

# Christian Nine Takes North State Baseball Championship

## Elon Golfer Runner-Up For Crown

Don Smith, Elon golfer from Greensboro, staged a brilliant comeback in the North State Conference golf tournament to tie Claude King, of East Carolina, for the individual crown. The two posted a score of 151 for the 36 holes played over the Starmount course on Thursday and Friday, May 6th and 7th.

The two then met in an 18-hole playoff on Saturday, May 8th. The Pirates center shot a 72 for the par-71 course to top Smith in the battle for the title. Smith earned a 3 stroke lead in the first nine holes but ran into trouble on the back nine and had a 76 for the final day's play.

The East Carolina four-man team, which had won the regular season title, also gained the team championship in the tournament with a combined score of 648 strokes. Elon finished second with 688, trailed by High Point with 691 and Appalachian with 699 strokes.

ELON'S NORTH STATE CONFERENCE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS OF 1954



The Elon College baseball squad, which defeated Lenoir Rhyne in two straight games to capture the 1954 championship of the North State Conference, is pictured above. Reading from left to right in each row, the members of the Christian squad are as follows: FRONT ROW—Richard Zurchin, pitcher, Passaic, N. J.; Bill Snyder, 3b, Danville, Pa.; Hank Hamrick, pitcher, Draper; Alton Myers, 2b, Lexington; Ron Smith, 2b, Burlington; Nick Thompson, ss, Burlington; Speedy Langston, 1b, Timmonsville, S.C.; and Bill Armfield, of Leaksville. SECOND ROW—Larry Dofflempf, 2b, Elstam, Va.; Ronnie McIntyre, pitcher, Burlington; Paul Watts, of Taylorsville; Charlie Swicegood, pitcher, Lexington; Don Packard, of Avondale; Ray Scott, 2b, Seagrave; and Bobby Green, of Brown Summit. BACK ROW—Gene Laughlin, 1b, Greensboro; Red McDaniel, catcher, Winston; Archie Wilborn, catcher, Mebane; Luther Conger, pitcher, Scotts; Sherrill Hall, pitcher, King; and Pat Chandler, manager, Fay Henville.

## Elon Licks Bruin Squad Twice In Titular Series

### Elon Track Squad Cops Third Place

The East Carolina Pirates copied top honors in the annual North State track meet at High Point on Saturday, May 8th, with Lenoir Rhyne second and Elon in third place. Team scores included East Carolina 48, Lenoir Rhyne 34 1-3, Elon 29 1-3, Guilford 25 1-3, High Point 22, and Western Carolina 8.

Two new records were set and one tied during the meet, with John Platt bringing a new pole vault mark to Elon with a leap of 10 feet 6 inches. Francis, of Guilford, set a broad jump mark of 21 feet 1 1/2 inches, and Perry, of East Carolina, tied the 100 yard dash mark of 9.9 seconds.

John Platt was also the top individual scorer in the meet with first place in the high hurdles, a tie for first in the pole vault, second in the low hurdles, fourth in the shot and a tie for fourth in the high jump.

The summary:  
100-yard dash—1. Perry (ECC); 2. Hayes (ECC); 3. Amorgnos (LR); 4. Richards (Elon). T-9.9.

220-yard—1. Perry (ECC); 2. Hayes (ECC); 3. Moore (LR); 4. Chambers (ECC). T-23.3.

440-yard—1. McKeithern (LR); 2. Brown (LR); 3. Pickett (ECC); 4. McLean (LR). T-54.6.

880-yard—1. McKeithern, (LR); 2. Haworth (G); 3. Frantling (ECC); 4. Martin (Elon). T-2:11.

1 mile run—1. Tuten (ECC); 2. Campbell (LR); 3. Davis (HP); 4. Morrison (Elon). T-5:20.8.

120-yd. high hurdles—1. Platt (Elon); 2. Bennett (Elon); 3. Moretz (LR); 4. Francis (G). T-15.7.

220-yd. low hurdles—1. Bennett (Elon); 2. Platt (Elon); 3. Moretz (LR); 4. Dasher (LR). T-12.75.

Shot Put—1. Smith (WCTC); 2. Lee (ECC); 3. Younts (G); 4. Platt (Elon). Distance—39 ft. 4 inches.

Discus—1. L. Reddick (HP); 2. Smith (WCTC); 3. Wolverson (ECC); 4. Younts (G). Distance—114 ft., 8 inches.

High Jump—1. Moseley (HP); 2. Mosteller (HP); 3. Maddox (Elon); 4. Platt and Bennett (Elon). Tie. Height—5 ft., 5 in.

Pole vault—1. Platt, (Elon) and Hurst (ECC) tie; 3. Bliss and Campbell (LR) tie. Hgt. 10 feet., 6 inches.

Broad jump—1. Francis, (G); 2. Moseley (HP); 3. Perry (ECC); 4. Trafford (Guilford). Dist—21 ft., 1 1/2 inches.

1 mile relay—1. (LR); 2. (G); 3. (Elon); 4. (HP). T—3:50.5.

Two mile run—1. Roberts (ECC); 2. Dixon (HP); 3. Haworth (G); 4. Tuten, (ECC). T—11:56.5.

Javelin—1. Nielson (G); 2. Hayes (ECC); Hurst (ECC); 4. Bennett (Elon). Distance—158 ft., 5 in.

The Elon Christians returned to the baseball throne of the North State Conference when they defeated the Lenoir Rhyne Bears twice in a row to take the 1954 loop championship, regaining a title which Elon held for three successive years in 1949, 1950 and 1951. The Bears had defeated Elon in the finals in 1952 and 1953.

Luther Conger and Sherrill Hall, right-handed half of Elon's "Big Four" mound staff, pitched brilliantly to set the Bears on their heels in the two games, and the Christian batters hit in timely fashion to drive the winning runs across. The two wins came by scores of 4 to 3 and 4 to 2.

It was a booming three-run homer by Bobby Green, Elon outfielder, which clinched the title in the second game at Lenoir Rhyne on Tuesday, May 18th. Green's homer, which travelled an estimated 430 feet, came in the top of the sixth and sent two runners home ahead of him.

These three runs broke a 1-all tie and proved the deciding factor in the game and series. Lenoir Rhyne had scored first when Mark Lyerly homered in the first, but Speedy Langston hit for the circuit in the fourth to tie the score and set the stage for Green's mighty blow. A second Bruin run scored in the eighth, but it was too little and too late.

The Christians had grabbed the series opener on the Elon field the previous day by a 4 to 3 score. This win came and a wild-and-wooly eighth inning that saw the scoring lead swap hands twice. Elon led 2 to 1 going into that frame, but Lenoir Rhyne got to Conger for two runs to move into a 3-2 lead. However, Elon bounced right back with two markers of her own to cop the game.

As if the play on the field was not action enough for one inning, tragedy struck the Lenoir Rhyne squad during the intermission when the Bruin shortstop, Billy Pharr, was beaned and seriously injured by a wild throw of one of his own teammates, who was warming up far down the left field foul line. Pharr was rushed to a Chapel Hill hospital for treatment and was reported still in serious condition at the time of this writing.

Luther Conger scattered six Lenoir Rhyne hits in this opening game, fanning eight and walking four. Sherrill Hall allowed the Bears only five hits in the second game, striking out five and allowing only two walks.

#### FIRST GAME

R. H. E.  
L. Rhyne ... 000 001 020—3 6 2  
Elon ... 101 000 02x—4 9 4  
Barker and Bost; Conger and McDaniel.

#### SECOND GAME

R. H. E.  
L. Rhyne ... 000 103 000—4 7 2  
L. Rhyne ... 100 000 010—2 5 1  
Hall and McDaniel; Peeler and Best.

## SPORTS

### A La Rauseo



It is generally believed by most students, faculty and many friends of Elon College that soon the new building will be erected. It is my fondest wish that when this construction takes place, the architect will be instructed to make room somewhere for track and field events.

At the present time Elon College cannot claim one single item of track and field equipment. Yet in the recent North State Conference track meet at High Point we finished third behind East Carolina and Lenoir Rhyne. How was it possible for our boys to make such a creditable showing without equipment and facilities? Simple enough. Every day the boys travelled to Burlington Memorial Stadium, where they used the high school equipment.

Aside from the fact that Coach Varney had to practically bribe and threaten to whip some of the participants in order to get them to train, these athletes have a great love for the sport, and, as a result, they were able to get in fairly good shape in spite of the ritual of travelling to and from Burlington.

Generally track and field events call for endurance, speed and skill, including over thirty different events such as walking, running, jumping, throwing and climbing activities, which offer opportunity for every type of individual to participate successfully.

If the facilities and equipment were available, there is no doubt in my mind that many students would "discover themselves" in track and field.

Unless we are exposed to new experiences, we cannot familiarize ourselves with them nor appreciate them. Over a million high school boys and girls, at least 750,000 college students, and possibly a larger number of elementary children, participate in track and field events each year.

These small additions to our extra-curricular program would add a great deal of prestige to our school, and, to quote an oft-used saying, "it doesn't cost much to go first class."

In the world of sports today there is a great deal of skepticism and doubt whether baseball is still the national pastime. Last week in Atlanta, Georgia Tech played an intra-squad football game before 14,000 paid customers at \$1.25 per head. That same night the Atlanta Crackers, leading the AA Southern Association, played before 1,400.

If you are looking for that kind of evidence to support the same theory, you will be amply supplied with it by studying the attendance records of Carolina League teams. In the immediate vicinity, the best illustration I know of would be our Fighting Christians. We have one of the best colleges

#### Baseball Schedule

- Elon 4, Wake Forest 2.
- Elon-Wake Forest (rain).
- Elon 3, Guilford 3.
- Elon 5, Williams 6.
- Elon 1, Williams 0.
- Elon 0, East Carolina 2.
- Elon 2, East Carolina 1.
- Elon 3, Reidsville 6.
- Elon 2, Lynchburg 4.
- Elon 17, Guilford 0.
- Elon 14, ACC 0.
- Elon 1, ACC 0.
- Elon 5, Bar-Gra 7.
- Elon 2, Hampden-Sidney 8.
- Elon 7, A.C.C. 1.
- Elon 10, A.C.C. 0.
- Elon 11, Guilford 0.
- Elon 5, Guilford 0.
- Elon 10, High Point 2.
- Elon 3, High Point 2.
- Elon 4, Guilford 5.
- Elon 8, High Point 1.
- Elon-High Point (rain).
- Elon 5, Lynchburg 2.
- Elon 4, East Carolina 0.
- Elon 2, East Carolina 1.
- Elon 4, Lenoir Rhyne 3.
- Elon 4, Lenoir Rhyne 2.

teams in the state, and yet it is almost a miracle if you can count 75 to 100 heads at any of the varsity ball games played here. Certainly the inclement weather has been a tremendous influence in keeping the crowds at home viewing television, and the falling off of attendance is the reason for the rumor or belief that baseball is losing its status.

Actually, if at any time you were (Continued On Page Four)

### Panthers And Pirates Win Tennis Meet

The High Point Panthers and the East Carolina Pirates split honors in the annual North State Conference tennis tournament, which was held on the Elon courts on Monday and Tuesday, May 3rd and 4th.

Carlos Horcasitas, High Point star, carried the singles title back for the Panthers as he defeated Baker, of Appalachian, by 6-2 and 6-4 in straight sets. It was the fourth successive year that High Point has won the singles crown, and Horcasitas took his all the way in straight sets.

Cameron and Williams, top doubles pair for East Carolina, carried off the doubles honors by defeating Prazier and Eller, of High Point, in straight sets by scores of 7-5, 7-5. It marked the first time in four years that High Point had failed to win the doubles.

Bayard Hovdesven, of Elon, reached the semifinals in the singles; and Charlie Schrader and Russ Borjes, Elon doubles team, gained the semi-finals in that division. Hovdesven had chalked up wins over both Williams and Hildebrand, of Guilford. Schrader and Borjes downed the Appalachian pair in the doubles opener.

### Elon Gets Seven All-Star Berths

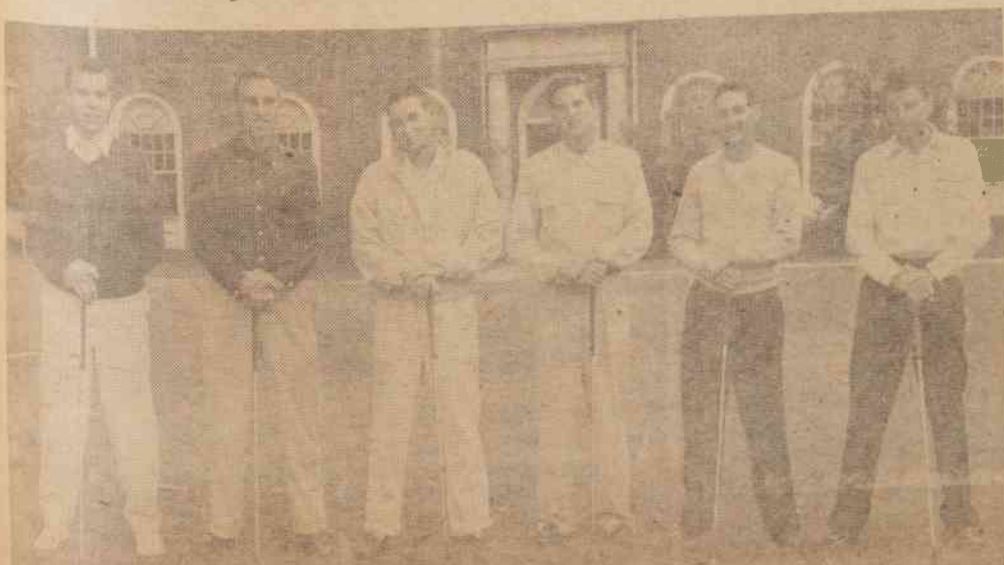
Coming as a fitting climax to their victory in the North State Conference title race, the Fighting Christians placed seven men on the All-Conference baseball squad for 1954. The honor squad was named by vote of the coaches of the loop and with advice from major league scouts, who followed games closely.

The Christians placed all their "Big Four" pitchers, including Luther Conger, right-hander from Scotts; Sherrill Hall, right-hander from King; Hank Hamrick, left-hander from Draper; and Charlie Swicegood, left-hander from Lexington. Elon placed three pitchers on the honor team in 1951, but this was the first time in history that one team had landed four pitchers in one year.

Other Elon stars who were named to the All-Conference list included Co-Captain (Red) McDaniel, a senior catcher from Kinston; Nick Thompson, a sophomore shortstop from Burlington; and Bobby Green, a sophomore outfielder from Monticello.

It marked the third All-Conference year for Charlie Swicegood, and the second time honored for Sherrill Hall, Hank Hamrick and Nick Thompson. It was the first time on the select list for Conger, McDaniel and Green.

## 1954... THEY CARRIED ELON COLLEGE COLORS IN GOLF AND TENNIS ... 1954



The Elon College golf and tennis teams, which carried Elon colors on links and court in 1954, are pictured here. The golfers, reading left to right, are Tuffy Bowman, Wytheville, Va.; Bowman Small, Burlington; Don Smith, Greensboro; Roy McGriff, Winston-Salem; Joe Harvey, Greensboro; and Jimmy Leighton, Durham. The tennis squad, also left to right, are Jimmy Luke, Holland, Va.; Russ McGhee, Franklin, Va.; Bayard Hovdesven, Elon College; Charlie Schrader, Winston-Salem; Den Barr, Norwich, Conn.; and Leslie Johnston, Holland, Va. Two of the tennis team were absent when the picture was taken. They were Russ Borjes, Portsmouth, Va.; and Richard Cooke, Great Bridge, Va.

