

SPORTS

A La Rauseo



In fairness to everyone concerned, I want to make it clearly understood that what is written in this column is at all times the opinion of the writer and not that of the school.

I thought of discarding this article and forgetting the effects that I wished to achieve, especially after I was told that it might cause hard feelings, but I felt that if the shoe fits it should be worn, and after all, I have a moral obligation to my school and newspaper I represent to write the facts as I see and hear them.

I do not pretend to be a philosopher or a diplomat, but the issue at hand is in the realm of sports and physical education, and that opens the door and lets me in. I refer to certain remarks by our recent campus visitor from Pakistan, who was indeed very attractive but also very young and immature.

Miss Benita Biswas, who was at Elon only briefly, has attended college in both her native country and in the United States. She was a graduate of Wooster College and an alleged physical education major.

During her brief stay on the Elon campus, Miss Biswas was requested by the physical education department to sit in on an informal class meeting, during which she was asked various questions relating to aims, objectives, techniques and skills employed in her country as compared or contrasted with the ones in our country.

Her answers to the questions proved to be both shallow and inconclusive, and whenever a question was raised in which a comparison was to be made between Pakistan and the United States, Miss Biswas appeared unduly prejudiced. Our colorfully-dressed visitor was also the source of some rather anti-American statements, which left the writer and the rest of the class with a bitter taste.

The organization that sponsors students from foreign lands to study in America usually screens each student, and it is safe to assume that such students are usually socially mature and mentally and morally equipped to abandon any pre-conceptions and unreasonable intolerances. However, it is impossible to make the right choice all the time, and the wrong choice can prove very costly in terms of good international relations.

Myers Leads Christian Hitters In Early Games

Possibility that lack of hitting may be a problem for the Elon baseball squads during the 1954 campaign loomed after the first two games, which saw the Christians get only thirteen hits in defeating Wake Forest and tying Guilford.

Alton Myers, sophomore third sacker, topped the Christians in the first two games with a .500 average that included three hits in six trips to the plate. Paul Watts, sophomore outfielder, was in second spot with a .429 percent. Bobby Green and Paul Watts were the only payers with extra-base knocks, Green having a homer and Watts a double to their credit. Speedy Langston was topping the all-important runs-batted-in column with four. Other leaders were Nick Thompson with two stolen bases, and Packard, Langston, Myers and Hall, each with one sacrifice hit.

Pitching duties in the opening games were divided among four junior veterans, with Charlie Swicegood credited with the win over Wake Forest. Hank Hamrick, who allowed only one hit in seven innings against Guilford, was lead-

The Christian baseball squad has certainly got off to a good start for the 1954 season by downing the Deacons of Wake Forest, vaunted baseball members of the Atlantic Coast Conference in a 4 to 2 battle at Baptist Hollow early last week.

Charlie Swicegood and Luther Conger shared the mound duty and both performed excellently as they allowed the Deacons only four hits. The big blow of the game came from the bat of outfielder Bobby Green, who blasted a 380-foot home run. Elon in winning got only five hits.

The baseballers also looked good in their second contest, although they were tied by the Guilford Quakers at 3-all in twelve innings. Sherrill Hall was highly effective in all except one of the five innings he worked on the mound, and Hank Hamrick turned in a real pitching gem as he held the Quakers to one hit in seven frames while striking out nine men.

It has been evident throughout the training period that the hitting department may be the weak spot in this year's Elon club. Gone from last year's powerhouse are Carroll Reid, Bobby Stewart, Jimmy Dalton, Jack Musten and Bobby Jones. However, to compensate for these losses, Coach Mathis has one of the finest pitching staffs in the North State Conference to go along with speed and a tight defense. This combination is hard to beat in college.

SPORTS SPOTS—The athletic department is certainly having a busy week. In the minor sports, Coach Boyd's racket-wielders have five matches, and the golf team has one to total six contests for the week. Also during this week the baseball team has five baseball games, two of them on the home lot. Certainly this is the time for all the students to get their money's worth on their student activity cards. Intramural softball is to begin tomorrow. There will be a badminton tournament next week, and the nets are set up in the gym and available for practice night and day. Let's all sign up and make this tournament the best ever. Win, lose or draw, you will have fun. Johnny Randleman the maintenance man at the gym and everybody's friend, has been summoned for jury duty and may be missing for a few days.

The complete statistical record was as follows:

Player	AB	R	H	Ave.
Myers	6	0	3	.500
Watts	7	0	3	.429
Thompson	5	2	1	.200
McDaniel	10	1	2	.500
Langston	8	0	1	.125
Packard	9	1	1	.111
Green	10	2	1	.100
Dofflemyer	8	0	0	.000
Hamrick	3	0	0	.000
Swicegood	1	0	0	.000
Conger	1	0	0	.000
Hall	1	0	0	.000
ELON TOTALS	69	7	13	.183
OPPONENTS	73	5	13	.178

RUNS BATTED IN—Langston 4, Green 1, Thompson 1, McDaniel 1. **TWO BASE HITS**—Watts 1. **HOME RUNS**—Green 1. **STOLEN BASES**—Thompson 2, Packard 1, Green 1, McDaniel 1. **SACRIFICE HITS**—Packard 1, Langston 1, Myers 1, Hall 1. **BASE ON BALLS**—Swicegood 4, Conger 1, Hall 1, Hamrick 1. **STRIKE OUTS**—Hamrick 9, Conger 8, Hall 7, Swicegood 6. **HITS**—Hamrick, 1 in 7; Swicegood, 2 in 5; Conger 2 in 1; Hall, 8 in 5. **GAMES WON**—Swicegood 1.

Elon Baseball Nine Gets Winning Start

CO-CAPTAINS FOR FIGHTING CHRISTIAN NINE



SPEEDY LANGSTON

A pair of senior baseball stars, both of whom came to Elon after brilliant careers in the junior college ranks, are co-captains of the Fighting Christian baseball squad this spring, and each of the Elon leaders got away to fine starts in the two opening contests.

Speedy Langston (left), who hails from Timmonsville, S. C., played his first two seasons of college baseball at Wingate Junior College, and he broke in as a regular at first base last spring in his first year on the Elon campus. He proved a dangerous hitter and an excellent fielder in his first season here, and he is off to the same kind of start this spring.

Red McDaniel (right), who played two seasons at Campbell Junior College after a fine high school career in his home town of Kinston, saw duty most of last season as a reserve in the outfield and behind the plate, but he proved himself a dangerous hitter in several games and stepped in to catch in the final games of the North State Conference series after Bobby Jones was injured.

First slated for outfield duty this spring, McDaniel was moved back to his old post behind the plate before the first game, and he has been a regular catcher in early contests. McDaniel grove in the tying run in the extra-inning battle with Guilford, and Langston is leading the team in the important runs-batted-in column, having driven four runners home in two games.



RED McDANIEL

CHRISTIAN BASEBALLERS OF 1954

With the Elon College baseball season already in full swing, the student supporters of the Fighting Christian diamond squad will be interested in a brief round-up of information regarding members of the 1954 varsity squad, which is expected to make a strong bid for top honors in the North State Conference again after losing the loop title for two straight seasons to Lenoir Rhyne.

Coach Doc Mathis, who became head mentor for the Christians this year, has ten lettermen back from the squad which won first place in the eastern division of the Conference last spring and then lost two of three play-off conference contests to the Lenoir Rhyne nine.

Thumbnail sketches of the more than twenty members of the 1954 Christian squad, as listed by Coach Mathis himself and grouped according to positions, follow:

CATCHERS
 E. B. McDANIEL — Co-Captain of the Christian baseball squad, now in his second season, with the Elon nine. Hails from Kinston and transferred to Elon last year after playing his first two college seasons with Campbell Junior College. He is 6 feet 3 inches tall. Bats and throws right-handed.
 HOMER HOBGOOD — A sophomore from Oxford, is 5 feet 11 inches tall. Bats and throws right-handed and may see some service behind the plate this spring after reserve duty last spring.
 ARCHIE WELBORN — A big and rugged freshman from Mebane, Wilborn made a fine record in high school and American Legion ball. He is 6 feet 3 inches tall and bats and throws right-handed. Can also play first base if needed.

PITCHERS
 SHERRILL HALL — A junior letterman from King, Hall was the top pitcher of last year's staff with a mark of six wins and one loss. He is 6 feet 2 inches tall and bats and throws right-handed. Won All-Conference honors on mound last season.
 LUTHER CONGER — Another junior letterman, Conger hails from Scotts, where he starred in three sports in high school. Troubled by wildness his first two seasons, Conger may be a top-flight chucker this spring. He is 6 feet 2 inches tall and bats and throws right-handed.
 CHARLIE SWICEGOOD — A junior southpaw, Swicegood equalled Hall's mark of six wins last spring, but he dropped four games as he lettered for a second successive season. Swicegood, who calls Lexington home, is 5 feet 11 inches tall. Bats and throws left-handed. Was All-Conference pitcher last spring.
 HANK HAMRICK — Hamrick, who was an All-Conference pitcher in 1951, is back in an Elon uni-

form after two years in armed service, most of it in Korea. He won five games and was undefeated in his last previous season with the Christians. Hank is 5 feet 10 inches tall, hails from Draper, and he bats right and throws left. Also a former All-Conference basketball player.
 RONNIE MCINTYRE — McIntyre, who is a junior from Burlington, is now in his third season with the Elon baseball squad. He worked mostly as a relief chucker in his first two seasons, but he did start and win one game last spring. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall. Bats and throws right-handed. He has played three seasons of basketball with the Christians.
 RICHARD ZURICHIN — Zurichin is a freshman, who made a fine showing in winter football. A native of Passaic, N. J., Zurichin bats and throws right. Probably slated largely for relief and batting practice duty this spring.
 AL WITTSCHEN — Another freshman mound candidate, who hails from Charleston, S. C., Wittschen bats and throws from the south side. May see mostly reserve duty this season. He is 6 feet 2 inches tall.

FIRST BASE
 CARLTON LANGSTON — Better known on the campus as "Speedy," Langston is co-captain of the Christians this season. After transferring from Wingate Junior College last spring, he won a regular berth at first base and appears slated for regular duty there again this season. He bats left and throws right. From Timmonsville, S. C., Langston is 6 feet tall.
 GENE LAUGHLIN — A senior letterman from Greensboro, Laughlin was a regular at first base in his sophomore year. He is 6 feet 2 inches tall and both bats and throws left-handed.
SECOND BASE
 LARRY DOFFLEMYER — A

Christians Top Deacons In First Game Of Year

Baseball Schedule

- Elon 4, Wake Forest 2.**
 Elon-Wake Forest train.
Elon 3, Guilford 3.
 Elon 2, Lynchburg 7.
 (Remaining Games)
 April 6—Williams, home.
 April 9—East Carolina, away.
 April 10—Reidsville, away.
 April 12—Lynchburg, home.
 April 14—Guilford, away.
 April 16—A.C.C., away.
 April 17—Bur-Gra, away.
 April 19—Hamp-Siney, home.
 April 22—A.C.C., home.
 April 24—Guilford, home.
 April 26—High Point, away.
 April 28—Guilford, away.
 May 3—High Point, home.
 May 5—Lynchburg, away.
 May 8—East Carolina, home.
 — Indicates double-headers.

The Elon Christians opened their 1954 baseball season in impressive style with a 4 to 2 victory over the Wake Forest Deacons at Wake Forest on Tuesday, March 30th, as two Elon pitchers combined efforts to work a four-inning contest before 1,200 opening-day fans.

Charlie Swicegood, Elon left-hander, started on the mound for the Christians and was credited with the win as he fanned six and allowed only two hits during his stay on the hillock. Luther Conger, husky Christian right-hander, finished the game and also allowed only two hits as he fanned eight in the final four innings.

The Christians broke away in front with two runs in the first inning. Don Packard was safe on a error, advanced to second when Nick Thompson walked, and scored on Red McDaniel's smashing single. That hit moved Thompson to third, and the little short-stop raced home on Speedy Langston's long fly.

A third Elon score came in the third when Bobby Green, husky sophomore outfielder, hammered one of Tommy Huff's offerings over the right-field fence for a which proved enough for the win, but the Christians added an insurance tally in the fifth when Swicegood walked, went to second on a sacrifice, took third on an infield out and scored on Nick Thompson's single.

The only Wake Forest threat came in the bottom of the third when Swicegood walked three in a row, with Tatum scoring on McKee's infield out and Harris tallying on Frank McKee's single. McKee was the only Deacon able to solve the slants of Swicegood and Conger, the big Deacon outfielder having a double and two singles for the day.

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 Swicegood, Conger and McDaniel, Huff, Davis, Adams and Holt.

Track Team Drops Meet To Roanoke

The Elon College track team dropped a dual meet by a decisive margin to the strong Roanoke College cindermen at Salem, Va., last Saturday, April 3rd. It was the first dual meet for an Elon track team in several years and was scheduled as a preliminary for the annual Conference meet, which is to be held early in May.

The Christian tracksters were able to gain only one first place as lack of sufficient practice and conditioning showed strongly in the work of the Maroon and Gold runners and jumpers. Coach Scott Boyd pointed out that very few of the Christian athletes had been training regularly, and several men failed to make the trip at the last minute due to one reason or another.

No complete summary of the meet was available, but incomplete records showed that a number of the Elon athletes posted times or distances that surpassed those which won first places in last year's Conference meet. These marks show that the Elon trackmen, if they show interest enough to get out for practice, can make good.

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SCHRADER LEADS CHRISTIAN NETMEN



Charlie Schrader, a senior racket-wielder from Winston-Salem, is the captain of the Elon College tennis squad for the 1954 season. Schrader, who is the only veteran back from last year's net team, was named by vote of the other members of the squad, which has been working out for several weeks in preparation for the new campaign. Coach Scott Boyd has mapped an 18-match schedule for the Christian netmen.

Quakers Tie Elon Baseball Squad 3 To 3

The Elon and Guilford baseball squads battled to a 3-3 deadlock in the Christian field last Friday afternoon, April 2nd, in a 12-inning contest that opened the North State Conference season for both teams. The game was called because of darkness.

The Christians scored first with two runs in the first, but Guilford moved ahead with three runs in the fifth, and Elon had to come from behind to tie the count in the eighth as Bobby Green raced home on a single by Red McDaniel.

Sherrill Hall had pitched great ball through the first four innings, but the Quakers got to him for five singles, several of them being hits to the "wrong" field, and pushed three runs across in their one big inning.

Hank Hamrick drew the starring role for Elon as he pitched one-hit ball during the final seven innings. He struck out nine men and retired the Quakers in order in five of the seven frames.

Red McDaniel, Alton Myers and Paul Watts each had two safe hits to lead the Christian attack, while Don Percise was the only Quaker to hit twice.

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