

Guilford And Catawba To Play Here This Week



On The Sidelines

By JOEL BAILEY

Another year is in the record books, and fans in this area are looking forward eagerly to a successful season for the Christian teams in 1955. Every year the so-called "experts" make their predictions, and then they spend the rest of the year praying that their predictions will not backfire and trying to forget the claims they made in moments of temporary insanity.

Some days before that Christian grid victory the Christian cagers had slapped another loss on Davidson in a pre-season basketball scrimmage. The victories were not flukes as they were both decisive and well-played.

There were a lot of red faces in the sportswriting crowd last year as a result of pre-season predictions. How about the writers and sportscasters who jumped on the New York Yankee bandwagon last year, only to see them "recalped" by the upstart Indians.

ON THE LIGHT SIDE

On the local front this reporter is reminded of a group of sportswriters who thought Elon's representation in the football wars would grace the road to the cellar. The Fighting Christians proved their nickname to be no fluke as they compiled a log good enough to clinch second place in the North State Conference. Now we spectators can sit back and wait for next year's campaign.

Here's one for the book. I've heard of unusual sports, but earlier in the year I witnessed something new in the sporting world. Ingenious students residing in the hallowed (or should I use the term "hollow?") halls of North Dorm have improvised a thrilling new type of competition.

The game was devised early in the winter months when the residents of North decided to combine habit and recreation into a fast and exciting sport.

It is quite simple. The equipment necessary for the game is as follows: one cold and drafty building, a coke machine, a few assorted wash basins and a group of willing students.

The players, however, will soon begin winter practice to prepare for the next season. With the addition of several transfer students, who will become eligible next year, and the experience gained in the last year, I don't think I'll be going out on a limb if I predict that the Christians will definitely be in contention for the crown next season.

Here is how the game is played. The students begin as they jump from their beds in the morning and crash through the door to the chilly hall. They dash quickly down the hall to the wash basins. Finding that no water has found its way through the pipes, they run to the Coke machine and grab a beverage. They then pivot and jog back to the basins and brush their teeth with the tasty drink.

How many fans have made the New Year's resolution to support the squad next year as well as the other school teams? Let's build school spirit with a strong foundation, supported by the attendance of a host of the fans.

After performing this task they break back to their rooms and dress quickly.

Did you ever feel that you were being mistreated or kicked around by a mere upstart? Don't ever be humiliated, and if you should begin to pity yourself, take courage from the story of Davidson College. Our football squad journeyed to that school for the last fray of the season and returned with a victory tucked neatly under their pads. The Southern Conference representative went down before the Maroon and Gold by a 14-6 count. As the humiliation was disappearing.

Sound exciting? It may not enjoy a great deal of popularity as a spectator sport, but the players agree it presents a real challenge. The stakes are high in this race against the elements. For the winners there is healthful life ahead and an early seat at the breakfast table, while the losers must suffer in the clutches of the common cold.

Christians Defeat East Carolina Five 76 To 64

Hitting one of the high points of their season play thus far, the Christian cagers rolled to a decisive 76-64 victory over the East Carolina Pirates in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium here last Saturday night, January 8th.

This sniffling existence is the penalty for physical inability of the participants. As yet those who play the game have not chosen a title for the contest. If you think of a name, rip off the top of your roommate's head and send it along with a blanket to me in care of North Dormitory.

The game marked the opening of Elon's North State Conference campaign and set the Christians off to a winning start in their bid for titular honors. It was the first defeat for the Pirates, who had won six straight games in early season play, four of them in Conference competition.

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The Christians went on from there for a 40-33 lead at the half-time, and they stretched that lead

to eleven points in the first four minutes of the second half. The Pirates rallied to tie the score at 62-62 with less than four minutes left, but Elon bounced back. A basket and free throw by Maddox and a tip-in by Juratic made it 67-62, and the home forces stretched the lead in the final minutes.

Dave Maddox was the big scorer for Elon with 23 points, but the rebound work of Ed Juratic and Earl Stone proved important factors. Juratic grabbed 21 rebounds, while Stone claimed the ball 16 times off the backboards. Don Harris, Pirate forward, led both teams in scoring with 29 points.

Pos. Elon (76) E. Carolina (64)
F—Maddox (23) Harris (29)
F—Juratic (15) Nichols (6)
C—Stone (15) Mendenhall (9)
G—Packard (12) Thomas (15)
G—Whitley (6) Heath (2)

Half—Elon 40, East Carolina 33
Elon subs—Hamrick (4), DeRita (1), Walker, Brown, East Carolina subs—Akins (1), James (2), Solomon.

CO-CAPTAINS LEAD CHRISTIAN CAGERS



Dave Maddox

The Christian cagers make their bid for North State Conference honors this year under the leadership of a pair of senior co-captains. The leaders are Dave Maddox (left), lanky forward from Thorsby, Ala.; and Don Packard (right), a clever guard from Avondale. Each of the Christian co-captains is playing his fourth season in a Maroon and Gold uniform, and each has risen to his present stellar ranking after breaking in with the junior varsity squad during his freshman season. Captain Maddox played center throughout his first three seasons, and last season he paced the Christian squad in scoring with a total of 354 points in 24 games and an average of 14.8 points per game. He is topping that figure after 11 games this season, having racked 184 points for an average of 16.7 counters per game. The big boy from Alabama stands 6 feet 5 inches and joins with Ed Juratic and Earl Stone to give Elon plenty of height beneath the boards. Captain Packard, who stands 5 feet 11 inches in height, has played guard throughout his four seasons at Elon, first with the Jay-Vees and later with the varsity. He was a starter in most of the games last season and racked 166 points in 23 games for an average of 7.2 points per game. In the first 11 games this year he has hit 77 points for an average of exactly 7 points per game. Packard is one of the fastest men on the Christian roster this season and an excellent ball-handler and set shot.



Don Packard

Cagers Split Four Florida Battles

The Elon basketekers closed out their pre-Christmas play by splitting four battles on a week's invasion of Florida, chalking victories over Jacksonville Navy and Florida Southern and dropping contests to Rollins and Stetson.

Pos. Elon (99) Jax Navy (76)
F—Maddox (29) Tate (41)
F—Walker (5) Cassell (18)
C—Juratic (30) Elongiewicz (6)
G—Packard (3) Hildreth (1)
G—Whitley (10) Daly (2)

Florida invasion. Big Ed Juratic topped the Christians for the second night in a row as he racked 25 points. Other Christians in double figures were Bob Walker with 10 and Dave Maddox with 14 points. Costello led the Tars with 19 points.

The travelling Christians rolled over the Navy Fliers at Jacksonville by a 99-76 margin, lost to Rollins by a 73-65 count, trampled Florida Southern by an 81-48 score, and then lost to Stetson by a 91-59 margin.

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ROLLINS 73, ELON 65
The Rollins College Tars pulled away in the final minutes to defeat the Christian cagers 73 to 65 at Winter Park on Tuesday night, December 14th, as the Elon outfit played its second game of the

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Varney Shares 'Coach Of Year' Honors



Coach Sid Varney

Coach Sid Varney, who piloted the Elon Christian grid squad to runner-up honors in the North State Conference during the 1954 season, was named by vote of state sports writers to share "Coach of the Year" honors with Coach Red Duggins, who led his Appalachian Mountaineers to the Conference title.

Each of the coaches placed his team much higher on the Conference ladder than the pre-season prophets had predicted, for no one expected the Mountaineers and Christians to spread-eagle the North State field as they did. In choosing two men to share "Coach of the Year" honors, the writers were high in their praise of both Varney and Duggins.

Coach Varney's Christians had won only one game and tied one the previous year out of eight contests, but they finished the 1954 campaign with a season mark of five wins, three losses and a tie and showed four wins, one loss and one tie in loop games. It was the first time in seven years that two coaches had shared the Conference honor.

Previous "Coach of the Year" awards had gone to Duggins, of Appalachian, in 1948; to Jim Mallory, of Elon, in 1949; to Bill Dole, of East Carolina, in 1950; to Clarence Stasovich, of Lenoir Rhyne, in 1951; to Jack Boone, of East Carolina, in 1952; and Clyde Biggers, of Catawba, in 1953.

Elon Cage Games

- Elon 75, DuPont 73.
- Elon 104, Mayodan "Y" 51.
- Elon 76, McCrary 84.
- Elon 78, Va. Tech 71.
- Elon 99, Jax Navy 76.
- Elon 65, Rollins 73.
- Elon 81, Fla. Southern 48.
- Elon 59, Stetson 91.
- Elon 79, DuPont 73.
- Elon 75, McCrary 95.
- Elon 76, East Carolina 64.
- (Remaining Games)
- Jan. 11—A. C. C., away.
- Jan. 13—Guilford, home.
- Jan. 15—Catawba, away.
- Jan. 17—High Point, away.
- Jan. 19—Appalachian, home.
- Jan. 21—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Jan. 22—W. C. T. C., away.
- Jan. 26—High Point, home.
- Jan. 29—Catawba, home.
- Feb. 3—Appalachian, away.
- Feb. 5—W. C. T. C., home.
- Feb. 8—Guilford, away.
- Feb. 12—East Carolina, away.
- Feb. 14—A. C. C., home.
- Feb. 16—Lenoir Rhyne, home.

Elon Victor Over DuPont

Returning to the cage wars after Christmas holidays, the Elon cagers chalked a well-earned 79-73 victory over the DuPont quintet at Martinsville, Va., on Thursday night, December 30th. The Christians grabbed an early lead and fought off a DuPont rally to win.

Ray Whitley, hitting well from his guard post, led the Elon scoring with 25 points, but Ed Juratic, Don Packard and Dave Maddox also scored in the double digits. Fall Sam Belcher was the top scorer for DuPont with 26 points trailed by Bob Davis and Bill Cook with 16 and 12 counters.

Pos. Elon (79) DuPont (73)
F—Maddox (10) Robertson (2)
F—Juratic (15) Belcher (26)
C—Stone (9) Davis (12)
G—Packard (11) Draper (9)
G—Whitley (25) Cook (16)
Half—Elon 44, DuPont 35.
Elon subs—Mazzilli (9), Walker, DeRita, Hamrick. DuPont subs—Joyce, Stanley, Barrow, Cone, Gerringer (8).

Elon Cagers Battle Two Loop Rivals

The Christian cagers offer plenty of entertainment for the home fans this week as they play host to both Guilford Quakers and the Catawba Indians in home games, with the Quakers slated to appear on the Elon floor on Thursday night and the Indians due for a Saturday night engagement this week.

Off to a flying start on their North State Conference slate, the Christians rolled over East Carolina here last Saturday night. They were slated to meet Atlantic Christian at Wilson last night and then return here for the two home contests with Guilford and Catawba.

The Quakers, who always seem to hit their peak form in battles with the Elon athletic squads, will present rugged opposition in the Thursday night encounter. The Guilford squad boasts plenty of size and speed, with a powerful scoring attack built around Bill Atkins, a sharp-shooting senior. The Christians split with Guilford last year, but Coach Mathis' boys will be seeking a clean sweep this year.

The Elon outfit swept both games from the Catawba basketekers last season, but Coach Earl Ruth is reported to have added strength to his Indian roster this winter. Jack Lyndon, a clever guard, has been the scoring leader for Catawba in the Indians' early games.

Maddox Tops Elon Quintet In Scoring

Dave Maddox, Christian co-captain and forward, was leading the scoring for the Christian basketball squad as the Maroon and Gold tilters began the second week of post-holiday play. Maddox had a big night against the East Carolina five and gained the leadership for the first time in statistics compiled last weekend.

The be-spectacled forward bucketed 23 points against the Pirates to run his total in eleven games to 184 points, an average of 16.7 points per game. Just behind him is Ed Juratic, who tossed in 180 points in the eleven contests for an average of 16.4 points per game.

Ray Whitley, hitting well in recent games, climbed into third place with 104 points, trailed by Earl Stone with 89 and Don Packard with 77 points. Whitley moved into the top five for the first time this season.

The Christian squad is hitting well above its last year's mark with an average of 79 points per game, while its has allowed opposing teams an average of 72.6 points per night.

Individual and team scoring through last Saturday's East Carolina contest follows:

Player	FG	FT	TP
Maddox	63	58	184
Juratic	81	18	180
Whitley	41	22	104
Stone	25	39	89
Packard	32	13	77
Walker	22	10	54
Brown	19	11	49
Hamrick	9	20	38
Mazzilli	8	15	31
Timmons	9	6	24
DeRita	5	6	16
Clitty	5	2	12
McIntyre	1	2	4
Stegall	0	1	1
King	0	1	1
Rickover	0	0	0

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