

Volley Ball Champions



Leaders In Track



Tag Football Champions



THEY WERE TOPS IN INTRAMURALS

The outstanding performers in the intramural sports program on the Elon campus during the Fall Quarter are shown in the picture layout that tops the sports page this week. At the left is the Delta Upsilon Kappa team, which finished as champions of the girls' volley ball league and tournament after defeating the Day Student girls in the play-off finals. Members of the DUK team, pictured left to right, are Carolyn Abernathy, Sylvia Grady, Joyce Perry, Ann Dula and Frances Knight in the front row, and Evelyn Fritts, Sis Beekwith, Janet Crabtree, Betty Sue Ammons and Pat Christman in the back row. The leaders of the Sigma Phi Beta track squad, which romped to an overwhelming victory in the autumn track meet, are pictured in the center. They are Moss Beecroft (left) and Dick McCarthy (right). McCarthy was leading individual scorer, while Beecroft was individual runner-up for the Sigma Phi squad and for the entire meet. The Iota Tau Kappa team, which made a literal runway of the championship race in tag-football this fall, is pictured at the right. In the front row, left to right, is seen Jerry Slaughter, Robert Phelps and Phil Carter; while in the back row, in the same order are Nick Thompson, Warren Allen, Bobby Green and Alton Myers. Absent when the ITK picture was taken were Jimmy Calhoun, Jimmy Loflin and Bobbie Robertson, who played regular posts with the ITK gridders in their march to the championship.

Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER



Exams are here again, and football is gone for another year. At least it is gone for Elon players and fans, and it is virtually ended for everyone this season with the exception of a few scattered bowl games around the country. All of this makes it timely to do a bit of recapitulating on this year's action, a pastime which is not too pleasant from the standpoint of the Fighting Christians of 1955, who did not fare quite as well as their 1954 predecessor. One must face the fact that all teams have their ups and downs, their good days and their bad days.

The toll which graduation will take from the Elon grid squad this year will be felt less than it might otherwise have been, for no less than three of the seniors on the Maroon and Gold roster have already been lost to the squad for several weeks. Alternate Captain Nick Theos was kept out of action most of the season due to illness, Paul Watts suffered a disabling injury and has been lost since the Appalachian game, and Charlie Michaux went to the sidelines permanently following an injury he sustained in the Catawba contest.

The sad thing about '55, as far as the Christians are concerned, is that the latter conditions seemed to dominate this year. As one surveys the rough breaks that struck early, the injury to Bob Stauffenberg at fullback and the loss of Bill Snyder at quarterback, along with the injuries that struck in constant stream later in the campaign, it must be admitted, however, that maybe the Christians were lucky to do as well as they did.

That brighter light you've seen shining over the Elon campus in recent days may well be the reflection of bright prospects for the Elon basketball squad, and Elon students and fans may well hope for far better luck on the hardwood than on the gridiron this fall. In fact, it is not beyond the realm of possibility to dream of a North State title. That's not a prophecy, mind you, but there's no harm in dreaming. Only losses by graduation from last season were Dave Maddox and Hank Hamrick, center and guard, and their loss is compensated by the return of two former Elon stars in the persons of Dee Atkinson and Ben Kendall, also a center and guard.

Now, as the season passes into history, we want to say that Elon has great prospects for a good season next year (oh yes, there'll be a brighter tomorrow), and the indications are that Elon may have one of the best years in 1956 in current football history. The bulk of the Christian starters will be on hand for their fourth and final year, with only scanty losses due to graduation. Bob Stauffenberg and Bob Kopko, both on the injured list this fall, should be in shape for a good campaign a year hence, and much help should come from the trio of freshmen who have broken into the starting lineup in late-season games this fall. Yes, 1956, should and might well be a golden year for football at Elon.

Elon, which had its first three-sport letterman in many seasons in the person of Paul Watts last year, may well have its second one in the person of Tony Carcaterra. Tony, who broke into Elon's starting football lineup in the Western Carolina game, is expected to also appear among the candidates for the Elon basketball squad. Judging by his height and speed and reports one hears of his all-round ability in the hardwood sport, he should see much service as a Christian cager. His third sport will likely be track, and his height and speed should make it easier for him in the cinder sport than in either of the other two.

All-Campus Grid Team Is Named

The Iota Tau Kappa football squad, which swept to championship honors in the annual intramural tag-football race, placed four of its stars on the 1955 All-Campus team, which was announced after tabulation of votes by the manager of the various teams in the league.

The Day Students and the Alpha Pi Delta combinations each grabbed two places on the All-Campus squad, while East Dorm gained the ninth position on the honor list. The stars who appear on the annual all-star roster are listed below.

ALL-CAMPUS OF '55

- E—Bobby Boswell (Day Students)
- T—Curtis Young (Alpha Pi)
- C—Phil Carter (I.T.K.)
- T—Jimmy Calhoun (I.T.K.)
- E—Bobby Green (I.T.K.)
- QB—Ed Campbell (Day Students)
- HB—Nick Thompson (I.T.K.)
- HB—Bob Bergman (I.T.K.)
- FB—Ralph Law (Alpha Pi)

Christians Fall Before Lenoir Rhyne

The Lenoir Rhyne Bears, on the threshold of winning the 1955 championship in the North State Conference, clinched at least a tie for the crown by defeating the Elon Christians in Hickory last Saturday night, November 12th, by a 28 to 0 count.

The victory gave the Bears five wins and no losses in the Conference this season and a full-season record of seven wins and one tie. The defeat, which broke a two-game winning streak for Elon, left the Christians with one win and four losses in the Conference and two wins and seven losses for the season.

The Lenoir Rhyne eleven wasted no time in setting the tempo and pattern for the Saturday night contest, for the Bears took the opening kick-off on their own 21 and drove for the touchdown, which came on a 19-yard sprint at left end by Harold Bullard, husky Lenoir Rhyne fullback.

The second Bruin touchdown came less than four minutes later after Elon had fumbled the ball on the first scrimmage play after the kick-off. Ronnie Hoffman pounced on the Elon fumble on the Christian 35, and Lenoir Rhyne was off to the races. Walter Cornwell made first down on the twenty and then two plays later raced 17 yards at left end for the score.

The Christians took a brace after the second Bruin score and halted the Lenoir Rhyne attack effectively for the remainder of the first half, but the Elon squad could never get any offensive of its own rolling. There was one penetration of Lenoir Rhyne territory just before the intermission when Richard Bradham passed to Tony Carcaterra for 13 yards and a first down on the Bruin 41-yard line.

Early in the third period Elon went to the Bruin thirty-nine on another Bradham to Carcaterra pass that counted for 20 yards, but an interception halted the Elon threat. An exchange of punts gave Lenoir Rhyne the ball at the Elon 45-yard marker, and Bill Ackard broke through on first down for a sprint to pay-dirt. Frye's kick was again successful, and Lenoir Rhyne led 21 to 0 with two minutes left in the third quarter.

Four minutes later, soon after the final period got underway, the

HOW IT HAPPENED	
Elon	Lenoir Rhyne
7	15
99	378
19	19
89	359
14	6
5	3
37	27
137	386
1	1
5	16
10	4
50.1	42.3
52	38
2	0
1	55
20	5
1	0
0	0
14	7
2	28

Lenoir Rhyne touchdowns—Bullard 2, Cornwell, Ackard. Points after—Frye 4 (placements).

Bears chalked their final score. It was Harold Bullard again on this one, with the big 200-pounder breaking off-tackle and racing 47

Stauffenberg Back In Togs

The fact that Bob Stauffenberg was back in football togs for the Lenoir Rhyne game was a welcome sight to Elon students and fans, for all realize what a severe blow it was to the Christian football hopes this year when the power plunger from Morea, Pa., suffered a broken arm in the opening battle with Mississippi Southern. Stauffy failed to turn the victory tide against the Lenoir Rhyne Bears. In fact, he even failed to score against them, but he was one of the outstanding performers in the Maroon and Gold lineup all the same. His plunges carried forward for a total of 29 yards, and his bruising tackles were something to behold. One fan who saw Stauffenberg in action all last season felt that his tackling was more deadly and more vicious than it was before he was injured. Coach Varney did not keep him in action after the Lenoir Rhyne margin widened enough to deny possibility of an Elon win, preferring to save the Morea Mauler for action against the Guilford Quakers in the season finale. The terrific play of Stauffenberg so soon after his recovery from a crippling injury augured well for his future



BOB STAUFFENBERG

Elon Cagers Will Open Campaign November 30

The King is dead, long live the King!

Football passed off the stage last weekend when the Christians concluded their 1955 campaign by meeting Guilford in their annual classic, and basketball will mount the throne next week and will rule the Elon sports interest for the coming three months.

It is barely one week until the Christian cagers open their 1955-56 campaign, the opening encounter on the hardwood court being set with Pfeiffer College on the Pfeiffer court next Wednesday, November 30th.

Action will come thick and fast from that time on, for Coach Doc Mathis has set six battles for the Christian cagers before the Christmas holidays. Only one of the pre-holiday battles is on the home floor, that being with the DuPont Stars here on Wednesday, December 7th, but two North State Conference clashes with Guilford and High Point are set before the Yule bells ring.

Coach Mathis has had his Christian cagers working out for more than a month, and visitors over in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium bring back glowing descriptions of the prowess of the Maroon and Gold toppers, who are bolstered this winter by the return from armed service of Dee Atkinson and Ben Kendall, each of whom won All-Conference honors before joining Uncle Sam's armed forces.

Other lettermen, who are back from last year's strong cage squad, include Ed Juratic, 6-foot 5-inch forward; Earl Stone, 6-foot 6-inch center; Frank DeRita, 6-foot 5-inch forward; Ray Whitley, who joins Kendall as co-captain for this year; and Ronnie Mazzilli, a fine letter reserve at guard last year.

Among the last year's reserves who are back and seeking their first monograms this winter are Bob Rickover, Tommy King, Paige Stout, Hugh City, Jimmy Crunip, Tommy McDonald, Bobby Sharpe, and Bobby Stegall. Some of these boys will probably play much of the time with the Jay-Vees, along with several good freshmen prospects.

Tennis Tourney Is Near Finals

Play in the annual Fall Quarter tennis tournament is rapidly approaching the finals, for Ben Kendall, playing under ITK colors, is already anchored in the finals from one bracket, and the other half is in the semi-finals.

Warren Allen, also of ITK, is one survivor in the other half of the bracket and was to battle Moss Beecroft, of Sigma Phi, for the right to meet Kendall in the final round. Title play was scheduled to be completed before Thanksgiving holidays.

Elon Cage Games

- Nov. 30—Pfeiffer, away.
- Dec. 1—Belmont Abbey, Lexington.
- Dec. 3—McCrary, away.
- Dec. 7—Dupont, home.
- Dec. 10—High Point, away.
- Dec. 13—Guilford, away.
- Dec. 31—Belmont Abbey, away.
- Jan. 2—Dupont, away.
- Jan. 4—Pfeiffer, home.
- Jan. 7—East Carolina, away.
- Jan. 11—A. C. C., home.
- Jan. 14—Catawba, home.
- Jan. 16—Belmont Abbey, home.
- Jan. 18—Appalachian, home.
- Jan. 21—West Carolina, away.
- Jan. 25—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Jan. 28—Catawba, away.
- Jan. 30—McCrary, home.
- Feb. 1—High Point, home.
- Feb. 4—West Carolina, home.
- Feb. 8—Appalachian, away.
- Feb. 11—East Carolina, home.
- Feb. 13—A. C. C., away.
- Feb. 16—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Feb. 18—Guilford, home.

Figures Are Compiled For Grid Games

The football figures through the Lenoir Rhyne game, which include totals for the first nine games of the 1955 season, fall far short of the Christian totals in last year's nine-game campaign, and the drops recorded in most phases of statistics is reflected in the lower record of wins and losses.

Comparing the offensive play for the two seasons, last year's figures show that the Christians had a net rushing total of 1,734 yards in 457 carries, with an average rushing total of 192.7 yards per game. This year the team has a net of 1,062 yards rushing in 396 carries for an average of 118 yards per game.

There has been a corresponding decline in the passing yardage for the Elon squad this fall. The 1954 total on forward passes was 637 yards for an average of 70.8 yards per game. This season's 9-game total shows 465 yards on passes for an average of 51.7 yards.

The defensive team record last year showed all opponents with a net total of 1,646 yards rushing and an average of 182.9 yards per game. This 1955 team has allowed nine opponents a net total of 2,001 yards rushing and an average of 222.3 yards per game.

The pass defense figures for last season showed all Elon opponents with a total of 677 yards on passes for an average of 75.2 yards per game. This year's team

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