

Christians Face Crucial Tilts With East Carolina

LONG DISTANCE CLOUTER



Alton Myers

Alton Myers, junior third sacker on the Elon baseball squad, has been the long distance clouter in the Christians' early diamond battles this spring, according to the statistics that were compiled after the first six games. The Lexington boy, who is playing his third season in an Elon baseball uniform, started off with a booming triple in the opening game with Guilford and then rapped out four two-base blows in the double-header against Atlantic Christian on April 9th. In second season as a regular at the hot corner, Myers has also been doing some nice work afield and has stolen two bases.

Green Leading Batter In Six Early Contests

A pair of hard-hitting outfielders and a slugging third baseman were topping the batting attack for the regulars on the Elon College baseball squad in the first six games of the 1955 season, according to statistics compiled last weekend following the Saturday night defeat at the hands of the professional Bur-Gra Pirates.

The batting leaders among the Christian starters at the 6-game point were Bobby Green and Charlie Cassell, outfielders, and Alton Myers, third sacker, each of whom had been hitting enemy pitching at a fine clip and at timely moments. The three regulars, however, were trailing behind a number of reserves who had been to the plate twice each in the early games.

Bobby Green, an All-Conference outfielder last spring, whose terrific homer was the deciding shot in the final titular victory over Lenoir Rhyne at Hickory, was banging away at a .421 clip on 8 hits in 19 trips to the plate. Trailing was Charlie Cassell, who donned an Elon uniform again this year after four years in Uncle Sam's armed service. Cassell showed a .389 percentage on 7 hits in 18 trips. In third place was Myers, who had 8 hits in 21 attempts for a .381 percentage.

Coach Doc Mathis had used a total of 22 players in the first six games of the 1955 schedule, six of the group being pitchers, and the entire squad was banging away at a merry .284 clip, which was far above the Christian squad hitting of a year ago, when the Elon baseballers won their fourth North State Conference title in six seasons.

Bobby Green was topping the Christians in the important runs-batted-in column. The big junior

Elon Nine Meets Pirates In Double Bill Saturday

Lefty Taylor Is With Burlington

Lefty Taylor, ace pitcher with Elon's North State Champions of 1950 and 1951, came right back home last week when he joined the Bur-Gra Pirates of the Carolina League as one of the regular mound staff for the professional squad.

Taylor had a mark of five wins and one loss for Elon during the 1951 campaign, his final season in a Christian uniform, one of the highlights that season being a thrilling 15-inning battle with East Carolina, in which the Elon southpaw went the route and out-pitched two Pirate aces for a 3 to 2 win.

The Christian southpaw, a native of Thomasville, Ga., passed up his senior college season to sign with Burlington in the summer of 1951 and was later with Waco in the Texas League before a two-year stint with the Army. He returned to Elon last fall and graduated at Thanksgiving.

Elon Loses To Bur-Gra

The Christian baseball squad, with five straight wins over college competition, suffered its first defeat of the 1955 season when the professional Bur-Gra Pirates of the Carolina League grabbed a 10 to 3 decision in a night battle at Graham Park last Saturday night.

The pro squad packed just too much experience and batting power for the Elon collegians, and the Christians fell behind by a 9-0 count before they could push over three runs in the seventh inning.

The Bur-Gra squad paired six hits, four walks and an Elon error to grab a 5-0 lead off Luther Conger in the first four innings. The pros then added four counters off Charlie Swicegood in the fifth and sixth. Jack Henderson held them scoreless in the seventh, but Ronnie McIntyre gave up one run in the eighth.

Nick Thompson, Elon's All-State shortstop, came out of an early season batting slump to get two doubles and lead the Elon batting attack. His final two-bagger drove three runners home. Larry Dofflemeyer and Ray Scott had the other two Elon safeties.

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Bur-Gra ... 201 213 01x—10 11 2
Conger, Swicegood (5), Henderson (7), McIntyre (8) and Hobgood, Martin, Taylor (5), Paine (8) and Dorton.

MINOR SPORTS

TENNIS SCHEDULE

Elon 2, WF Frosh 8.
Elon 3, Guilford 4.
Elon 3, E.C.C. 6.
Elon 1, E.C.C. 6.
Elon 8, A.C.C. 1.
Elon-Lynchburg (Rain).
Elon 2, Lenoir Rhyne 5.
(Remaining Meets)
April 19—Guilford, away.
April 21—Appalachian, away.
April 22—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
April 26—Appalachian, home.
April 29—High Point, home.
May 3—High Point, away.

GOLF SCHEDULE

Elon 13 1-2, Guilford 4 1-2.
Elon 2 1-2, E.C.C. 15 1-2.
Elon 3, E.C.C. 15.
Elon 11, Catawba 7.
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(Remaining Meets)
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PIVOT ON DOUBLE KILLINGS



Larry Dofflemeyer

Larry Dofflemeyer, a senior second sacker from Elkton, Va., has been going great guns as the pivot man of Christian double-play combinations in early 1955 baseball games, and he has taken a turn in initiating several of the double killings himself. The records for the first six games show that Dofflemeyer has participated in six double plays thus far for the year, and three of them were two-man jobs that he started himself on plays from Dofflemeyer to Bobby Sharpe in the double win over Atlantic Christian. He was the middle man on the other three plays, one from Myers to Dofflemeyer to Scott and the other two Thompson to Dofflemeyer Sharpe.

On The Sidelines

By JOEL BAILEY



Elon's Fighting Christian baseball squad is the talk of the North State Conference and not without good reason, for all indications point at this time to another big year for the Maroon and Gold diamond outfit.

It took the Weather Man himself and several days of sustained rains to stop the Christians' winning ways in early season games. Three times last week the annoying stuff halted scheduled games with Guilford, a fact which left the Elon outfit with an overloaded schedule for the present week.

It is extremely hard to keep this team of ours off the sports pages of the state when one surveys the string of impressive wins against its early-season foes. Statistics shown elsewhere on this page show that the team has been hitting at a merry clip to aid and abet the pitchers.

The pitching staff itself, which is something of a coach's dream, is rounding into mid-season form, and the senior alignment of Hamrick, Swicegood, Hall, Conger and McIntyre has been strengthened by the addition of two freshman hurlers, Jack Henderson and Frank DeRita.

Other departments of the club are sound and match up well with the pitching, and every foe on the Elon schedule is pointing for the Christians, hoping to be the first college foe to beat Elon in '55. By the way, have you seen our baseball team yet?

In case you're wondering about those new faces you saw on the campus last weekend, let us help you clear up the mystery. They were not, as someone so wittily suggested, delegates from the House Un-American Activities Committee investigating "Com-

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Williams Nine Is Defeated Second Time

The Elon Christians continued to unload with the heavy artillery as they hammered out an 11 to 2 victory over the Williams College nine at Greensboro on Tuesday night, April 6th. It was the second successive victory over the Massachusetts collegians.

Charlie Swicegood and Ronnie McIntyre, a pair of Elon's senior pitching stars, split the pitching chores for Coach Doc Mathis' squad, and they held the Williams team to six hits, three of which came in a belated ninth inning rally that accounted for the New Englanders' only scores.

Swicegood, with three All-Conference seasons behind him, baffled the Williams batters through the first six innings, allowing them only two hits while striking out nine and walking four. McIntyre added three strikeouts in the final innings.

Elon grabbed the lead with single runs in the second and fourth and a pair of markers in the second inning, but the Christians were really off to the races in the big fifth inning, when five runs crossed the platter.

After a walk to Hobgood, Larry Dofflemeyer and Charlie Swicegood slugged successive two-baggers to start the big inning, and three singles in a row by Nick Thompson, Bobby Green and Charlie Cassell finished out the rally.

Dofflemeyer was the big gun in the Elon attack with a triple and double in four trips, but Bobby Green contributed a double and single in two tries, and Charlie Cassell had two singles in three attempts. Charlie Freeman led the Williams batting with a double and two singles.

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Williams ... 000 000 002—2 6 3
Elon 012 151 10z—1 10 2
Shaw, Flood (6) and Leinbach, Welles; Swicegood, McIntyre (7) and Hobgood.

Christians Top Bulldogs Twice In Eastern Race

Combining timely hitting and sharp fielding behind the steady pitching of Luther Conger and Sherrill Hall, Elon's senior All-Staters grabbed a double victory over the Atlantic Christian Bulldogs at Wilson on Saturday afternoon, April 9. The Christians took the opener by an 8-6 count and then copped the nightcap by a 4-3 margin.

The two wins shot the Elon outfit to the top of the heap in the North State Conference's eastern division, in which the Christians had chalked three straight wins and no defeats. The victories also boosted Elon's full-season mark to five wins in as many starts.

Elon grabbed the lead with two runs in the first inning and went on to score all their markers in the first five innings. Alton Myers topped the Christian attack with a pair of double, but Don Packard Bobby Green and Charlie Cassell had two singles each to contribute to the scoring. Don Percise and Bob McPhail each hit twice for the Bulldogs.

Luther Conger, starting on the mound for Elon, held the Atlantic Christian nine scoreless in the early innings and was in trouble only in the final frame of the 7-inning battle when four hits ac-

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Baseball Schedule

Elon 13, Guilford 3.
Elon 11, Williams 1.
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Elon 8, A.C.C. 6.
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Elon-Guilford (Rain).
Elon 3, Bur-Gra 10.
Elon 2, Greensboro 8.
(Remaining Games)
April 19—Guilford, away.
April 23—E. C.C. away (DH).
April 25—H. Point, home (DH).
April 30—A.C.C., home (DH).
May 4—H. Point, away (DH).
May 6—E.C.C., home (DH).