# Christians Face Crucial Tilts With East Carolina

LONG DISTANCE CLOUTER



### Alton Myers

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

# Green Leading Batter In Six Early Contests

eekend following the Saturday hitter in the early battles. ight defeat at the hands of the Sherrill Hall, tall senior rightrofessional Bur-Gra Pirates.

at a fine clip and at timely mom- of the Bur-Gra Pirates. The three regulars, however, plate twice each in the early are as follows:

Bobby Green, an All-Conference outfielder last spring, whose errific homer was the deciding lout in the final titular victory wer Lenoir Rhyne at Hickory, was banging away at a .421 clip in 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 he entire squad was banging away at a merry .284 clip, which was far above the Christian squad hitting of a year ago, when the Ton baseballers won their fourth

Bobby Green was topping the hristians in the important runslatted-in column. The big junior

A pair of hard-hitting outfielders from Brown Summit had batted and a slugging third baseman 8 Elon runners across the plate, were topping the batting attack with Homer Hobgood trailing one for the regulars on the Elon Col-behind with 7 RBI's to his credit. ege baseball squad in the first Alton Myers, with four doubles six games of the 1955 season, ac- and a triple included in his eight ording to statistics compiled last hits, was the leading long-distance

hander, chalked two of the five The batting leaders among the pitching victories for the Elon Christian starters at the 6-game nine, with the other three winning oint were Bobby Green and Char- games credited to Captain Hank e Cassell, outfielders, and Alton Hamrick, Luther Conger and Hyers, third sacker, each of whom Charlie Swicegood. Luther Conger Bur-Gra had been hitting enemy pitching suffered the lone loss at the hands

The batting vere trailing behind a number of tistics for the Christians through Dorton. reserves who had been to the last Saturday's Bur-Gra contest

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Player	ALD	Ac		
Henderson	. 2	0	2	1.000
Motsinger	. 2	1	1	.500
Oakes		0	1	.500
Green		6	8	.421
Cassell	18	0	7	.389
Myers	21	6	8	.381
Swicegood		1	1	.333
Packard		8	6	.261
Thompson		8	6	.261
Scott		2	2	.250
Conger	_	0	2	.250
Hall		0	1	.250
Dofflemyer		4	4	.235
Hobgood		4	4	.238
Sharpe	-	3	2	.222
McIntyre		2	1	.16
Watts	-	3	1	.12
Johnson		0	0	.000
Hamrick		0	0	.00
Stringer		0	0	.00
Bergman	_	0	0	.00
Stauffenberg		1	0	.00
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ELON TOTALS 197 50 56 .284 orth State Conference title in OPPONENTS 181 25 31 .215 Hobgood 7, McIntyre 5, Thomp-

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# **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 Thanks-

## **Elon Loses** To Bur-Gra

of the Carolina League grabbed a tutored the Elon nine. 10 to 3 decision in a night battle at Graham Park last Saturday

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 in-

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 count ers 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.

season batting slump to get two diamond outfit. doubles and lead the Elon batting three runners home. Larry Doffle-

000 000 030— 3 4 201 213 01x-10 11 2 the Elon outfit with an overloaded 1955 campaign. Martin, Taylor (5), Paine (8) and this team of

#### 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.

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 Elen 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. Elon 11, Catawba 7.

(Remaining Meets) May 3-High Point, away.

#### right down on the table when the Christian baseballers invade Greenville for a Conference double-header with the East Carolina Pirates. for the outcome of the two games on the Pirates home field could go far toward

deciding the outcome of the 1955

titular race in the eastern division

of the North State loop Pre-season dope placed the Christians in the favorite's role in the battle for the eastern division crown, but the diamond prophets also labelled Coach Jim Mallory's Pirates as the 'dark horse" of the eastern race

Both the Christians and Pirates broke away to winning starts in their Conference competition, and the team which can gain the edge in four games they play each other can well go on to claim the sec tional honors. The two games in Greenville on Saturday are the first two of their four meetings.

Elon copped three of four games last year, with East Carolina nosing the Christians 2 to 0 in a battle at Greenville in spite of a 1-hit mound performance by Sherrill Hall. Luther Conger turned the Pirates back in the other game that afternoon by a 2 to 1 score Hall and Conger then paired on the mound for Elon to chalk wins by 4 to 0 and 2 to 1 in the other games on the Elon field.

Coach Mathis has the same two towering right-handers ready for The Christian baseball squad. duty against the Pirates on Saturwith five straight wins over college competition, suffered its first stars will be turning loose with all defeat of the 1955 season when barrels against the Pirates and the professional Bur-Gra Pirates Coach Mallory, who formerly

### PIVOT ON DOUBLE KILLINGS



### Larry Dofflemyer

Larry Dofflemyer, a senior see and sacker from Elkton, Va., has in the big fifth inning, when five been going great guns as the pivot man of Christian double-play combinations in early 1955 base all games, and he has taken a turn in initiating several of the double killings himself. The recerds for the first six games show that Dofflemyer has participated Dofflemyer and Charlie Swicegood in six double plays thus far for the year, and three of them were slugged successive two-baggers to two-man jobs that he started himself on plays from Dofflemyer to start the big inning, and three Bobby Sharpe in the double win over Atlantic Christian. He was singles in a row by Nick Thompthe middle man on the other three plays, one from Myers to Dofflemyer to Scott and the other two Thompson to DofflemyerSharpe.

Baseball Schedule

Elon 11, Williams 1. Elon 11, Williams 2. Elon 8, A.C.C. 6.

Elon 4. A.C.C. 3. 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).

## Williams Nine Is Defeated Second Time

The Elon Christians continued te 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 Massa chusetts 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 hem only two hits while striking out nine and walking four. Me-Intyre 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 runs crossed the platter.

After a walk to Hobgood, Larry son, Bobby Green and Charlie Cassell finished out the rally.

Dofflemyer 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.

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

sharp fielding behind the steady stopped the Bulldogs' Jerry Wilpitching of Luther Conger and liams without a hit in the game. Staters of a year ago, the Christ- Sherrill Hall was Elon's winning With one meet already in the lans grabbed a double victory over pitcher in the nightcap battle, in opener by an 8-6 count and then copped the nightcap by a 4-3 mar-

fit to the top of the heap in the safety. had chalked three straight wins two double doubles, and Charlie and no defeats. The victories also Cassell and Homer Hobgood had boosted Elon's full-season mark to two singles to pace the Elon bat-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 games follows: 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 for the Bulldogs.

Luther Conger, starting on the mound for Elon, held the Atlantic Christian nine scoreless in the Elon were not, as someone so wittily might be called sun-soaking. One early innings and was in trouble A.C.C. suggested, delegates from the who is watching at such a time only in the final frame of the 7- Hall and Hobgood; K. Fulghum, inning battle when four hits ac- J. Williams (6) and R. Fulghum.

Combining timely hitting and counted for four runs. Conger

five walks and duplicated Conger's feat in holding Jerry Williams, The two wins shot the Elon out- Bulldog outfield star, without a

Alton Myers again hammered ting. No Bulldog batter had more than one hit.

The score by innings for the two

(FIRST GAME)

R. H. E. 203 210 0—8 12 2 A.C.C. ...... 000 101 4—6 8 1 Conger and Hobgood: Rogers, Horne (4) and R. Fulghum.

#### (SECOND GAME)

R. H. E. 101 010 0-3 3 4

(Remaining Meets)

April 19-Guilford, away. April 21-Appalachian, away. April 26-Appalachian, home. April 29-High Point, home.

Elon's Fighting Christian base-[rade" Moize. Instead, they were a ball squad is the talk of the North group of youthful high school State Conference and not without good reason, for all indications ferent states who were paying the Nick Thompson, Elon's All-State point at this time to another big Elon campus a brief visit. The shortstop, came out of an early year for the Maroon and Gold youngsters were on the campus It took the Weather Man him- to see a little Carolina rain, alattack. His final two-bagger drove self and several days of sustained though the Weather Man did smile rains to stop the Christians' win- and send a bit of sunshine on Satmyer and Ray Scott had the other ning ways in early season games. urday. May we hope that the Three times last week the annoy- youthful gridsters like the Elon ing stuff halted scheduled games atmosphere well enough to join 3 with Guilford, a fact which left our grid squad for the coming

On The

**Sidelines** 

By JOEL BAILEY

Conger, Swicegood (5), Hender-schedule for the present week. son (7), McIntyre (8) and Hobgood; It is extremely hard to keep off the sport pages of the state when one surveys the string of impressive wins against its early-season foes. Statistics shown elsewhere on this is being focused on Horst Mevius, page show that the team has been the German lad, who is expected abet the pitchers.

and the senior alignment of Ham-

the pitching, and every foe on the and the speed. Elon schedule is pointing for the Christians, hoping to be the first the way, have you seen our baseball team yet?

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football players from several diffor three days, and they managed

books and another one scheduled the Atlantic Christian Bulldogs at which he let the Bulldogs down for this week, the local fans can Wilson on Saturday afternoon, with three hits. The big rightgo to the cinder path for their April 9. The Christians took the hander fanned eight and allowed sports. A great deal of attention hitting at a merry clip to aid and to bring home the bacon in several events for the Christian thinclads. The pitching staff itself, which Other track participants say that North State Conference's eastern is something of a coach's dream, the slender Mevius reminds one division, in which the Christians is rounding into mid-seasen form, of a locomotive as he streaks around the track. Who knows, mayrick, Swicegood, Hall, Conger and be we will be watching one of McIntyre has been strengthened the top runners in the state in the five wins in as many starts. by the addition of two freshman person of the blonde speedster hurlers, Jack Henderson and Frank from Germany. Maybe, too, we should nickname him the "Lubeck Other departments of the club Locomotive" or the "Lubeck Exare sound and match up well with press." Certainly he has the power

ON THE LIGHT SIDE . . Did of-state students amuse themselves on Sundays, a time when and Bob McPhail each hit twice many of the students from this In case you're wondering about section have trekked to their those new faces you saw on the homes for the weekend? Well, a campus last weekend, let us help new sport is now raging on the you clear up the mystery. They campus on the weekend, and it

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