

What It Is, Is Basketball As High Point Discovered In Defeat

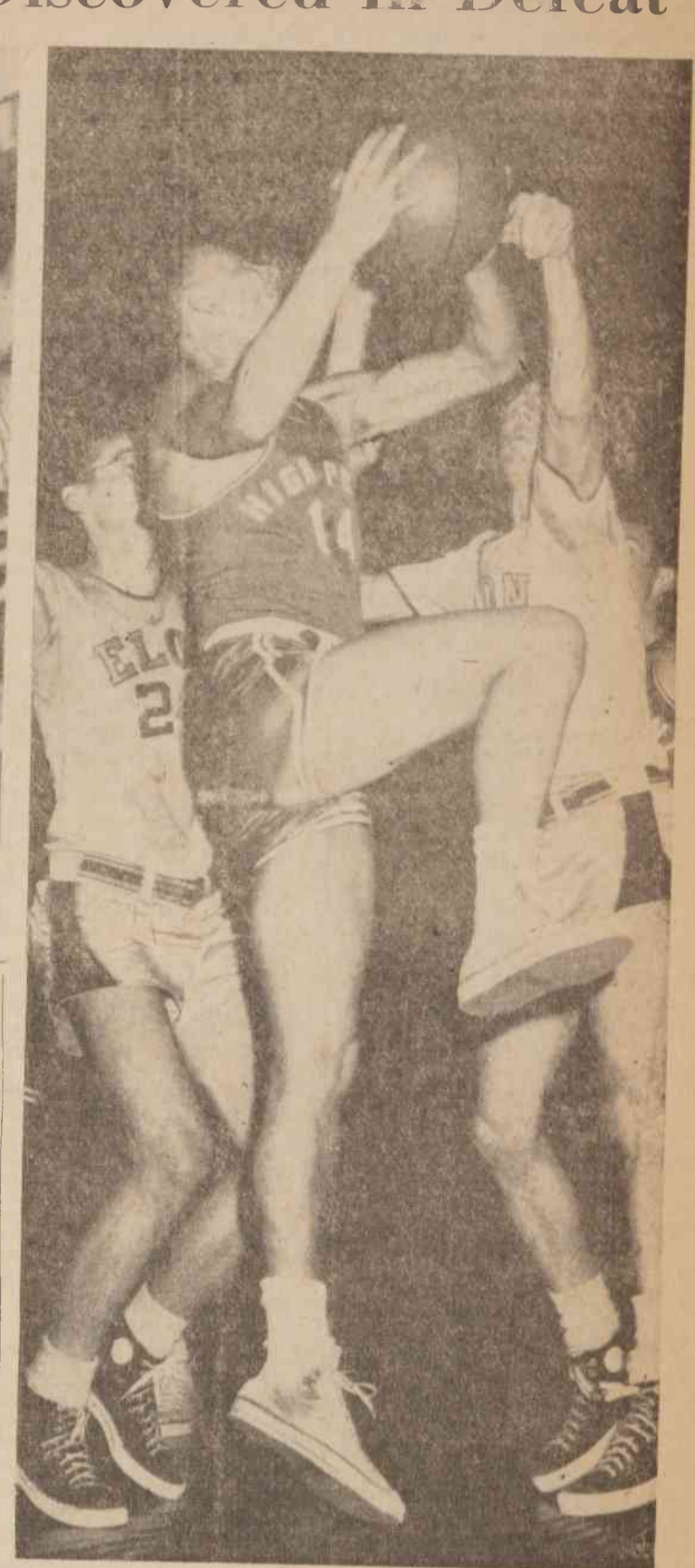
The American game of basketball can produce some peculiar situations, especially when viewed by a fast camera, for the rival players can get into some fearful entanglements, as witness accompanying pictures taken during the recent Elon-High Point game.

One might well imagine that Ned Gauldin (14) and Dave Maddox (24), both of Elon, were playing "London Bridge Is Broken Down" with Paul Sykes, High Point ace, Hank Hamrick, of Elon, just back of Sykes, appears waiting to follow Sykes through the bridge.

Jack Mitchell, Elon forward, might well be a football full-back, taking a hand-off from a "T" quarterback and driving with head down through a hole in an enemy line.

Paul Sykes' high kicking leg would do credit to a ballet dancer as he goes up in attempt to hook a shot over the arms of Ned Gauldin and Dave Maddox, Elon defenders.

However, regardless of what imagination may do with the three pictures, "What It Was, Was Basketball." The High Point Panthers found out, too, that it was pretty good basketball as they went down to a 70-60 defeat.



SEEING SPORTS

with
GARY SEARS

In the Christmas issue of the Maroon and Gold I asked the good St. Nick to look out for the Pirates down at East Carolina. I think my friends down there were highly offended and took the remarks to heart. So, when the Fighting Christians went down to Greenville to play basketball on January 9th, they really received a blast from the sports department there.

Not only were they ridiculed to high heaven, but yours truly caught it too. Now, for the benefit of my colleague down at E.C.C., I'd like to say that I don't pretend to be a Grantland Rice or Shirley Fovich, nor even a Jack Horner. All I want is the facts, and it seems that the "East Carolinian" went into some facts and figures relating to the Elon-East Carolina relationships in the past year. He failed to mention two years ago, when Elon knocked East Carolina out of a chance for the NAIA Tournament; but, of course, that's all in the past.

The question, or rather topic, of discussion in my Christmas column was in reference to the Elks' Bowl down in Greenville this year. I'd like to quote Moses Crutchfield's column for Friday, January 15th. He said, "Earl Smith, East Carolina assistant in both football and basketball, was up scouting Guilford and Western Carolina the other night, and he anticipated the question before it was asked. 'What happened to us against Morris Harvey? Well, you saw what happened to Maryland against Oklahoma, and the same thing happened to us against them. We could never get moving. And, too, I think our players thought about like 3,000 other people in the stands . . . that we had a set-up.'"

Now, Robert, old boy, we don't have any sour grapes, our athletic sun seems far from sinking, and maybe my grammar ain't the best; but, one thing for sure, we liked the score, and we're enjoying the scenery now. 'Nuff said! We ain't mad at nobody!

Some of you have been wondering about the chances of our basketball team, and I suppose you have had some reason to do so, but don't sell the Christians short. Sure, our record up to the present

is probably the worst we've had in the last two or three years, but we do not have the experienced men we have been having. You just don't lose men like Ben Kendall, Dee Atkinson, Billy Hawkins, and Jack Musten all at once and then expect to come up with a crackerjack club the next year. I'm sure that Coach Doc Mathis and his boys want to win just as badly as anyone, so why can't the student body get out and give them a little more support. We had a miserable following at the Atlantic Christian game. Why, even the Bulldogs had a following that equalled ours, in noise if not in size. I hear a lot of complaints about the school and some of the teams, but I've yet to see any of those complaining get in a bunch at a home game or on a road trip and whoop it up. Neither the school nor the teams are as bad as some students like to pretend. It doesn't take too much time or energy to give your athletic teams the support they deserve. Why not make plans now to do your share?

Hats off to the I.T.K. fraternity boys for their victory in the campus volleyball league. Here's hoping you can bring home the same kind of victory from the Southeastern Volley Ball Tournament at Davidson, which will be late in February.

The intramural basketball league is well underway, and, as in the past, the competition is fast and furious. Three of the top teams in the league are Sigma Phi, North Dorm and I.T.K. The boys from North are out to win the championship, and to prove that their basketball team is just as good as their football team that won the campus grid title this past fall. John Brady, Joe Harvey and Bob Walker have been the leading scorers. Sigma Phi, with Bubba Barnes, John Platt and Woddy Stoffel, are strong contenders and figure to give the North lads a run for their money. I.T.K. has a veteran line-up that includes Nick Thompson, Eddie Rakes and Bobby Stewart, and that team should figure high in the final standings.

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Christians Get Hot For

Three Successive Conference Wins

Elon Stops ACC Quint 69-66 Here

The Elon cagers overcame an early lead and then withstood a final period challenge to defeat the Atlantic Christian Bulldogs 69 to 66 in a North State Conference battle on the local floor on Wednesday night, January 13th.

It was the first Conference battle of the year on the local floor, and the win lifted the Maroon and Gold quintet out of the North State cellar, where they were thrust after losing the Conference opener to East Carolina down at Greenville the previous weekend. The Bulldogs swept to the front in the opening period on some nice shooting by Jerry Williams and Bill Beacham, with the visitors holding a 19-15 margin as the first rest period came.

The Christian offense caught fire at that point, and in the early minutes of the second period the Elon cagers pulled up to tie the count at 26-all as Don Packard sparked a Christian rally. The lead was traded a couple of times, and then the score tied again at 31-31 before Ned Gauldin, Jack Mitchell and Dave Maddox hit the bucket for three quick scores that sent the home forces out for half-time with a 40 to 34 margin.

The Bulldogs came back to tie the count at 44-44 after 3:30 of the third quarter, but Ray Whitley's free throw and two quick baskets by Gauldin edged the Christians back ahead for a 49-44 lead at the end of the third period.

Elon maintained its lead throughout the most of the fourth quarter, although the visiting Bulldogs kept yapping at their heels and pulled to within one point at 64-63 just two and one-half minutes before the end.

Don Packard was the top scorer for the Christians and also for the game as he bucketed nine field goals and five free throws for a total of 23 points.

Pos. Elon (69) A.C.C. (66)
F—Malloy (6) Peebles (6)
F—Gauldin (14) Williams (14)
C—Maddox (4) Beacham (13)
G—Packard (23) Percise (12)
G—Timmons (3) Widgeon (8)
Half—Elon 40, A.C.C. 34.
Elon subs—Mitchell 10, Hamrick 2, Stone 1, Whitley 6. A.C.C. subs—Hebbe 4, Marley 9, Aheron, Johnson.

Elon Cage Games

- Elon 78, Belmont Abbey 81.
- Elon 77, McCrary 67.
- Elon 63, Presbyterian 82.
- Elon 80, McCrary 65.
- Elon 65, Belmont Abbey 75.
- Elon 62, Presbyterian 82.
- Elon 51, East Carolina 85.
- Elon 69, A.C.C. 66.
- Elon 66, Catawba 53.
- Elon 70, High Point 60.

(Remaining Games)

- Jan. 23—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Jan. 27—Appalachian, away.
- Jan. 30—Catawba, away.
- Feb. 1—Guilford, home.
- Feb. 3—Appalachian, home.
- Feb. 6—W.C.T.C., away.
- Feb. 9—Guilford, away.
- Feb. 11—High Point, away.
- Feb. 13—East Carolina, home.
- Feb. 15—A.C.C., away.
- Feb. 17—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Feb. 20—W.C.T.C., home.

Cagers Top Catawba By 66-53 Count

Grabbing off a long lead in a red-hot first quarter, the Elon Christians defeated the Catawba Indians 66 to 53 here on Saturday night, January 16th, making it two successive Conference wins for the wearers of the Maroon and Gold colors.

The victory enabled the Elon hoopsters to jump from the Conference cellar to a tie for third place within four days, for the victory gave Elon a .667 percentage and a tie with Lenoir Rhyne for the third spot.

In the battle with Catawba, the Christians hit a fast pace in the opening minutes and swept away to a 26 to 7 lead in the first 10 minutes of play. Co-Captains Ned Gauldin and Jack Malloy led this early drive, and Elon's defense held Catawba without a field goal for nine minutes and twenty-five seconds.

The Christian attack bogged down at that point, while big Bob Flynn, Catawba freshman from Kentucky, paced the Indians in a rally that produced a 16-10 edge for Catawba in the second quarter. However, the Elon tossers had a comfortable 36-22 lead at half-time, and Catawba could shave

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Panther Five Is Defeated By 10 Points

The Fighting Christian basketballers marked up their third consecutive North State Conference win in rolling over High Point 70 to 60 in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium here on Monday night, January 18th. The victory shoved Elon into undisputed possession of third place in the Conference, just behind the East Carolina and Western Carolina cagers.

Dave Maddox, big center, led the Christians' scoring with 15 points, but the effort was more of a team victory than an individual show. Jack Mitchell contributed 12 points for Elon. For High Point center Harold Sykes was high man with 18 points, and Paul Stanton added an even dozen.

After a see-saw first quarter High Point moved out in front 16 to 12 and then led by eight points, 34-16, in the second quarter. From that deficit, Elon rallied to lead by 29-26 at the halftime intermission, then won going away.

Led by Sykes, who bagged 13 of his 18 points in the first quarter, High Point broke away from a 6-7 deficit to go out in front 10-7 on a Sykes push shot. Sykes hit six of nine shots from the floor as High Point then pulled away from a 10-10 tie for the first quarter advantage.

The Christians pulled on out front by eight points at the very beginning of the third quarter. With Maddox leading, they were ahead 12 points, 50-39, after 9:30 of the third period, and High Point scored once to narrow it to 50-41 at third quarter time.

Some fine defensive playing by Packard held Moseley, the conference's No. 2 scorer with a 19.8 average, to one field goal for two points, his lowest of the season. Moseley sat out the entire fourth quarter.

Pos. Elon (70) High Point (60)
F—Malloy (6) Stanton (12)
F—Gauldin (5) Crump (11)
C—Maddox (15) Sykes (18)
G—Packard (10) Moseley (2)
G—Timmons (2) Frazier (2)
Half—Elon 29, High Point 26.
Elon subs—Mitchell 12, Hamrick 4, Stone 4, Whitley 7, McIntyre 3. High Point subs—Lisk 4, Payne 2, Simpson 3, Dixon 6, Moseller, West, Moore.

Maddox Still Top Scorer For Christian Cage Team

Dave Maddox, lanky center, continued to lead the Fighting Christian scoring through games of last week, which ended with the Maroon and Gold outfit holding an even split in their first ten games and roosting in third place in the Conference as a result of three straight loop victories.

In winning their three straight Conference victories, the Christians boosted their scoring average slightly to an even 63 points per game and also tightened up on their defense to cut the opponents' game average more than

five points to a mark of 71.6 points per contest.

Maddox, in topping the scoring columns, had registered 138 points in 10 games, having hit 48 field baskets and 32 free throws. Don Packard was also over the century mark with 103 points, and Packard boasted the highest shooting percentage from the floor, having hit 39 baskets in 89 tries for a .439 average. Maddox had a shooting percentage of .417, and Timmons, Gauldin, Mitchell and Malloy were all averaging over 35 per cent.

Ral Whitley, a sophomore guard, boasted the top foul shooting percentage after ten games, having hit 17 of 22 attempts for a .773 average. Ned Gauldin had the second best average with 14 of 21 for a .667 percentage.

The individual scoring for the Christians through the High Point game of January 18th follows:

Player	Games	FG	FT	TP
Maddox	10	48	42	138
Packard	10	39	25	103
Timmons	10	35	20	90
Gauldin	9	33	14	80
Mitchell	10	25	11	61
Malloy	10	18	15	51
Whitley	9	12	17	41
Hamrick	10	8	13	29
Lafferty	5	7	4	18
King	5	6	5	17
Kieval	6	5	3	13
McIntyre	4	3	4	10
Stone	7	3	3	9
Crump	4	1	6	8
Brown	5	3	0	6
Dalton	1	1	2	4
McDaniel	2	1	0	2

ELON Totals — 10 248 184 680
Opponents — 10 243 230 716