

# Lenoir Rhyne To Be Christians' Next Home Foe



## SEEING SPORTS

with

GARY SEARS

They're off and running each and every afternoon in Alumni Gym. Yes sub, I mean none other than the candidates for Coach Doc Mathis basketball squad. Coach Mathis has his aspirants running, shooting, and drilling on the fundamentals of the game. Always a contender in basketball, as well as other sports we find that this year's basketball squad will be no exception. Back for another year will be 'Bouncin' Ben' Kendall, Ned Gaudin, 'Husky' Hall, Bill Hawkins, 'Dee' Atkinson, aided and abetted by such new standouts as Jack Malloy and Bob Burgess.

One might recall that Burgess was the fellow that was an understudy to the now famous Dickie Merritt over at Wake Forest. Bob decided that sitting on the bench was no place for him and at the same time chose Elon at which to do his college work. Feel certain that Coach Doc Mathis is going to be well pleased with the decision of Burgess to matriculate here at Elon. Along the same line of transfer students Doc has in the fold Jack 'Skillet' Mallory. Jack hails from Lynchburg, Va., where he attended Lynchburg College and was voted to the All-State team. Well, December is just around the corner.

Might be just a little early in the year to sound the call for our nominees for All-Conference honors, but just can't help sing the praises of Bill Blackstone, Lou Rochelli, Joe Widdifield, and Mike Moffo. This quartet has played the brand of ball week after week that puts them high on our list as All-Conference material.

My colleague over at East Carolina made the remark that Elon didn't have a band at the Homecoming game. Sorry he missed such an outstanding feature and only wish that he could've attended the Catawba game.

The band in white, the pretty majorettes in maroon, and from a student body of some six hundred, is really a credit to Elon. A personal invite goes out to any and all East Carolina students that wish to visit us and take a look at our own marching band. If we had two thousand students here, we could probably field a band of at least one hundred people.

Injuries—every week our hospital list grows. "Big Jim" Platt seems to be having his share. First it was his foot, and then in the Catawba game on his first play from scrimmage John comes up with a shoulder separation. A pre-season prediction was, "As Big John goes—so go the Christians." Well, we've lost some that we shouldn't have but here's hoping that our injured will be ready for the next home game. Let's all make a point to see the Lenoir-Rhyne game here in Burlington. Lest we forget last year's score—the football squad wants this one.

Lost For Season: Bob "Sheepy" Peters, senior defensive flankman, with a fractured foot. "Sheepy" was playing his second season here at Elon after transferring from Lees-McRae Junior College where he was a standout backfield performer.

Ever notice the beating that a lineman takes in a football game?

Sure it's the backs and ends that get all the headlines but from tackle to tackle it's these boys that open the holes for the backs to romp to stardom. That reminds me of a quite unassuming Elon griddier. None other than "Mickey" Moffo. Real name of course is "Mike" but since James Shaw says "Mickey" we'll have to stick with the Reverend.

"Mickey" is playing his fourth year of varsity football here at Elon. Strictly an offensive center and the fellow that helps make the buck laterals and quarterback sneaks pay off when precious yards are needed.

You'll find Moffo one of the most liked and most conscientious players on the squad. A good blocker, lots of hustle and drive, that's "Mickey" Elon's All-Conference center.

Intramural activities still going strong with ping-pong tournament in full swing. With a little more co-operation from the council, Don Merriman and Coach Pierce could present to the students a much greater program. How about all intramural council representatives being present for all of the meetings?

Nelvin Cooper will assist Coach Doc Mathis as Jay-Vee basketball coach. Nelvin who performed for the Elon five for the past four years, has completed his eligibility as a player. Cooper hopes to complete his requirements for graduation at the end of the Winter quarter.

## TAG-FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS OF ELON CAMPUS



## Athletes Pick Varied Fields

A study of the scholastic majors of varsity athletes at Elon College reveals some interesting facts, for the major fields of study offer a fair index to the other interests of the Christian sports participants.

The study, which was compiled by Prof. A. L. Hook, college registrar, shows that physical education and business administration has attracted the great majority of the 78 varsity athletes who were included in the survey.

Prof. Hook found that the various fields and students taking them included 38 in physical education, 21 in business administration, 7 in mathematics, 6 in history, 2 in chemistry, and 1 each in Biology, English, philosophy and Spanish.

The fact that almost 50 per cent of the athletes are majoring in physical education indicates that at least half of the youthful sports stars plan on coaching and teaching as a life career.

Iota Tau Kappa and Alpha Pi Delta combined forces this year to capture the tag-football championship. The winning combination is shown in the above picture, the winners including (left to right) the following players: FROTT ROW—Ted Webb, Sammy Nelson, Bobby Stewart, Cooper Walker and Ralph Rakes. SECOND ROW—Don Merrimon, Isaac Braxton, Gilbert Brittle and Stanley Bunch.

## Catawba Defeats Elon; First Time Since 1948

By MIKE RAUSEO

The same perplexing situation— inability to score after long sustained drives—proved once again to be the downfall of the fighting Elon Christians as they bowed to an average but alert Catawba team at Burlington Memorial Stadium on Saturday night, October 25th. The victory was Catawba's third North State Conference victory against one loss and the first Catawba triumph over Elon in four years.

In football, there are only three ways in which a team can score—a field goal, a touchdown, and a safety. And in that order the Catawba Indians combined the three for a 12 to 0 victory over the luckless Christians.

There was no scoring in the first period, although Elon looked as though she might explode any minute. The Christians completely dominated this quarter with Catawba never penetrating beyond their own 45 yard line.

The visitors went ahead on the magic toe of Harvey Stratton. Stratton, whose field goal beat Appalachian the week before, split the uprights from 13-yards out to give the Indians a 3-0 lead midway the second period. The half ended with that score, and it was evident that the Christians were sorely in need of their two injured backs, Lou Rochelli and John Platt.

After half time ceremonies, the Indians from Salisbury put on a show of their own. Willie Rogers recovered an Elon fumble on the Elon 21 to set up the first touchdown of the game. Harold Carter, the offensive star of the night, ran for two and passed to Hoffer for a first down on the seven. Then Bill Klutz found a hole and went off tackle for the touchdown. Stratton's extra point was good and Catawba led 10-0.

Following the kickoff, Elon threatened once again. Michaux returned Crane's kick from the ten to the 34. Fred Biangardi and Jim Tutterow teamed to bring the ball to midfield. Tutterow then passed to Hubert Cooper on the Catawba 35, and Cooper was finally run out of bounds on the eleven. Two running plays brought the ball to the five. Then Stratton intercepted Tutterow's pass in the end zone and ran it to the Elon 28. Catawba, which was guilty of an offside penalty at the scrimmage line, had the penalty nullified when Walter Harding ran from the bench in an attempt to bring Stratton down.

### HOW IT HAPPENED.

	Catawba	
11	First Downs	11
97	Net Yards Rushing	159
15	Passes Attempted	8
6	Passes Completed	3
94	Net Yards Passing	43
191	Total Yds. From Scrim.	202
1	Opp. Passes Intercepted	3
3	Runback Inter. Passes	7
3	Number of Punts	7
31	Ave. Distance Punts	31
87	Yds. Runback All Kicks	24
2	Fumbles Lost	0
20	Total Yds. Penalties	50

The penalty would have given Elon a first down on the Catawba one and a likely score. Tutterow had two incomplete passes, and the Indians took over.

Catawba immediately kicked out to their own thirty-four, but on the first play Elbert Hall intercepted a Tutterow pass on the 20 and returned it to the 30. Two penalties and a stout Elon defense forced the Indians to kick out from their own four yard line. The Christians threatened for the last time. Tutterow ran fourteen yards to the Catawba 35., and passed to Luther Barnes to the twenty-six. On the next play Ray Pickens intercepted another Tutterow pass to thwart the drive.

Klutz, Carter and Binnie Luciano combined to spearhead a drive which bogged down on Elon's fourteen, and on first down, Tutterow was thrown in the end zone for a safety and the final score of the night.

Fred Biangardi, the old "Bulldozer" himself, was the work-horse of the Elon backfield that night, although Joe Parker did some nice running, and Jim Tutterow had a number of fine plays. J. C. Dishar turned in an excellent defensive game at end, with Fred Burmeister and Bobby Rogers also turning in bang-up defensive exhibitions for the Christians.

President Leon E. Smith and Prof. J. W. Barney were both members of Elon's first football squad back in 1909. The sport was introduced that year but was then abolished for ten years, the next team being formed in 1919.

## Elon Eleven Meets Bears On Saturday Of Next Week

### Elon Football

- Elon 0, Norfolk Navy 0.
- Elon 0, Wofford 20.
- Elon 13, Appalachian 7.
- Elon 9, East Carolina 25.
- Elon 28, Little Creek 28.
- Catawba 12, Elon 0.
- W.C.T.C 12, Elon 0.
- (Remaining Games)
- Nov. 8—Newberry, away.
- Nov. 15—Len. Rhyne, home.
- Nov. 27—Guilford, Reidsville.

## Tag Football Title Won By Frat Combine

By GARY SEARS

The tag football champions for 1952 have been crowned and in the spotlight we find the veteran ITK-Alpha Pi combine. The champions breezed through the regular season and in the playoffs downed North decisively 25-0, and 28-0.

Led by All-Campus stars Bob Stewart, Sammy Nelson, and Mike Rauseo, the champs charged up and down the field to give the winners plenty of offensive punch. Not to be outdone Ike Braxton, Stanley Bunch, and Spider Webb led the defensive line play of the winning team.

Offense was the call of the day, and North had its stars also. Terry Thomas, Nick Charles, and Sonny Carmichael threatened the champs' goal line several times but it was at this point that the stalwart defensive line of ITK-Alpha Pi held for downs.

The members of the championship ITK-Alpha Pi outfit included Merrimon and Walker, ends; Brunch and Braxton, tackles; Webb, guard; Rakes, center; and Stewart, Rauseo and Nelson, backs.

The line-up for the runner-up North Dorm combine showed Morrow and Thomas, ends; Meadows and Price, tackles; Winstead, guard; Stringer, center; and Charles, Cashwell and Heath, backs.

### OFFENSIVE STAR



FRED BIANGARDI

Fred Biangardi, Elon's senior fullback, who earned the nickname of "Bay Shore Bulldozer" way back in his freshman year, missed the Norfolk Navy and Wofford games this year because of a rhabarb over eligibility, but he has been an offensive star and the real work-horse of the Elon backfield ever since he donned the Maroon and Gold for the Appalachian encounter. He has been busting the middle in his old-time form in the last four games and has averaged close to four yards each time he lugged the ball. He has been the real offensive star of the Christians in spite of his late start.

The Fighting Christian grid squad, which is swinging down the home stretch of the 1952 season, invades South Carolina this weekend to meet the Newberry Indians, but the Maroon and Gold gridders have their big guns all loaded for the "big game" of the late season, which brings the big, bad Bears of Lenoir Rhyne to Burlington Memorial Stadium on Saturday of next week.

The Newberry battle this week is to be played on a neutral field at Clover, S. C., where one of the civic clubs is sponsoring the appearance of the Christians and Indians in their annual contest. Coaches Mallory and Mathis are not taking the Newberry game lightly, but both players and coaches have their sights set on the Lenoir Rhyne encounter.

The battle with Lenoir Rhyne has been the deciding contest of the North State Conference title race for the past three years, with the Bears emerging victorious in each season to knock Elon out of the race. This 1952 game can claim no such distinction, for Elon is already out of the running for the Conference crown, but the Fighting Christians remember well the trouncing handed out by Lenoir Rhyne for the past three seasons, and they aim definitely at revenge in next week's game.

The Lenoir Rhyne series has been a long and bitterly contested one, dating back to the 1921 season. Since that time the Christians and Bears have met twenty-three times on the gridiron, and the records show that Elon has an edge in games won. The Maroon and Gold has waved in victory fourteen times in the twenty-three games, while Lenoir Rhyne can claim only nine wins. However, it is a black spot on the record that Elon has failed to win a single game from the Bears since World War II.

There were six Elon victories in a row to start the series back in the Twenties. The Christians rolled to victory by 39 to 0 in 1921 and chalked a 48 to 6 triumph in the next game in 1926. They eked out a thriller by 7 to 6 in 1927, rolled again to win 26 to 7 in 1928, triumphed 13 to 7 in 1929 and then added a 20 to 7 victory in 1930.

Lenoir Rhyne finally broke into the victory column with wins in 1931 and 1932. The local records do not show the score of that 1931 game, but the count in 1932 was 12 to 7. After this Elon came back strong under Coaches Peahed Walker and Horace Hendrickson and won six more in a row, scoring being 7 to 0 in 1933, 13 to 6 in 1934, 20 to 0 in 1935, 38 to 0 in 1936, 27 to 6 in 1937 and 14 to 0 in 1938.

The Bears finally copped another win in 1939 by a 10 to 0 margin, but Elon won 8 to 0 in 1940 and 13 to 0 in 1941. There was a break in the series during World War II years, and since the War the Bears have chalked a six-game winning streak of their own. Their wins have been by 14 to 13 in 1946, 13 to 0 in 1947, 13 to 0 in 1948, 19 to 7 in 1949, 42 to 13 in 1950 and 48 to 14 last year. The last two overwhelming losses to the Bears are the ones which rankle worst in the hearts of the Elon gridmen, and they are the ones that the Christians will seek hardest to avenge next weekend.

The Lenoir Rhyne game will be the final one of the year in the Burlington Stadium, for the final Thanksgiving Day contest with Guilford will be played in Reidsville.

The Student Christian Association had charge of two successive religious chapel programs last week, with Laverne Brady speaking on Wednesday and Louise Bemis speaking on Friday. Each told of her experiences last summer with church caravan and work groups.