

Christians Will Entertain Pirates In Loop Battle Saturday

Elon Downs McCrary By 86-63 Count

Throwing up an impregnable defense throughout the game, the Elon Christians turned back the McCrary Eagles 86 to 63 here on Monday night, January 30th, for their sixteenth win in nineteen starts this year.

The victory gave the Christians revenge over one of three ball clubs to conquer them this year. The Eagles had chalked a 100-0 win over Elon at Asheboro in early December.

Both clubs started slowly, and Elon held a bare 12-7 margin after ten minutes of play. Action speeded up at that point, and Ray Whitley and Frank DeRita led the Christians to a 31-26 margin at intermission, while Smith Langdon and Bill Atkins led the Eagles. Each club hit 50 per cent on floor shots in that final ten minutes of the first half.

There were five Elon players hitting in double figures, with Dee Atkinson showing the way at 16 points. Others were Ed Juratic and Frank DeRita with 15, Jimmy Crump with 14 and Ray Whitley with 12 counters.

The line-ups:

Pos. Elon (86)	McCrary (63)
F—Juratic (15)	Shoaf (7)
F—DeRita (15)	Langdon (24)
C—Atkinson (16)	Jondan (6)
G—Whitley (12)	Likens (6)
G—Kendall (2)	Wallace

Half-time—Elon 31, McCrary 26.
Elon subs—Crump 14, Stone 6, City 6, McCrary subs—Atkins 12, Allen 4, H. Nance 4.

STANDING TALL BENEATH ELON BACKBOARDS



Dee Atkinson

Two towering reasons for the success of the Elon Christians in the North State Conference cage wars this year are Dee Atkinson, left, and Ed Juratic, right, a pair of 6-foot 5-inch sharpshooters and rebound artists. The two big boys have paired at the inside spots for Elon in most of the games this season and have played big parts in the Christian play at all times.

Dee Atkinson, who rejoined the Christian cage squad this year after two years with Uncle Sam's Army, was an All-Conference performer in his pre-service days here, and he has picked up right where he left off. The slender junior from Mount Airy, who played his high school ball at Reulah, won All-State recognition in high school play and in his final season outscored Dickie Hemrick, Wake Forest All-American, three times in five crucial high school battles. He is currently leading the Elon scoring with an average of 17.5 points per game.

Ed Juratic, also a junior, who hails from East Chicago, Ind., donned Elon colors last season after two years of Army duty. He had played one year of freshman ball at N. C. State prior to entering service, being on the State frosh squad with Ron Shavlik and Vic Molodet, who are senior aces for the Wolfpack this season. In fact, Juratic was a high school teammate of Molodet back in Indiana. The big Elon star won All-Conference honors last year and must be rated among the best in the loop this season. He has a scoring average of 12.5 in 20 games.



Ed Juratic

Elon Seeks To Revenge Loss At East Carolina

Elon Cage Games

- Elon 78, Pfeiffer 62.
 - Elon 90, Belmont Abbey 83.
 - Elon 91, McCrary 100.
 - Elon 124, DuPont 70.
 - Elon 106, High Point 101.
 - Elon 104, Guilford 57.
 - Elon 108, Erskine 86.
 - Elon 102, High Point 81.
 - Elon 100, Pfeiffer 77.
 - Elon 81, Pfeiffer 76.
 - Elon 69, East Carolina 105.
 - Elon 99, DuPont 59.
 - Elon 96, A. C. C. 82.
 - Elon 90, Catawba 62.
 - Elon 102, Appalachian 81.
 - Elon 107, West Carolina 90.
 - Elon 79, Lenoir Rhyne 85.
 - Elon 97, Catawba 73.
 - Elon 86, McCrary 63.
 - Elon 79, High Point 57.
 - Elon 91, West Carolina 71.
- (Remaining Games)
- Feb. 8—Appalachian, away.
 - Feb. 11—East Carolina, home.
 - Feb. 13—A. C. C., away.
 - Feb. 16—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
 - Feb. 18—Guilford, home.

With interest at the highest peak in recent years, the Elon Christians will play host to the East Carolina Pirates here Saturday night in a "revenge" battle that may possibly decide the regular-season championship in the North State Conference.

The game can quite properly be designated as a "revenge" battle for the Christians, who were defeated by an overwhelming margin by the home-standing Pirates at Greenville early in January, and the Maroon and Gold cagers will be going all out to even the count.

The Pirates have been publicizing a 47-game winning streak on their home court, which brings up a quick survey of their record thus far in the 1955-56 campaign. The Buccaneers five has chalked nine wins on their home floor at the same time has been able to win only five out of nine battles on the road.

In stepping up their practice pace this week for the crucial Saturday night contest with the East Carolina outfit, Coach Doc Mathis and his boys have no idea of helping the Pirates to improve their record on the road.

The McCrary Eagles, who were victims of Elon by a 23-point margin here last week, went back to Asheboro last weekend and trampled East Carolina by an 18-point margin and a 76-58 score last Saturday night.

All indications are that the Christians will have one of the most rabidly partisan crowds here Saturday night in recent Elon cage history, and the students have expressed a unanimous hope that "the quality of mercy be not strained" in the least in dealing with the Pirates.

Christians In Second Win Over Indians

The Christian cagers journeyed down to Salisbury on Saturday night, January 28th, to chalk an impressive 97-73 victory over the Catawba Indians. The win was Elon's second over the old rivals this year and kept the Maroon tossers in the thick of the North State title race.

Juratic, husky Elon forward, turned in his best game of the year with 24 points to pace the Christian attack. He hit nine buckets from the floor and six of nine from the free-throw line during the fray.

Five other Elon players were in double figures for the game, with Ben Kendall, Jimmy Crump and Ray Whitley all bucketing 14 points from their outside posts, while Dee Atkinson racked 13 and Earl Stone 10 counters from under the boards. Sonny Clayton, former Haw River star, topped the Indians with 17 points.

The line-ups:

Pos. Elon (97)	Catawba (73)
F—Juratic (24)	Fleming (8)
F—Kendall (14)	Hunt (9)
C—Atkinson (13)	Bryant (6)
G—Crump (14)	Helfrich (15)
G—Whitley (14)	Clayton (17)

Half-time—Elon 50, Catawba 47.
Elon subs — Stone 10, DeRita 2, City 4, Stout 2, King, Rickover, McDonald, Catawba subs—Massey 8, Cline 8, Smith 2, Lyndon, Holland.

Cage Squad Is Upset By Lenoir Rhyne

In one of the major upsets of the North State Conference cage season, the Lenoir Rhyne Bears turned back the Christian cagers here on Wednesday night, January 25th, by an 85 to 79 count. The loss was a costly blow to Elon's hopes for the regular-season title in the North State Conference.

It was off the boards and at the free-throw line that the invading Bears gained their victory, for the Christian tossers completely outclassed the Lenoir Rhyne outfit in floor shooting. The records showed that Elon held a 35-26 edge in field baskets, but the Bears made good on 33 free throws while the Christians had only nine charity points.

The game was a nip-and-tuck affair from the beginning, with the rival teams tied 20 times during the game and with the lead swapping hands 27 times. It was seldom that either team could show better than a 2-point advantage. Raiford Wells shot the Bears in front for keeps at 73-71 just five minutes before the final whistle.

Ben Kendall topped the Elon scoring with 15 points, but Juratic, Atkinson, DeRita and Crump were all in double figures for the Christians. Raiford Wells paced the winning Bears with 25 markers, with able assistance from Ortmyer, Propst and Cornwell.

The line-ups:

Pos. Elon (79)	Lenoir Rhyne (85)
F—Juratic (14)	Ortmyer (18)
F—Kendall (15)	Propst (20)
C—Atkinson (13)	Wells (25)
G—Whitley (6)	Cornwell (18)
G—Crump (11)	D. James (4)

Half-time — Lenoir Rhyne 44, Elon 42.
Elon subs — DeRita 10, Stone 6, City 4, Rickover, Stout, Lenoir Rhyne sub—Sellari.

Elon Plays Nine Grid Games In '56

The Elon football squad will play nine tough games during the coming 1956 grid season, according to a schedule just made public by Coach Sid Varney. Eight of the nine teams to be played were on the 1955 schedule, with Presbyterian College of South Carolina as the newcomer among Elon's opponents.

Missing from the last season's list of opponents are Mississippi Southern and The Citadel, each of whom were met on foreign fields in the early season. Two changes of date were made to insert the Students; Loann Lambeth, Second schedule. The Apprentice School will be met here on September 22, and Newberry moved back to the first Saturday in November.

There are five home games set for Burlington Stadium, including the battles with Apprentice School, East Carolina, Catawba, Lenoir Rhyne and Guilford. The Appalachian, eastern Carolina and Newberry games will be played on their home fields, but the Presbyterian battle is slated for Rock Hill, S.C.

In announcing the 1956 schedule, Coach Varney revealed that 32 men reported to him for winter practice. The group includes Tony Carcaterra, Eddie Bridges, Jack Henderson and Oscar Stephenson, end; Pat Cafasso, Ed Davidson, Joe Smith, Bob Kopko, J. B. Vaughan, Jim Hawkins and Walter Edmonds, tackles; Glenn Varney, Tony DeMatteo, Morris DeMatteo, Chuck Maynard, John Apossos, Bob Hendricks, and Don DeSarro, guards; Lynn Newcomb, Sonny Martin, Bob Ruggeri and Tony Stump, centers; and Richard Bradham, Richard Smith, Bob Stauffenberg, Ronnie Kinsley, Whitney Bradham, Kerry Richards, Harry Faust, Joe DelGais and Nick DiSibio, backs.

- The 1956 schedule follows:
1. San Francisco (14-0).
 2. Dayton (14-1).
 3. Vanderbilt (14-1).
 4. N.C. State (14-2).
 5. Louisville (16-1).
 6. Illinois (11-1).
 7. Temple (13-0).
 8. Kentucky (10-3).
 9. North Carolina (13-3).
 10. Duke (12-2).

Delta U Tops Girls' Cagers; Hicks Leads Free Throwers

The Delta U sorority lassies are setting the pace in the battle for girls' cage honors on the campus, rolling along with five straight wins. Trailing them in the four-team league are the Day Students, Second Floor West and Third Floor West.

In another feature of the girls' cage play, Ruth Hicks grabbed the championship in the free throw tournament. The Oxford girl dropped in 19 of 25 tries to lead a field of 49 girls. Other high entries were Kathryn Lambert and Lannie Wright with 18 and Joyce Perry and Linda Simpson with 17 good throws.

The Delta U victories have been over Second Floor West 49 to 34, over Third Floor West by 38 to 19, over Second Floor West by 43 to 32, over Third Floor West by 32 to 15, and over Day Students by 22 to 21.

The Day Student squad, with an even break in four games, shows wins over Second Floor West by 34 to 31 and over Third Floor West by 41 to 10. They have dropped games to Delta U by 22 to 21 and to Second Floor West by 21 to 19.

The Second Floor West, in third place, shows wins over Day Students by 21 to 19 and over Third Floor West by 51 to 25. Their defeats have been at the hands of Delta U by scores of 49 to 34 and 43 to 32 and to the Day Students by 34 to 31.

The Third Floor West squad has dropped games to Delta U by scores of 38 to 19 and 32 to 15, to Day Students by a 41 to 10 score and to Second Floor West by a 51 to 25 score.

The "Top Ten" scorers are paced by Joyce Perry, of Delta U, with 95 points. Others in the "Top Ten" are:

ITK And Day Students Hold Lead In Boys' Intramural Cage Leagues

The ITK "A" and Day Student strength in a 62-39 win over ITK "B" on January 23rd, with Carcaterra pacing the winners with 26 points.

On January 25th Howard Arnold hit 16 points to lead South to a 36-30 overtime win over Sigma Phi, and Eddie Robbins hit 11 counters to lead Sigma Mu to a 27-17 victory over East "B".


In the January 26th games Kappa Psi edged Club House 31-26 in spite of Buck Leitch's 22 counters for the losers; Tracy Griffin hit 14 points to pace ITK "A" to a 57-26 win over Alpha Pi; and Harvey Sharpe hit 12 points to lead Day Students to a 29-24 win over East "A".

Games of February 1st saw Carcaterra lead North to a 38-33 win over Kappa Psi, Bill Mullins lead Day Students by 36-23 over ITK "B" and John Biggerstaff lead Sigma Mu over Alpha Pi by a 33-29 count.

Standings through Feb. 1 follow:

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
	W.	L.
ITK "A"	4	0
South Dorm	3	1
Alpha Pi	3	1
Sigma Mu	2	2
Sigma Phi	1	3
East "B"	0	4

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
	W.	L.
Day Students	4	0
North Dorm	3	1
East "A"	2	2
Kappa Psi	2	2
ITK "B"	1	3
Club House	0	4



Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER

Basketball still reigns as Elon's main topic of sports conversation and its main field of competition, so quite naturally it is also my main topic too. Our Christians continue to set a hot pace on the hardwood and still appear a force to be reckoned with in passing out championship honors in this area this season.

The Maroon and Gold squad in its last three outings, all played on the home court last week, avenged an earlier defeat at the hands of the McCrary Eagles, became a three-time winner over the High Point Panthers and also a two-time winner over the Western Carolina Catamounts, and, of course, everyone knows that the Catamounts turned back the league-leading East Carolina Pirates earlier in the season.

The Christians seem to have solid claim on the runner-up spot in the Conference standings, but their chances of catching the front-running Pirates depend upon their own ability to win their remaining games and the ability of other loop teams to turn back the Pirates. The Conference standings after last weekend's games follow:

Team	W.	L.	Ave.
East Carolina	11	1	.917
Elon	9	2	.813
Atlantic Christian	8	3	.727
Lenoir Rhyne	7	4	.636
High Point	5	6	.455
West Carolina	5	8	.385
Appalachian	4	7	.364
Catawba	1	10	.091
Guilford	1	10	.091

A real "red-letter" day at Elon comes on Saturday of this week when the Pirates of East Carolina come to visit our home-standing Christians, and what an opportunity that game offers for the Christians to get sweet revenge. The Pirates handed the Christians their

first Conference defeat in a game played at Greenville, where the winning officials have a 47-game pirate streak. . . oops, what a slip! I meant to say where the Pirates have an official 47-game winning streak. At any rate, that loss down east still rankles, so let's go out Saturday night and give the Christians the support they need to beat the Pirates.

Scoot's quips for the quacks: When sitting on a tack, one is much better off. Holy cow!

According to the latest NAIA figures, Elon's Jim Crump is the nation's second best free-throw man percentage-wise, and Elon is the nation's fifth highest-scoring team. . . Also the Elon team as a whole rates in the top group in percentage of free throws made. . . The addition of Presbyterian College to the Christian grid schedule for 1956 means another attractive contest.

With Elon's own Christians waxing hot on the hardwood, the whole state of North Carolina continues to be a literal "hot bed" of good basketball. No other state can come close to Tarheelia's mark of three teams in the nation's "Top Ten." State, Carolina and Duke have remained pretty consistently in the select group in recent weeks, and the AP's "Top Ten" of February 1st showed the following:

1. San Francisco (14-0).
2. Dayton (14-1).
3. Vanderbilt (14-1).
4. N.C. State (14-2).
5. Louisville (16-1).
6. Illinois (11-1).
7. Temple (13-0).
8. Kentucky (10-3).
9. North Carolina (13-3).
10. Duke (12-2).