

# Elon Meets East Carolina In Important Contests

## SETTING NEW TRACK RECORDS



Horst Mevius

Horst Mevius, Elon's international exchange student from Lubeck, Germany, has done a bit of re-writing in Elon's track record book this spring as he set new Elon records in the quarter mile, half mile and broad jump and helped set a new mark in the one-mile relay. The blonde speedster is pictured above in full stride as he swept to victory in the half mile against Guilford here on Wednesday, April 27th. Mevius should be a head-on favorite to capture first places in his specialties in the annual North State Conference meet this year.

## Elon Track Stars Hold Half Of Conference Track Marks

With interest in track leaping to new heights on the Elon campus within the past few weeks, it will be interesting to Elon students to know that Christian athletes hold seven of the fifteen North State Conference records and are tied for the mark in another event.

The fact that Christian cinder stars own exactly half the Conference records is quite remarkable in view of the team records, which disclose that Elon has won only one championship since the Conference meet was originated in the spring of 1950. The Christians were second in team scoring in 1950, first in 1951 and third in 1952, 1953 and 1954. Such could only indicate that Elon has had a few individual stars but lacked balance for team strength.

The Conference records, compiled from the summaries of the five North State Conference meets since 1950, are listed below, with the event, the holder, the year or years set, and the record time, height or distance.

- 100 YARD DASH — Gene Robinson, Lenoir Rhyne (1953), and Bob Perry, East Carolina (1954). TIME — 9.9 secs.
- 220 YARD DASH — Bob Lewis, Elon (1950) and Wally Mauldsby, Guilford (1950). TIME — 22.4 secs.
- 440 YARD DASH — Joe Breendon, Guilford (1951). TIME — 54.1 secs.
- 880 YARD RUN — Larry Gaither, Elon (1950). TIME — 2 min., 9.6 secs.
- MILE RUN — Jim Elkins, Elon (1950). TIME — 5 min., 0.8 secs.
- TWO-MILE RUN — Bill Holland, High Point (1951). TIME — 11 min., 28 secs.
- HIGH HURDLES — Mal Bennett, Elon (1953). TIME — 15.4 secs.
- LOW HURDLES — Mal Bennett, Elon (1953). TIME — 27.4 secs.
- SHOT PUT — Bob Edmiston, Elon (1950). DISTANCE — 44 feet 7 inches.
- DISCUS — Paul Sykes, High Point (1952). DISTANCE — 130 feet 4 1-2 inches.
- JAVELIN — Paul Skinner, Guil-

ford (1950). DISTANCE — 160 feet.

HIGH JUMP — Len Greenwood, Elon (1950 and 1951), and Dave Wondy, Elon (1950). HEIGHT — 5 feet 10 inches.

BROAD JUMP — Tom Francis, Guilford (1954). DISTANCE — 21 feet 1 1-2 inches.

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## On The Sidelines

By JOEL BAILEY

The individual who originated the statement, "You win some, you lose some, you tie a few, and some you get rained out," must surely have played or seen his baseball in a region outside our own North State Conference, for more than a "few" of the Christians' baseball contests have been washed out this spring. However, regardless of the Weather Man's little jokes, the season is progressing and in a winning way for the Maroon and Gold diamond experts.

On the subject of our fine baseball team, I was leafing through some of the other college newspapers recently when I stumbled on an article that should interest local fans (if such an animal exists). In Billy Arnold's column entitled "Sports Echo," which appears in the East Carolinian, he refers to the Elon pitching staff as "the best pitching staff in the South."

We will not argue this point with Mr. Arnold, for it seems that everyone in the conference and in the entire state is well aware of the potential power of the entire Elon squad . . . that is, everyone except the Elon students. I hate to get back on that well-

worn soap box, but when you attend an Elon game you need binoculars to spot your nearest neighbor in the stands. It's a good thing that turnstiles have not been installed at the local park, for it's a cinch they would long since have rusted.

It's hats-off, however, to those few fans who do attend the ball games. If the school spirit is at a low ebb, it's certainly not their fault. We may very well have the best pitching staff in the South, and we know that we have a very good and a hustling club. Again, I ask you if you have seen the boys in action?

Wonders never cease, as the old saying goes, and that's what one recent visitor to our campus seems to have thought last week. Standing in line for dinner, I overheard an Elon student relate the golf score of that day's play to a member of the Appalachian tennis team, which had met our netters while the mountaineer golfers played our linksmen that afternoon.

"The score was something like 10 to 7," the local student informed the visitor.

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## Decide Conference Title Two Games Friday May

### Baseballers Divide With Quaker Nine

The Elon Christians suffered their first loss in the 1955 North State Conference race when they split a double-header with the Guilford Quakers on the Quaker field on Tuesday, April 19th. The Elon nine won the opener 11 to 2 and then ran head-on into disaster as it dropped an abbreviated nightcap by a 4 to 3 margin.

Charlie Swicegood, veteran Elon southpaw, allowed the Quakers only two hits, both of them singles, in winning the first game. The Quaker scores came in the first and second innings, neither of them being earned. Swicegood struck out 11 men and allowed four walks.

In a second game which the umpires called in the sixth due to darkness, the Christians went down by a 4 to 3 margin. Elon broke to the front with three runs in the top of the third on singles by Don Packard and Nick Thompson, a double by Larry Dofflemeyer and a triple by Bobby Green.

The Quakers picked up two in the bottom of the same inning on a walk to Don Hemric, a single by Lynn Buckner and a double by Fuller Cashion. They added two more in the fourth on two singles, a double, an error and two walks. These runs proved to be the game when the umpires terminated play in the last of the sixth.

#### (FIRST GAME)

	r	h	e
Elon	301	511	0-11 15 3
Guilford	110	000	0-2 2 1

Swicegood and Hobgood; Buckner, Dowd (4), Roan (6) and Allred.

#### (SECOND GAME)

	r	h	e
Elon	003	000	0-3 7 2
Guilford	002	200	x-4 7 1

Hall and Hobgood; Beneditte and Allred.

The 1955 baseball championship of the North State Conference could well be decided when the Fighting Christian nine battles the East Carolina Pirates in two games on the Elon field on Friday afternoon, for the Maroon and Gold squad could grab off first place by bumping the Pirates in both ends of the double bill.

The Christians, after playing the High Point Panthers twice at High Point this afternoon, had five more games remaining of the regular season in the eastern division of the North State loop. There is a rained-out game yet to be re-scheduled with Guilford on the Elon field, and the High Pointers will return here next Tuesday for a doubleheader that was postponed last week due to wet grounds. The crucial point in the race, however, comes in the two battles with the Pirates on Friday afternoon, and it is no light task that Coach Doc Mathis' boys face in attempting to wrest two wins from the East Carolina squad. The two teams split even in two close games at Greenville two weeks ago.

The Christians will probably send Luther Conger and Sherrill Hall, the two big right-handers, to the mound against the Pirates and the visitors from down east are expected to pitch Tommy Pruitt and Mack Cherry, a pair of Pirate aces, each of whom held Elon to three hits in the earlier battles. Conger defeated Pruitt 3 to 2, while Cherry got a 2 to 1 decision over Hall in the games at Greenville.

## SOUTHPAW HAVING FINE YEAR



Charlie Swicegood

Charlie Swicegood, senior southpaw pitcher from Lexington, is once more proving one of the mainstays of the Christian mound staff, sometimes as a starter and sometimes as a "fireman" who goes in to put out a blaze. The big left-hander turned in a neat 2-hit job against Guilford for one of the best pitching performances of the year, no other Elon pitcher having held an opponent to less than three safeties. Swicegood went in as a reliefer in both games of a recent double-header at East Carolina. The Lexington boy has won two and lost none thus far for the season. He has had 25 strikeouts and has allowed only 10 walks and 7 hits in 17 innings.

## Varsity Team Breaks Even With Pirates

The Elon Christians and the East Carolina Pirates broke even in a crucial North State Conference doubleheader at Greenville on Saturday afternoon, April 23rd, with the Christian grabbing the opener by a 3 to 2 count and the Pirates taking the nightcap by a 2 to 1 margin.

The Pirates grabbed an early lead in the first game when they courted both their markers in the first inning when they linked Jerry Stewart's single and Bill Cline's double with an Elon error. It was their final scoring for the game as Luther Conger and Charlie Swicegood sopped them effectively the rest of the way.

The Elon outfit got back one of the runs in the second when Charlie Cassell singled and scored on Larry Dofflemeyer's double, but they waited until the seventh to plate the winning runs on three Pirate errors and a base on balls. Cecil Heath, East Carolina's All-Conference second baseman, booted two in that final inning to contribute heavily to Elon's winning rally.

The Pirates got to Sherrill Hall for two runs in the third inning of the second game on a walk to Jerry Stewart, a single by Gatherer Cline and a triple by Bill Cline, and the two markers were enough to win a 2 to 1 verdict for Mack Cherry, the Pirate pitcher, who allowed Elon only a single run in the sixth. Elon could get only three singles off Cherry's offering in the game.

Larry Dofflemeyer, with a two-bagger in the opener was the top batter for Elon, since none of the Christians could hit safely more than once in the double bill. Bill Cline topped East Carolina with a triple, double and single in the two battles.

The score by innings follows:

#### (FIRST GAME)

	r	h	e
Elon	010	000	2-3 3 1
East Carolina	200	000	0-2 3 5

Conger, Swicegood (7) and Hobgood; Pruitt and B. Cline.

#### (SECOND GAME)

	r	h	e
Elon	000	001	0-1 3 1
East Carolina	002	000	x-2 6 0

Hall, Swicegood (6) and Hobgood; Cherry and B. Cline.

## Cindermen All Eve In Two Meets

### Drop Decision At Lynchburg

The Elon tracksters dropped a well-contested cinder meet to the Lynchburg Hornets at Lynchburg on Friday afternoon, April 22nd, by an 82 1-2 to 40 1-2 margin, with the Christian runners and field men forcing their more experienced opponents to record excellent marks in a number of events.

Horst Mevius, Elon's brilliant middle-distance runner, won first places in both the quarter and half and added a third first in the broad jump. Mevius set a new Elon and Lynchburg record in the half with a 1 minute 59.5 seconds mark. John Platt copped Elon's other first place in the high hurdles, and Platt also set a new Elon mark of 11 feet 6 inches in the pole vault.

The summary follows:  
100 YARD DASH — Jarrett (L), Green (E), Richards (E). TIME — 10.1 secs.  
220 YARD DASH — Jarrett (L), Green (E), Scott (L). TIME — 22.9 secs.  
440 YARD DASH — Mevius (E), Dooley (L), Scott (L). TIME — 52 secs.  
880 YARD RUN — Mevius (E), Atwood (L), Gooch (L). TIME — 1 min. 59.5 secs.  
ONE MILE — Atwood (L), Almond (L), Watts (E). TIME — 5 mins.  
TWO MILES — Parker (L), Brown (L), Smith (L). TIME — 11 min. 41.8 secs.  
HIGH HURDLES — Platt (E), Rogers (L), no third. TIME — 16.7 secs.  
LOW HURDLES — Colbert (L), Platt (E), tie for third by Creech (E) and Rogers (L). TIME — 26.1 secs.  
HIGH JUMP — Goode (L), Platt (E), Danley (L). HEIGHT — 5 feet 7 inches.  
BROAD JUMP — Mevius (E), Cranby (L), Creech (E). DISTANCE — 20 feet 4 3-4 inches.

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#### Baseball Schedule

- Elon 13, Guilford 3.
  - 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.
  - Elon 11, Guilford 2.
  - Elon 3, Guilford 4.
  - Elon 3, E.C.C. 2.
  - Elon 1, E.C.C. 2.
  - Elon 4, A.C.C. 2.
  - Elon 2, A.C.C. 1.
- (Remaining Games)  
May 4—H. Point, away (DH).  
May 6—E.C.C., home (DH).  
May 10—H. Point, Home (DH).

## Elon Squad Top Bulldogs In 2 Games

With Sherrill Hall and Luther Conger turning in almost identical three-hit pitching jobs, the Elon Christians turned back the Atlantic Christian Bulldogs twice in a North State Conference doubleheader here last Saturday, April 30th. The winning scores were 4 to 2 and 2 to 1.

Sherrill Hall was the winning pitcher in the opener, limiting the Bulldogs to three hits and striking out nine men, as he got the decision by a 4 to 2 score. Hall's mates got to Bob Horne for eight hits, including doubles by Charlie Cassell and Homer Hobgood.

Hobgood's double to left field was the decisive blow as Elon scored all four runs in the second inning. Bobby Green's single, Charlie Cassell's double and a walk to Larry Dofflemeyer filled the bases, and all three scored on Hobgood's two-play blow. Hobgood then scored on Sherrill Hall's single.

The Bulldogs came back for two

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## Grab Victory Over Quakers

The Elon College track team swept twelve first places in fourteen events here on Wednesday, April 27th, as the Christian cindermen defeated Guilford 94 1-2 to 27 1-2 in a North State Conference dual meet.

Horst Mevius and John Platt each won three first places and Bobby Green and Paul Watts each took two firsts for the Christians. The summary follows:

- 100 YARD DASH — Green (E), Richards (E), Bridges (E). TIME — 10.3 secs.
- 220 YARD DASH — Green (E), Bridges (E), Richards (E). TIME — 23.7 secs.
- 440 YARD DASH — Mevius (E), Newcomb (E), Bradham (E). TIME — 51.8 secs.
- 880 YARD RUN — Mevius (E), Martin (E), Griffin (E). TIME — 2 min. 4.2 secs.
- MILE RUN — Watts (E), Haworth (G), Stump (E). TIME — 5 min. 6 secs.
- TWO-MILE RUN — Watts (E), Haworth (G), Simpson (E). TIME — 11 min. 46.9 secs.
- HIGH HURDLES — Platt (E), Creech (E), Blackburn (G). TIME — 16.8 secs.
- LOW HURDLES — Platt (E), Smith (E), Creech (E). TIME — 27.1 secs.
- HIGH JUMP — Platt (E), Everett (G), tie for third by Stempinsky (E) and Newton (G). HEIGHT — 5 feet 9 inches.
- BROAD JUMP — Mevius (E), Fakhoury (G), Creech (E). DISTANCE — 20 feet 10 1-2 inches.
- SHOT PUT — Newcomb (E), Cafasso (E), DiPerna (E). DISTANCE — 37 feet 7 inches.
- DISCUS — Abernathy (G), DiPerna (E), Neilson (G). DISTANCE — 110 feet 1 1-2 inches.
- JAVELIN — Neilson (G), Abernathy (G), Fitzgerald (E). DISTANCE — 148 feet 8 inches.
- MILE RELAY — Elon (Smith, Newcomb, Bridges, Mevius), Guilford. TIME — 3 min. 38.4 secs.

## Golf, Tennis Teams Face Title Meets

The Elon golfers and netters, who were slated to close their regular schedules by meeting High Point away yesterday, will bid for the Conference titles in the North State tournaments within the next week.

The Christian golfers have won three of their last four meets, with results of yesterday's Panther meet not known. The linksmen defeated Guilford 14 1-2 to 3 1-2, downed Appalachian 11 1-2 to 6 1-2 and swamped High Point 18 to 0. Only loss was to the Appys by a 14 1-2 to 3 1-2 count.

The tennis squad continued to find rough sledding in recent meets, but the netters did chalk overwhelming victories over Atlantic Christian in two meets. The remainder of the Elon net card during the past two weeks shows two losses to Appalachian and single defeats by Guilford, Lynchburg, High Point and the Wake Forest Freshmen.