSimone, Snow, Erickson, Reece, and Johnson lovingly refer to it as the "Suicide Squad." Small wonder!

Orchids and Onions Dept.: Orchids to the band for their fine showing at the games and the pep rally. Orchids to the cheerleaders for their spirit and pep at the games. Onions to those who do not cheer. Nothing peps a team up more than some good, loud cheering from their own student body. Let's do our part from the stands, and I'm sure the team will do its part out there on the field.

Just received a telegram from Ersel G. Moleskin (collect, of course) with his latest predictions for the next games in the North State Conference. Ersel did pretty well with the games of Sept. 30th weekend. He had three right, one wrong, and threw the tie out the window. Here are his latest choices of winners for the weekend of October 14th: Catawba over Appalachian . . . Lenoir-Rhyne over High Point . . . W.C.T.C. over E.C.T.C. . . . Naval Apprentice over A.C.C. . . . Elon over Newberry (naturally) . . . Emory and Henry over Guilford. Weekend of October 21: Appalachian over High Point . . . Elon over Catawba (yes, sir) . . . W. C. T. C. over Lenoir-Rhyne . . . E.C.T.C. over Guilford . . . Norfolk Navy over A.C.C.

See you at the Homecoming game!

### 1950 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- Elon 12, Emory and Henry 33.
- Elon 33, A. C. C. 6.
- Elon 14, Appalachian 14.
- Elon 21, ECTC 16
- Remaining Games
- Oct. 14—Newberry, away.
- Oct. 21—Catawba, home.
- Oct. 28—W.C.T.C., away.
- Nov. 2—High Point, away.
- Nov. 11—Lenoir-Rhyne, home.
- Nov. 23—Guilford, home.

### STANDINGS

(Through October 4)

	W.	L.	Ave.
South-Sigma Phi	3	0	1.000
East-Club House	2	1	.667
Vets Court	2	1	.667
North	0	3	.000
Vets Apt.-ITK	0	3	.000