

SEEING SPORTS

with

GARY SEARS



MINOR SPORTS

GOLF SCHEDULE

- Elon 5 1-2, Ohio U. 21 1-2.
- Elon 2 1-2, Wake Forest 24 1-2.
- Elon 3 1-2, East Carolina 23 1-2.
- Elon 3, N. C. State 24.
- Elon 4, East Carolina 23.
- Elon 10 1-2, High Point 7 1-2.
- Elon 6, N. C. State 21.
- Elon 8 1-2, Guilford 9 1-2.
- Elon 10 1-2, High Point 7 1-2.
- Elon 2 1-2, Carolina JV 24 1-2.
- Elon 1 1-2, Wake Forest 25 12.
- Elon 5, Guilford 13.

TENNIS SCHEDULE

- Elon 0, N. C. State 9.
- Elon 3, Wake Forest 5.
- Elon 7, Guilford 0.
- Elon 0, East Carolina 9.
- Elon 0, East Carolina 9.
- Elon 2, High Point 5.
- Elon 5, Lenoir Rhyne 1.
- Elon 4, Catawba 3.
- Elon 3, Wake Forest 6.
- Elon 2, High Point 5.
- Elon 0, Carolina JV 9.
- Elon 7, Lenoir Rhyne 0.
- Elon 7, Catawba 0.
- Elon 0, N. C. State 9.
- Elon 6, Guilford 1.
- Elon 5, Lynchburg 4.
- Elon 2, Carolina JV 8.
- Elon 9, Lynchburg 0.

Just as I predicted, the Christians walked away with the Eastern Division crown in the North State Conference baseball play. For the second straight year, the Christians posted impressive wins over the other Conference teams in this division. Had it not been for the unexpected and extra-fine play of the Pirates from down at East Carolina, our boys would have been sporting an unbeaten Conference record. The Pirates upset the apple cart and the Christians hopes of an unbeaten record when they downed Elon 6-5 and 12-9 on two successive days. These two defeats put the Mallory-men on the spot, and it was compulsory that they win three of their last four games to put a claim on first place in the Eastern Division. The Christians got their three out of four, however, and ended up with a 14-2 Conference record and a 17-5 over-all mark.

The Christians, one of the finest and best-balanced college clubs in the year, came through with flying colors when they took double-headers from Guilford and High Point on straight days. In the final High Point game Coach Mallory had a team composed entirely of his second-stringers and the manager. A little more about the performance of the manager later, but now a brief comment about the so-called "second-stringers." This is in no way a remark concerning the boys who have been playing regularly or about the coaching, but some of the boys who performed in that last game seemed to show hustle that some of the regulars were beginning to lack. At shortstop Alton Myers looked great and robbed the Panthers of what seemed to be sure hits.

Some coaches find it difficult to get enough material, but we were fortunate in having more than enough this year, and it turned out that Dwight Dillon, the footballer who acted as manager, filled in as a left fielder and came up with a commendable game. In the field Dwight handled two chances flawlessly and handled a hit off the fence like a veteran. What really came in for comment, however, was the knock that Dwight got. It was a hard hit ball to centerfield, which got away from the centerfielder and enabled Dwight to slide into third base on the play. Some's got . . . some ain't . . . Elon, we're loaded, no bats off to the diamonders and Coach Mallory for a job superbly done.

While handing out congratulatory remarks, here's one for those boys who participated in the recent North State track meet. Our boys finished in third place, behind the defending champions from Lenoir Rhyne and High Point. It was the second successive title for the Bears from up in Hickory, but we think that they will be pushed hard to regain the title again next year. If our boys, with one week of practice, can come in third in the Conference, we wonder what we could have done with a couple of dual meets during the year. We would also like to see a little more support from the school in the way of equipment, and we believe the Christians would bring home the title next year. The majority of the boys wanted track and showed interest in the meet, and we just wonder if the athletic department will give some financial aid next year. One final note, and that is that Bo Small deserves a lot of credit for taking the thin-clads under his guidance, as does Mal Bennett for his interest.

The college anglers have been fishing the lake at Moon-Elon a thorough going over, and it seems that Jack James, of Fayetteville, has come up with the prize catch so far. Jack brought in a 22-inch,

3-pound 2-ounce bass. Many others have been seen spending these sunny afternoons down at the lake and all seem to be hoping for something along the same line that Jack brought home. Best of luck to the sportsmen who aspire to be stars in fishing.

The closing of each school year causes all of us to look around and see what has been accomplished, and we find that the intramural program has really been operated on a well-planned basis this year. The intramural council, working with Don Merrimon and Coach J. L. Pierce, deserves a hearty thanks for a job well done. Still looking for further advancement, we find that the tennis team has the best record in the recent history of the school, that is within the conference ranks. The team was in a rebuilding stage this year, and again next year it will be seeking replacements for Bill Blackstone, Lou Rochelli, Bob Peters and Page Painter. Despite this fact, the picture look bright, as two boys who were ineligible this year should give added strength.

Another angle that needs comment is the support given athletic teams by the student body this year. The support has been better this year, and when football season comes let's have even bigger student representation at the contests. Let's all get started on the right foot.

The Pirates from E.C.C. have given the call. For an assistant coach they need this fall. They came to us for Sunny Jim. How we students hate to lose him!

He came to us in the year '48. After being at Burlington where his teams were great.

And here at Elon, as coach of eleven and nine.

His teams have been nothing short of fine.

So, here's to Sunny Jim as you leave us.

Endeared with our faith and always our trust: You've served us well, and we know as you go. You'll always be remembered by us here at Elo'.

Best wishes to all the seniors, and may a good summer be awaiting all until we meet again in the fall.

EASTERN DIVISION BASEBALL CHAMPIONS OF 1953



The Elon College baseball squad, which chalked up a record of 17 wins in 22 starts during the regular season, winning the eastern division crown and the right to meet Lenoir Rhyne for the North State Conference title, is shown above. Left to right in the picture, the players are as follows: Front Row—Homer Hobgood, Arthur Mackie, Bobby Jones, Jack Musten, Jimmy Dalton and Larry Summers. Middle Row—Gene Curtis, Bobby Stewart, Don Packard, Nick Thompson, Alton Myers and Larry Dofflemeyer. Back Row—Luther Conger, Carroll Reid, Carlton Langston, E. B. McDaniel, Bobby Green, Sherrill Hall, Charlie Swicegood, and Gene Laughlin.

Christian Tracksters Finish Third In Annual Conference Cinder Meet

The power-packed Lenoir Rhyne Bears successfully defended their North State Conference track title, walking off with the cinder event for the second successive year in the meet held at High Point on Saturday afternoon, May 9th, as they pulled away from the High Point and Elon squads down the stretch.

The Bears' well-balanced squad scored 62 points to win the title while High Point nosed Elon for second place in a battle that lasted until the final event. High Point had 49 1-2 and Elon 45 1-2 points, while Guilford trailed with 7 points.

The championship squad from Lenoir Rhyne offered its stars, but all had to take a back seat in the individual scoring department to Mal Bennett, sensational Elon freshman, who racked up 22 points while competing in seven events. Bennett scored first in the high hurdles, low hurdles and javelin, and added a second in the 220-yard dash and fourth in the pole vault and high jump.

Bennett set new records in each of the hurdles marks. He ran the high hurdles in 15.4 seconds to clip 1.1 second off the old mark

held by Moretz, of Lenoir Rhyne, and he set the low hurdle mark at 27.4 seconds, exactly five tenths second better than the old record of 27.9 set by Small, of Guilford, in 1951. Lenoir Rhyne also set two marks, Gene Robinson lowering his own century mark to 9.9 seconds, while Pless leaped 10 feet 1-2 inches in the pole vault for a new record.

Bobby Green and Paul Watts, two other speedy Elon freshmen, added two other first places for the Christians. Both were borrowed from the baseball squad for the day, with Green taking the 440 yard dash and Watts copping the half-mile. Green also added a second in the broad jump, and Watts was fourth in the hundred.

The summary of the Conference meet follows:

100-yard dash: G. Robinson (Lenoir Rhyne), J. Robinson (Lenoir Rhyne), Gilbert (Lenoir Rhyne), Watts (Elon). Time: 9.9 seconds. (New record).

220-yard dash: G. Robinson (Lenoir Rhyne), J. Robinson (Lenoir Rhyne), Gilbert (Lenoir Rhyne), Privott (Guilford). Time: 22.5 seconds.

440-yard dash: Green (Elon), Privott (Guilford), Campbell (Len-

oir Rhyne). Kirby (Elon). Time: 55.6 seconds.

880-yard run: Watts (Elon), Redditt (High Point), Beattie (Lenoir Rhyne), Dasher (Lenoir Rhyne). Time: 2 minutes 13.5 seconds.

One-mile run—Seattle (Lenoir Rhyne), Redditt (High Point), Thornton (High Point), Danley (Lenoir Rhyne). Time: 5 minutes 4.8 seconds.

Two-mile run — Danley (Lenoir Rhyne), Beattie (Lenoir Rhyne), Cockerham (High Point), Thornton (High Point). Time: 12 minutes 28 seconds.

120-yard hurdles — Bennett (Elon), Moretz (Lenoir Rhyne), Gregg (Elon), Frazier (High Point). Time: 15.4 seconds. (New record).

220-yard low hurdles: Bennett (Elon), Eury (Lenoir Rhyne), Davidson (High Point), Moretz (Lenoir Rhyne). Time: 27.4 seconds. (New record).

High jump: Davidson (High Point), tie for second by Maddox (Elon) and Moseley (High Point), Bennett (Elon). Height: 5 feet 8 inches.

Broad jump: Moseley (High Point), Green (Elon), Bennett (Elon), Davidson (High Point). Dis-

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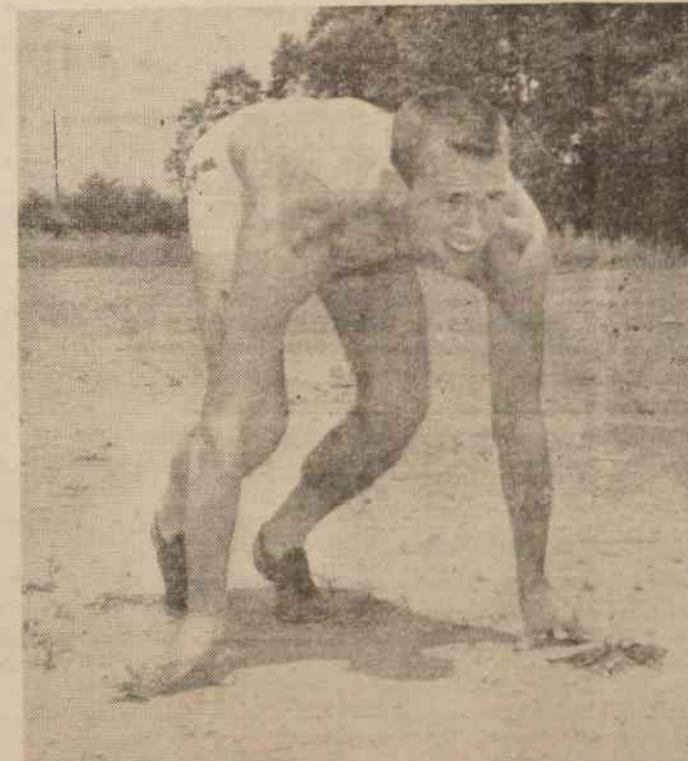
Elon Freshman Tops Track Scoring

Mal Bennett, versatile and talented Elon freshman, turned in the outstanding individual performance in the fourth annual North State Conference track meet at High Point on Saturday afternoon, May 9th.

Bennett, who hails from Asheville, set two new Conference records and copped three first places, one second place, one third place and two fourth places while competing in seven of the fourteen individual events.

The Elon speedster opened the meet program by romping over the high hurdles for an easy victory, in which he set a new mark of 15.4 seconds. Later in the afternoon he won the low hurdles with equal ease and set a new record of 27.4 seconds in that event.

In between these events Bennett was racing hither and yon to take his trials in four other events, winning the javelin throw easily with a toss of 154 feet, copping second in the discus, third in the broad jump and fourth places in both the high jump and pole vault.



Mal Bennett, Ace Cinderman

Elon Baseballers Clinch Eastern Division Crown

The Elon Christians copped the eastern division championship in the North State Conference for the second straight year when Coach Jim Mallory's boys chalked four victories in two days to wind up the regular 1953 baseball schedule.

After slipping up and dropping a pair of games to the East Carolina Pirates, which left the Christians with their backs to the wall in the closing days of the campaign, the Maroon and Gold tossers turned in double victories over Guilford and High Point to win the division crown and the right to meet Lenoir Rhyne in the Conference play-offs at Kannapolis.

The double wins over Guilford and High Point left the Christians with a mark of fourteen wins and two losses in Conference play and an over-all mark of seventeen wins and five defeats for the entire season.

EAST CAROLINA 6, ELON 5

The Elon nine suffered its first defeat in Conference play on Friday, May 7th, when the East Carolina Pirates chalked a 6 to 5 victory here on the Elon field. The Christians gained an edge in the middle of the game, but East Carolina gained the decision in the top of the ninth when Jim Sanderson stole home after two were away.

Sherrill Hall, Elon pitcher, suffered his first defeat of the year and the first loss he has ever had to a collegiate team in this game, which saw Jimmy Dalton as the top hitter for Coach Mallory's boys. Dalton banged out a double and two singles and drove in four of the Christians' five runs.

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Elon 201 101 000—5 11 2

EAST CAROLINA 12, ELON 9

The Pirate baseballers greeted the Elon Christians with heavy bats in the opening portion of the game here on Saturday, May 9th, when the East Carolina outfit banged out a 12 to 9 victory in a ragged game. It marked two straight wins for the visitors from the Carolina coastal region and left Elon needing three wins in her final four games to take the division title.

East Carolina tallied four times in the first inning and chalked three runs in each of the fourth and fifth to build up a 10 to 1 lead before Elon could get started. The Christians scored six in the eighth, but it was a case of too little too late. Four Elon pitchers shared mound duty in the game.

J. Hall and B. Cline; S. Hall and Jones.

Nick Thompson and Bobby Stewart were the top hitters for Elon with two hits apiece, but Jack Musten proved the heavy knocker with a two-run homer in that eighth inning rally. Elon had eight errors to aid the enemy cause.

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Elon 001 020 060— 9 10 8

Piner, M. Byrd, J. Byrd and B. Cline; Swicegood, Conger, Curtis, Mackie and Jones, McDaniel.

ELON 4, GUILFORD 1

Arthur Mackie, little freshman right-hander from Cocoa, Fla., was Elon's winning pitcher as the Christians chalked a 4 to 1 win over the Guilford Quakers in the first game of a double-header here on Monday, May 11th. Mackie held the Quakers to three hits in this game, meanwhile walking three and striking out four men.

The Christians gained a slim one-run margin in the third inning only to have Guilford tie the score in the top of the sixth. This tie set the stage for Jack Musten, senior outfielder and co-captain, to hammer a three-run homer over the left field wall and clinch the victory. Musten was the only Elon hitter able to hit twice during the game.

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Elon 001 003 x—4 5 0
Davis and Percise; Mackie and Jones.

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NAME ALL-CAMPUS FOR '53 SOFTBALL

Wade Garrett and Don Merrimon were named co-captains of the All-Campus softball squad, which was chosen by the Intramural Committee at the close of the 1953 campaign. The squad includes twelve stars, including six from North-Vets, three from Iota Tau Kappa, one from Kappa Psi-Club House, one from East Dorm and one from Alpha Pi-Carlton.

The all-star outfit included Don Merrimon (I.T.K.), catcher; Wade Garrett (Kappa Psi-Club House), pitcher; Pat Chandler (North-Vets), pitcher; Terry Thomas (North-Vets), first base; Bill Armfield (North-Vets) second base; Ben Kendall (I.T.K.), shortstop; Cecil Bailey (North-Vets), third base; Scott Quakenbush (I.T.K.) outfield; Gene Williams (North-Vets), outfield; John MacKay (East), outfield; and Luther Barnes (Alpha Pi-Carlton), outfield.

Letters Given Elon Athletes On 4 Teams

Forty-four Elon College athletes were given monogram awards this week for service with Fighting Christian sports teams during the winter and spring seasons. There were twelve awards for varsity basketball, nineteen for baseball, seven for members of the tennis team and six to Christian golfers.

Basketball monograms went to Captain Billy Hawkins, Jack Malloy, Ned Gaudin, Jack Mitchell, Husky Hall, Dee Atkinson, Dave Maddox, E. B. McDaniel, Jack Musten, Ray Whitley, Don Packard and Ronnie McIntyre.

Baseball letters went to Co-Captains Carroll Reid and Jack Musten, along with Bobby Jones, Homer Hobgood, Carlton Langston, Jimmy Dalton, Bobby Stewart, Alton Myers, Don Packard, Larry Dofflemeyer, Bobby Green, E. B. McDaniel, Sherrill Hall, Charlie Swicegood, Luther Conger, Arthur Mackie, Gene Curtis, Nick Thompson and Larry Summers.

The seven tennis awards went to Bill Blackstone, Bob Peters, Johnnie Howell, Lou Rochelli, Charlie Schrader, Page Painter and Gary Sears, while golf letters went to Don Smith, Joe Harvey, Bowman Small, Nelvin Cooper, Roy McGriff and Wayne Workman.

CAMPUS ATHLETIC HONORS AWARDED

The Kappa Psi - Club House softball team, which clinched the campus championship in a play-off with North-Vets and Iota Tau Kappa, was given the championship award in a special program in chapel on Monday morning, at which time other intramural trophies for the year were presented.

Other team trophies went to Alpha Pi-ITK in football, Oak-Carlton in basketball and Sigma Phi Beta in volley ball. Awards also went to Bayard Hovdesven in ping pong, to Ben Kendall in tennis singles and to Ben Kendall and Husky Hall in tennis doubles.

The E. W. Vickers Memorial Trophy for the best team record went to Iota Tau Kappa, the Joseph Hopkins Memorial Trophy for the most individual points went to Ben Kendall, and the Vincent Kaslow Sportsman-ship Trophy went to Don Merrimon.