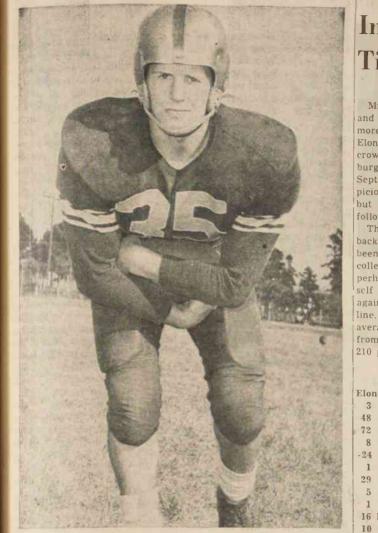
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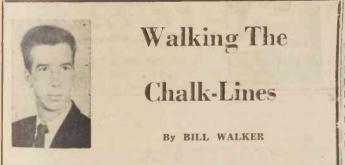
MAROON AND GOLD

Christians Battle Appalachian In First Home Game

STAUFFENBERG INJURED IN OPENER



Elon football hopes received a sharp set-back when Bob Staufenberg, a rugged sophomore fullback from Morea. Pa., received a ractured arm in the opening battle with Mississippi Southern on September 17th, an injury which may "bench" him for the rest of he season Stauffy, who smashes into enemy lines with bulldozer rce, came to Elon last fall after starring at Mahonoy Township Elon High School, where he was chosen for participation in Pennsylania's eighteenth annual "Dream Game." During his freshman season at Elon he was rushing leader for the Christians with a net of 478 yards and an average of 4.3 yards per carry. This record won for him All-Conference honors ir his first season



There are no words to express was above reproach, and it is little sprinted 21 yards for a nice rehe feeling one has after his team wonder that he was named the turn, but Bill Snyder had to punt with a remodelled backfield after Elon ses, especially when he is con- game's outstanding player.

inced that his team is two touchowns better than the victorious rest of the backfield and the line move the ball. ponent. I felt just that way short, for they all played a fine offer that Citadel game last Sat- offensive and defensive game and neither team had been able to tough battle to The Citadel's Bull- 140

acking of Richard Bradham and took them just one defeat and one Elon twenty when the Fighting behind some unbelievably bril- creditless victory to find them- Christians failed to get off a fourth bing an early 6-0 lead, found line play, the Christians selves, but you can look out for down punt. Two plays later Arban moved with beautiful precision them now

against the Citadel Bulldogs, who

HOBGOOD LEADS 1955 GRID SQUAD

In Mississippi Tilt, 39 To 0

By BILL WALKER

Mississippi Southern's heavy and experienced gridders romped more or less at will to swamp the Elon Christians 39 to 0 before a crowd of 13,500 fans in Hattiesburg. Miss., on Saturday night, September 17th. It was an auspicious debut for the Southerners, but it gave scant comfort to the followers of the Christians

The Elon squad, with a veteran packfield combination that had been thought one of the best smallcollege crews in the South and perhaps in the country, found itself virtually unable to move against Southern's tremendous line, a forward combination that averaged better than 230 pounds from tackle to tackle and over 210 pounds from end to end.

> HOW IT HAPPENED **First Downs**

48 72 Yards Lost Rushing 8 **Passes** Attempted 14 -24 Net Yards Rushing 370 **Passess Completed** 29 Yards Gained Passing 101 Net Yaards Scrimmage 471 **Opp.** Passes Intercepted 0 16 Runback Intercepted Passes 0 Number of Punts 34.7 Ave. Yards Punts 35.3

165 Runback All Kicks **Fumbles** Lost 40 Yards Lost Penalties Score by Periods:

Miss. Southern 12 7 14 6-39 Arban, Whitfield, Cardenas 2,

Whitfield, Meeks. On the first play from scrimmage, J. C. Arban, flashy freshman halfback for the Southerners. Elon eight, where Whitney Bradham brought him down from bewood sprinted untouched for the touchdown. Homer Hobgood, Elon's All-State center, blocked the

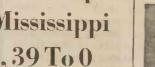
kick Kerry Richards, taking the next kick-off on his own twenty-six,

four plays later when the Christ- the loss of two regulars who 10 However, we must not sell the ians found themselves unable to started the opening game with Late in the first quarter, after brilliant form as they dropped a

displayed more "heart and guts" move the ball for substantial gains, dogs in Charleston, S.C., last Guided by the expert quarter- than most people can realize. It the Southerners took over on the Saturday night, September 24th.

TD and 12-0 lead.

Elon Trampled



Miss. Southern Yards Gained Rushing

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four and sprinted 57 yards to the ball

ond quarter both teams

Captain Homer Hobgood, a rugged senior from Oxford, leads the 1955 Christian grid squad and anchors the Maroon and Gold line from his center position. After playing very little as a freshman. Hobgood lettered as a first-line reserve in his sophomore year. Vee schedule are with Chowar and last season he stepped into a starting position and played bet- away on October 6: State Fresh ter than 55-minute ball all season. His steady play on offense and his alert defense won for him both All-Conference and All-State honors at the close of the 1954 campaign, during which he had two pass interceptions and two recoveries of enemy fumbles to his took a hand-off on his own thirty- credit. Captain Hobgood is also an All-Conference catcher in base-

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To Citadel Bulldogs By 26-18 Count

By BILL WALKER The Fighting Christians, playing

Mississippi Southern, displayed 20 The Elon gridders, after grab-177 themselves down at the half by a carried the pigskin over for the 19 to 6 margin and had to battle 0

desperately throughout the second

thrown for a 6-yard loss, but Mil-**HOW IT HAPPENED** Citadel

First Downs Yards Gained Rushing Yards Lost Rushing Net Yards Rushing **Passes Attempted Passes** Completed

Yards Gained Passing

Attendance Records May Fall As Old Rivals Meet

Elon Football

Elon 0. Miss. Southern 39. Elon 18, The Citadel 26.

(Remaining Games) Oct. 1-Appalachian, home. Oct. 8-East Carolina, away. Oct. 15-Newberry, home. Oct. 22-Catawba, away. Oct. 29-West. Carolina, home. Nov. 5-Naval App., home. Nov. 12-Lenoir Rhyne, away.

J-V Gridders **Tie Quakers** In Tilt Here

Nov. 19 - Guilford, away.

The Elon Jay-Vee team battled he Guilford youngsters to a score- runner-up honors in the race. less tie on Monday afternoon be- Neither team had been doped to fore a crowd of 300 fans on the finish so high in the standings. Elon practice field. The game The Mountaineers were the was the first of five tilts scheduled Coach Sid Varney's outfit last for the junior varsity this season. fall, and the Christians would like offensive player for the Elon their play in the game which they squad, while Tony Carcaterra and lost to Appaalchian at Boone by Jim Hawkins turned in some nice a 20 to 6 margin. bits of defensive play. The Jay-Vees' biggest threat carried to the

Guilford one, while Guilford's big gest threat ended on the ten.

Remaining games on the Jay men away on October 14: Gard ner-Webb away on October 21 and Hargrave away on November . The Jay-Vees are coached by

All attendance records for Elon College's home football battles are expected to go by the board on Saturday night when the Fighting Christians make their 1955 debut before the home folks in a crucial battle with the power-laden Appalachian Mountaineers.

The game, which is set for Burington Memorial Stadium at 8 o'clock Saturday night, has been the object of an intensive promotional campaign by the Burlington Elks Club, with the greatest advance sale of tickets in the anhals of Elon grid play.

The Elks' sponsorship has created top interest in the game, but the battle itself is attracting widespread interest throughout the state, for sports scribes on state newspapers have billed the contest as likely to decide the 1955 championship in the North State Conference.

The Apps surprised even their own supporters last fall when they romped to an undefeated season in North State Conference ranks, but the Christians added a surprise of their own by grabbing

Joey Del Gais was the featured mightily to forget the calibre of

ELON-APPALACHIAN SCORES

	1937—Elon 0, Appalachtan 31.
-	1938—Elon 7, Appalachian 6.
	1939—Elon 6, Appalachian 6.
-	1940—Elon 7, Appalachian 0.
1	1941—Elon 26, Appalachian 6.
	1946-Elon 0. Appalachian 40.
	1947—Elon 13, Appalachian 21.
-	1948—Elon 13, Appalachian 33.
,	1949—Elon 0, Appalachian 14.
•	1950—Elon 14. Appalachian 14.
1	1951—Elon 20, Appalachian 6.
	1952—Elon 13, Appalachian 7.
	1953—Elon 19, Appalachian 21.
	1954—Elon 6, Appalachian 20.
	Elon won 5, lost 7, tied 2.

While the Christians would like to avenge that lone Conference defeat of last year, there is just as strong motivation in the bitter ler passed to Al Andrejko for the rivalry that has always prevailed touchdown. Dzanis missed the in the Elon-App rivalry. The serpoint as the half ended before ies began in 1937, and since that time the two teams have met

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14 Citadel could kick off. 242 Elon drove 45 yards for her fourteen times, with Appalachian 33 next touchdown after Richard holding a 7-5 edge in victories and 209 Bradham returned the second half with two games ending in ties. It 10 kickoff from his own end zone past is interesting to note that the midfield. Richards went over Mountaineers are the only team guard from the seven for the score. in the North State loop to hold a 51 The Cadets then drove right back series edge in victories over Elon. Net Yards Scrimmage 260 for 70 yards and another touch- Coach Red Duggins will bring Opp. Passes Intercepted 4 down, with Dzanis going the final a veteran outfit into Burlington 0 Runback Intercepted Passes 60 two yards after Saunders had re- Stadium on Saturday night, a covered a "forward fumble" that squad which packs plenty of

some badly needed suport. Las year the cheerleaders could no go to many of the games away from home, because they could ind no arrangements for the nigh nor way to finance the trips. I seems a pity that some way could be provided for accommodation and meals for the cheerleaders to a dog—not even to a Bulldog. Elon lost the first game of the season to a fine Mississippi South- ern team, but it didn't hurt half as much as that "official defeat" which they suffered in Charles- ton last Saturday night. Contrary to the belief of some people, this "defeat" on the Elon record books did not destroy team spirit. Quite the contrary. It built on game than they ever could in practice. Richard Bradham, quarterback- ing his first complete game, play-	found their orrenses stylined until the final four minutes, at which time Mississippi Southern took over on her own forty-three, where Dallas Whitfield broke into the open for 33 yards to the Elon twenty-six. Two plays later Doug Barfield tossed 22 yards to Whit- field for the score. Whitfield added the point for 19 to 0 as the half ended. Early in the second half the Mississippi gridders took over on their own twenty, after a penalty had moved them back 15 yards, and just eight plays later the Southerners were again in the shadow of the Elon goal and with first-and-ten on the Christian eleven. Ed Cardenas, the game's leading scorer from his fullback the spot, scored the TD on an end sweep. Cardenas hit pay-dirt again in that same period on a 12-yard pass play. St. Elon's only real threat in the game came when Kerry Richards in thereepted a pass on Southern's in forty-four and raced to the enemy the forty-four and raced to the enemy the latel's "new look" on the citadel's "new look" on the citadel fumble on the cadet so the second platoon on citadel's "new look" on the citadel's "new look" on the citadel's "new look" on the citadel's "new look" on the citadel fumble cade the second platoon on citadel's "new look" on the citadel's "new look" c	take vtake vd of Elon- nsive ne.25.8Ave. Yards Punts ansive 230.2moved Cita two. Dzani 165165Runback All Kicks 287tut Elon the game.100Yards Penalties 2143The Chri teen, the tr cessive drive by fumbles determineddur- e the this thall, gainst quart- con- seyed6066-18The Citadel this thall, gainst quart- con- seyed0197026No less thi tourth con- seyedR. Bradham. Citadel Touchdowns - Pints afterDzanis 2 (placement) * * *No less thi outfit seem was denied or another Late in the Bulldogs moved to the Elon one, where Schwarze went over for the score. Tuzo's kick for point was blocked.No less thi outfit seem the first com Christians, final score Although Elon grid plater a pass inter- ference penalty against Elon on the one-yard line set up the sec- ond score. On the next play Ed Dzanis plunged for the TD and added the extra point, giving Cita- del a 13-6 lead.Final score opening d ian line	the final quarter, after shad to punt deep in ory, Eddie Bridges took det kick on the Citadet the and returned it to "hree plays later Rich- am, quarterbacking his plete game for the crashed over for the of the game. I denied the victory, the squad displayed a com- rsal of form from their played a terrific ball
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