

SEEING SPORTS

with

GARY SEARS



The Fighting Christians of the hardwood seem to have hid a mid-season slump. After starting the year with a bang, the basketballers of Coach Doc Mathis are now having a tough time in maintaining a winning average. Over at the High Point game it appeared that the Christians would cop another thrilling win, but late in the third quarter the Panthers got hot and pulled away from the Maroon and Gold tossers. The game ended on Elon on the short end of a point margin.

At that High Point game, I made an inventory of a few things, noting that their school spirit needs improvement in comparison with our own. It is encouraging here to note that the attendance at more of our students at home basketball games indicates that school spirit is definitely on an upward trend. This we should encourage all the way. The High Panthers have one idea that we ought to copy. After each ball game an "Open House" is held for all their recreation hall. Here at Elon the girls have to report back to the dorm at once, but we might ask why some organization can't sponsor a similar affair of enjoyable nature after each of our home games? It might improve the interest and attendance here.

Incidentally, it would be well for everyone to really "get the spirit for our remaining games. We have nine Conference games left, and to win all of them would put us near enough the top to figure in an NAIA tournament berth. 'Twould be rather discouraging if our boys were to miss out on that tournament after winning it last year. How about it? Let's all get behind the team right now.

Uncle Sam Calls: Yes, it looks as if Coach Jet Pierce will be minus one of his net stars when the spring quarter rolls around. Hiram Greene, Number Five man on last year's squad, has been given that come hither sign. February 6th is the date. Sorry you have to leave, Hiram, but it's best wishes from the sports staff to you.

Coach Doc Mathis seems to have delved into the ranks of the intramurals for an up-and-coming basketball star. This time it's none other than John Platt, the jack-of-all-positions star from the Christians' gridiron backfield. While performing for the Oaklander five in the intramural loop, John was a spark-plug at guard. Due to his ability on defense and his rebounding abilities, Coach Mathis is using him at center. Platt should prove a big help in the closing games of the season, by which time he should be reaching top condition.

While on the subject of basketball, I should like to say to Captain Billy Hawkins that his recent play has been really sensational. In the East Carolina game and also against High Point, the "hawk" drove in time and again for lay-ups to keep the Christian hopes alive. Keep up the good work, Billy.

Just A Reminder: From Coach Jet Pierce to the student body... and set an example in regards smoking while in the gym. The floor has been refinished recently, and the ducking of cigarettes on the floor will soon ruin it. So, as a reminder, smoking only in

the balconies and in the vestibules.

Coach Jim Mallory, so we hear, has completed a recruiting trip through North Carolina and Virginia, and he reports some fine talent contacted. Previously Coach Mallory took a small jaunt up to the University of Maryland to confer with "Suny Jim" Tatum, the "Split-T" mentor of the mighty Terps. Result is that during winter practice the Christian gridgers are learning a new formation, namely the "Split-T."

The good weather which has been prevailing lately has brought the out-of-doors athletes into action. Many of the girls have taken to riding the horses over at the Saddle Club. Same old comment... "Silver refuses to jump mud-puddles."

Out on the golf links you'll find Terry Kelly, Joe Harvey and Moss Becroft. Those boys will have to shoulder the burden of our links squad. With Dave Mondy and Bill Hyler graduated, our golf team will be in the rebuilding stages, but early practice may put our linksmen back on top in the Conference race.

Baseball can't be too far away, and we can look for the Christians to be a winner this year. Coach Mallory has in the fold... and we quote... "One of the finest shortstops in North Carolina collegiate circles today." Transfer students may help out at a couple of posts that were weak last spring.

What about a track team? All I can say is that we have a great deal of material on this campus, and with some interested person in command we could field a great team. Now is the time to get started. Do we really want Lenoir Rhyne to take all four major titles again this year?

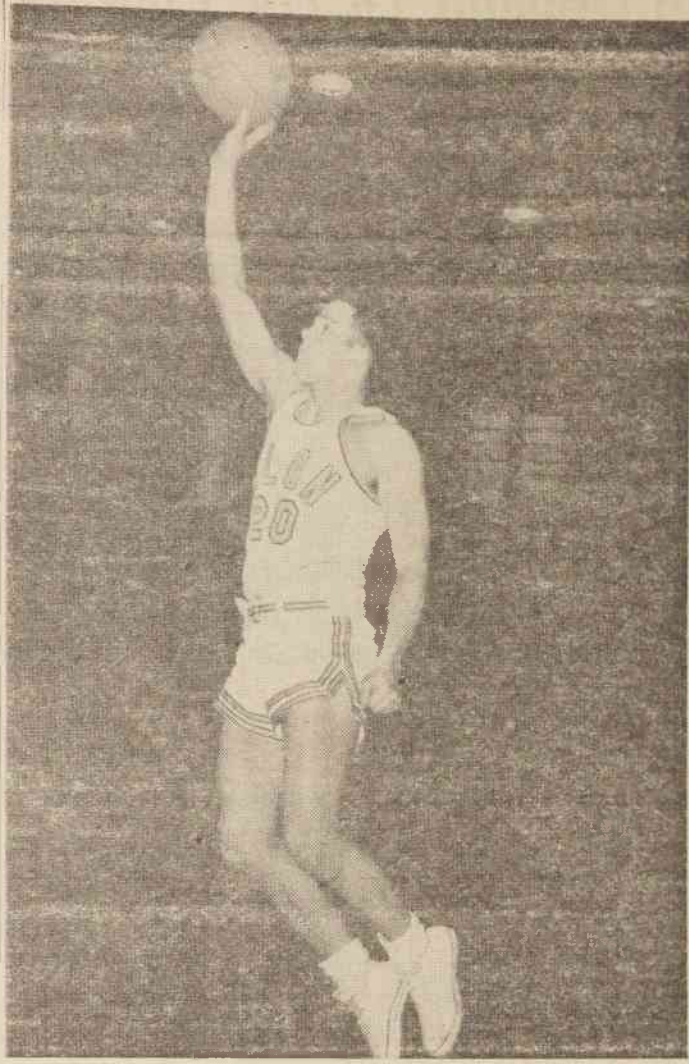
Add Tennis: Our hopes lie with veterans Bill Blackstone, Johnnie Howell and Page Painter and a group of others who will attempt to play intercollegiate tennis for the first time. Winter quarter is half gone, and it's time to get ready for the spring sports parade.

SCORING

(Thru January 22nd)

Player	Games	FG	FT	TP
Kendall	19	115	80	310
Malloy	19	93	59	245
Atkinson	19	89	63	241
Hawkins	18	57	41	155
Musten	19	43	38	124
Maddox	18	20	15	55
Burgess	5	16	19	55
Hall	12	16	7	39
Gauldin	18	12	8	32
Brown	11	12	7	31
McDaniel	11	8	8	24
Quakenbush	14	9	6	22
Whitley	7	8	1	17
Mitchell	10	4	6	14
McIntyre	12	3	8	14
Platt	4	3	5	11
City	1	0	1	1
Packard	2	0	0	0
R. Smith	2	0	0	0
Rice	1	0	0	0

ELON	19	503	370	1366
OPONENTS	19	442	359	1243



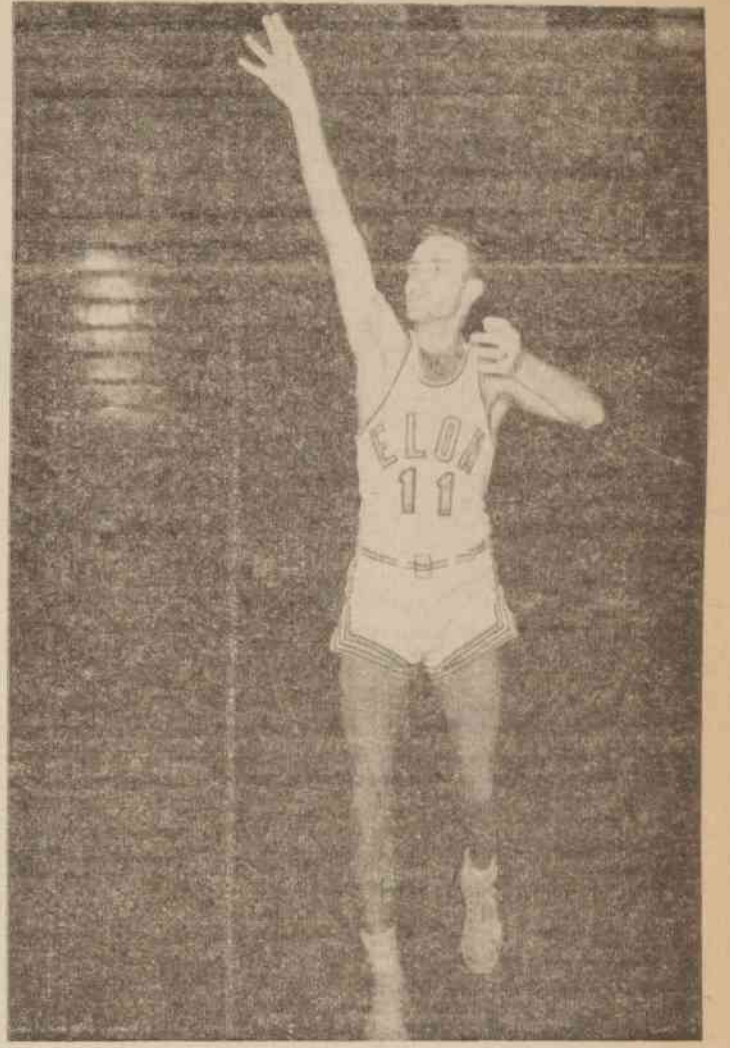
Ben Kendall

Pacing the scoring attack for the Elon Christians thus far in the current basketball season have been a pair of hard-driving forwards in the persons of Ben Kendall and Jack Malloy, ably aided by lanky Dee Atkinson at center. The two Christian forwards are pictured here, with Kendall on the left and Malloy on the right.

Kendall, who hails from Kokomo, Ind., is playing his third season in a Maroon and Gold uniform and bidding for his third consecutive All-Conference berth. The Indiana boy won All-Conference honors at guard his freshman year and then added a second All-Conference position and an All-State berth as a sophomore.

The hard-driving Hoosier star boasts a great variety of shots, although a jump-shot from around the foul line has often appeared to be his best threat. He has hit for 310 points in his first nineteen games this season, giving a total of 1,130 points for his two and one-half seasons on the Elon squad, a total which indicates he may set a new career record for the Christians before he graduates.

Malloy, who is a native of Lynchburg, Va., is also a junior, but he is playing his first season for Elon, having transferred to the Christian camp after playing two seasons with Lynchburg College. The Virginia boy, who likes to drive under from his forward position, has racked up 245 points in his first nineteen games this season.



Jack Malloy

Two Late Season Cage Tournaments Planned

Christian Quintet Still Scoring At Fast Pace

The Elon basketballers, after suffering a mid-season slump that brought three consecutive losses to East Carolina, McCrary and High Point, bounced back to win three of four starts within a week, including victories over Catawba, McCrary and Lenoir Rhyne. The loss mixed with those three victories was an upset defeat by DuPont.

The Christians showed thirteen wins in twenty starts, including last Saturday's decisive victory over Lenoir Rhyne at Hickory. At the same point they had four wins and two losses in the Conference, but they were facing two tough battles with Western Carolina at Cullowhee this week scores of which were unavailable at this writing.

McCRARY 77, ELON 68

The Christian cagers bowed to the powerful McCrary Eagles at Asheboro by a 77 to 63 score on Monday night, January 12th, as the Eagles' ace forward, Darrell Floyd, poured 34 points through the netting to lead the enemy attack. McCrary moved ahead in the first quarter and maintained the lead throughout the game.

The Eagles were leading by twenty points at the end of the third quarter, but the Christians rallied in the final period to cut the margin to nine points. Ben Kendall hit for 19 points, and Dee Atkinson showed 14 counters. Pos. Elon (68) McCrary (77) F—Kendall (19) Floyd (34) F—Malloy (2) Langdon (19) C—Atkinson (14) Williams (13) G—Musten (2) H. Nance (4) G—Hawkins (8) Slaydon G—McCrary 41, Elon 32. Elon subs—Hall (8), Gauldin (7), Brown, McDaniel (1), Maddox (7), Quakenbush, McIntyre. McCrary subs—Raines, Joyce, Sheets (1), Moran (3), Henry (3), B. Nance.

HIGH POINT 79, ELON 69

The High Point Panthers handed the Christian cagers a decisive 79 to 69 defeat in a North State Conference battle that was played in High Point on Thursday night, January 15th, cutting the Elon Conference mark at that point to two wins and two defeats.

The Panthers gained a two-point lead in the first quarter, but Elon tied the score at 38-all by half-time, only to have the High Pointers move to the front by ten points at the three-quarter mark on the shooting of big Howard Alexander. That ten-point lead held for the game.

Jack Malloy was the top scorer for Elon with 15 points, with Dee Atkinson and Billy Hawkins racking in 14 and Ben Kendall 12 markers each.

Pos. Elon (69) High Point (79) F—Kendall (12) Sykes (10) F—Malloy (15) Hicks (1) C—Atkinson (14) Alexander (23) G—Musten (6) Moseley (20) G—Hawkins (14) Davidson (11) Half—Elon 38, High Point 38. Elon subs—Hall (2), Gauldin, Maddox (1), Platt (4), Quakenbush, Mitchell (1), High Point subs—Thornton (9), Lisk (1), Simpson (4).

ELON 83, CATAWBA 65

The Elon cagers got hot in the third quarter and moved far ahead of the Catawba Indians to clinch an 83 to 65 victory over the Tribe in a North State Conference battle played in Salisbury on Saturday night, January 17th.

Jack Malloy was the prime operator in that Elon rally in the third quarter, for the slender forward racked seven field goals in that one period as Elon gained an eleven-point margin. Malloy counted a total of 24 points for the game to lead the Elon attack.

Other Elon leaders were Ben Kendall with 18, Dee Atkinson with 13 and Ray Whitley with 10 points, Don Graham was top man for Catawba with 18 points. Pos. Elon (83) Catawba (65) F—Kendall (18) Barrow (4) F—Malloy (24) McKaig (15) C—Atkinson (13) Seats (10) G—Musten (9) Graham (18) G—Hawkins (1) Lyndon (8) Half—Catawba 37, Elon 36. Elon subs—Hall (4), Gauldin (2), Platt (1), Brown (8), Maddox (2), Whitley (10), Quakenbush. Catawba subs—Sumney (7), Lentz, Walsler (3), Porter.

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Elon Cage Games

- Elon 70, Lynchburg 65.
- Elon 73, Va. Tech 61.
- Elon 95, A. C. C. 56.
- Elon 76, Lynchburg 64.
- Elon 81, High Point Y 69.
- Elon 63, Guilford 48.
- Elon 78, High Point 80.
- Elon 73, Presbyterian 67.
- Elon 62, Erskine 74.
- Elon 47, High Point Y 55.
- Elon 64, Appalachian 61.
- Elon 76, DuPont 43.
- Elon 73, Presbyterian 48.
- Elon 75, East Carolina 76.
- Elon 68, McCrary 77.
- Elon 69, High Point 79.
- Elon 83, Catawba 65.
- Elon 74, DuPont 78.
- Elon 86, McCrary 77.
- Elon 82, Lenoir Rhyne 69.

Remaining Games

- Jan. 26—W. C. T. C., away.
- Jan. 27—W. C. T. C., away.
- Jan. 29—Erskine, here.
- Jan. 31—Catawba, here.
- Feb. 4—Appalachian, here.
- Feb. 7—Guilford, away.
- Feb. 11—High Point, here.
- Feb. 14—East Carolina, away.
- Feb. 16—A. C. C., here.
- Feb. 18—Lenoir Rhyne, here.
- Feb. 21—Guilford, here.

NAIA Meet To Follow Conference Tournament

The 1952-53 basketball season for Elon and other North State Conference teams will be climaxed by two tournaments, the first of them being the annual Conference title meet to be held in Winston-Salem the last week in February, with the annual Carolinas NAIA tournament to follow immediately afterward at a site to be determined later.

Plans for both tournaments were mapped at a meeting of coaches and officials held in Salisbury on Sunday, January 18th, at which time the North State cage coaches met with officers of the Winston-Salem Exchange Club, which will sponsor the big meet in the Twin City.

Staged in Statesville for the past three years, the Conference meet will be held in the Twin City's beautiful new Reynolds High gymnasium, beginning on Wednesday night, February 25th, and closing on Saturday night, February 28th. The Wednesday night program replaces the Thursday afternoon games that have

opened the meet in previous years. Eight of the nine Conference teams will participate in this tournament in Winston-Salem, with the four top teams getting seeded berths. Plans call for the third and fourth teams to meet first round opponents on Wednesday night, with the first and second teams playing their allotted opponents on Thursday night. The semi-finals will be played on Friday night, with the finals on Saturday night.

The plans for the annual NAIA tournament are not so definite, since only four teams will compete, and those four teams must be chosen from both the North State Conference and the South Carolina "Little Four." Season records will determine the participating teams in this meet.

Tournament champions of each of the two conferences will automatically qualify for the NAIA meet, unless Wofford wins the Palmetto State title. Since Wofford is not a member of the NAIA, the Terriers could not compete, in which case the winner of the North State title would be the only automatic qualifier.

If both conference champions qualify, then the other two teams will be the pair from the North State and "Little Four" loops with the best season record against NAIA opponents. If only the North State champions qualify, then three teams with the top seasonal marks in NAIA play would fill out the bracket.

The NAIA tournament (previously known as the NAIB) was held here at Elon last season, but the location of this year's meet will not be decided until later in the season when the list of entries is more nearly determined. Possible entries for the NAIA, in addition to the nine North State Conference teams, include skine, Newberry and College of Charleston, all in South Carolina.

The worst football defeat ever suffered by an Elon football squad and also the greatest number of points ever scored on a Christetan team came when Clemson defeated Elon 60 to 0 in 1924.

JV Cagers Are Undefeated

The Elon junior varsity basketball squad, composed largely of freshmen and coached by Nelvin Crooper, former varsity cage star, is breezing along undefeated and with nine victories.

The Elon youngsters have been hard-pushed in only three games, the battles against the Carolina JV's, the Burlington Highs and the High Point JV's. Scores of games played thus far are shown below:

- Elon 53, Carolina V 47.
- Elon 59, Lynchburg JV 38.
- Elon 58, Graham High 33.
- Elon 81, Lynchburg JV 63.
- Elon 65, Franklinville 44.
- Elon 58, Burlington High 56.
- Elon 63, Emporia High 30.
- Elon 57, Jacksonville 39.
- Elon 56, High Point JV 55.
- Other games scheduled are with Burlington, anuary 29; Franklinville, February 3; Haw River, February 4; Guilford JV's February 7; High Point JV's, February 11; Carolina JV's, February 18; and Guilford JV's, February 21.

Ray Whitley, freshman from Winston-Salem Gray High, and E. B. McDaniel, a transfer from Campbell Junior College, are pacing the junior varsity scoring with 81 and 80 points. Both have played part of the season with the Elon varsity.

Complete scoring record for the junior varsity players follows:

Player	fg	ft	tp
Whitley	35	11	81
McDaniel	30	20	80
Rice	22	7	51
Brown	15	10	40
Packard	15	9	39
Walker	15	9	39
Shelton	15	4	34
Wheeler	12	8	32
City	11	8	30
Garrett	12	6	30
J. Smith	7	6	20
Becroft	9	2	20
Barr	7	2	16
Mitchell	6	2	14
R. Smith	4	4	12
McIntyre	2	5	7
Fields	2	2	6
Armfield	1	0	2