

Christians Bid For Conference Honors In Annual Tourney

MAY PLAY BIG PART IN ELON TITLE HOPES



Frank DeRita

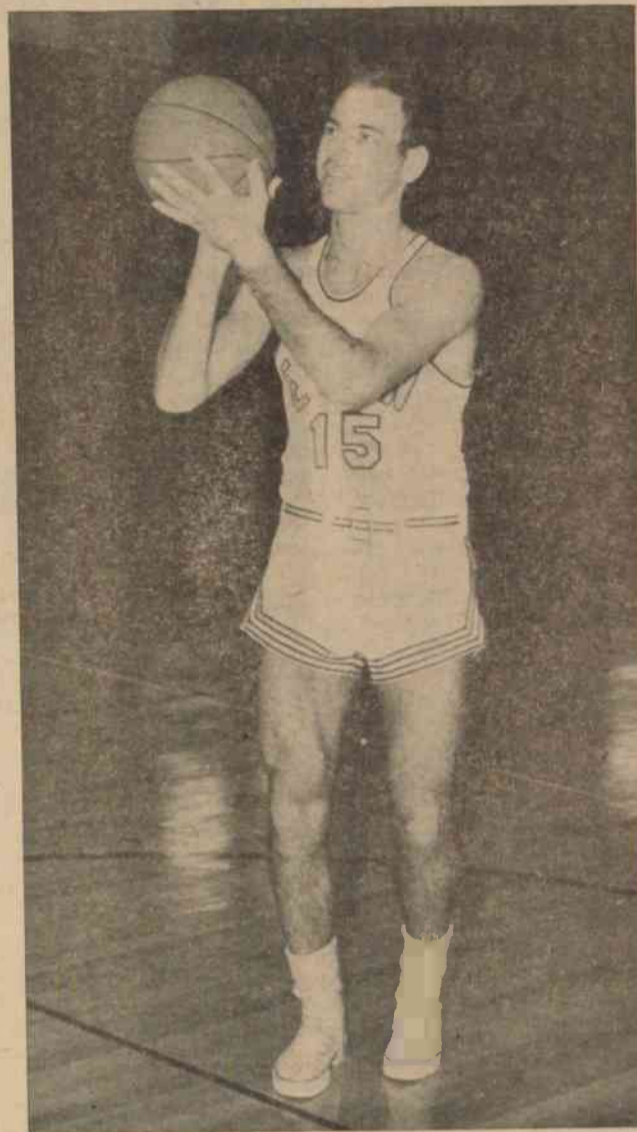
Although neither of the boys have been starters in all games played by the Christians this season, it appears that Jimmy Crump (right) and Frank DeRita (left) may play big roles in Elon's bid for championship honors in the annual North State Conference tournament at Lexington.

More than once during the season the two boys have come off the bench to give the Christians the needed scoring punch in tough games, and either or both of them could well mean the difference between winning and losing when the titular chips go down on the line at Lexington during the next four nights of play.

Both Crump and DeRita have been consistent scorers throughout the season, and DeRita has proved to be a power on defense and under the backboards. Crump hit 33 points in one of the games at the Parris Island Christmas tournament, and DeRita entered the game late to score 28 points against the East Carolina quint here ten days ago.

Jimmy Crump, a junior guard from Aberdeen, has been particularly effective on his free throws this year, and most recent NAIA statistics showed Crump among the national leaders in percentage of shots made good from the charity line. His 87 per cent average on free throws on February 11th was the best in North Carolina. Crump had hit 233 points at that date.

Frank DeRita, a sophomore forward from Brooklyn, has used his 6-5 height to good advantage under the backboards both last season and this. DeRita has also racked 233 points for the season up to February 11th, and his defensive play has been sparkling.



Jimmy Crump

Elon Meets Appalachian For Opener

The Elon Christians, who got the fourth seeded spot in the sixteenth annual North State Conference Tournament by virtue of their fourth-place finish in the regular season, will battle the Appalachian Mountaineers in the first game of the tournament tonight. The game is set for 7:30 o'clock in Lexington's beautiful Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

The other battle for tonight throws top-seeded East Carolina against the Catawba Indians at 9:15 o'clock. Other first-round battles are set for tomorrow night, with Lenoir Rhyne battling High Point at 7:30 o'clock and Atlantic Christian meeting Western Carolina at 9:15 o'clock.

The winner of the Elon-Appalachian game tonight will meet the winner of the East Carolina-Catawba contest in the semi-finals at 9:15 o'clock Friday night, while the winner of tomorrow night's Lenoir Rhyne-High Point game battles the winner of the Atlantic Christian-Western Carolina game at 7:30 o'clock Friday night. The finals of the tournament are set for 8 o'clock Saturday night.

Pre-tournament dope indicates one of the closest and hardest fought of all the big meets, with Coach Howard Porter's Pirates being the traditional jinx that the regular-season winner seldom wins the tournament. In fact, only twice in fifteen years has the season champion emerged with the tourney crown.

The Elon Christians have not won the Conference tournament (Continued on Page Four)

App Quintet Upsets Elon By 85 To 69

The Appalachian Mountaineers played an inspired brand of basketball and staged one of the biggest upsets of the season in turning back the Elon Christians 85 to 69 in a North State Conference basketball battle at Boone on Wednesday night, February 8th.

The Mountaineers, playing before the home folks and on the floor of their beautiful new gym, shot with deadly accuracy. The home club hit exactly 50 per cent of its shots, dropping 33 of 66 from the floor.

The Christians, meanwhile, were having trouble finding the basket at times, and the Elon outfit wound up with a 35.4 per cent accuracy on 29 field baskets in 82 attempts. At the same time the Elon squad turned in one of its worst nights of the year at the three-point line with only 11 good shots in 20 attempts.

Ben Kendall, brilliant Elon guard, racked 25 points in one of the greatest individual games ever seen in the loop, but his lone efforts proved in vain against the rising Apps.

The line-ups—
Elon (69) — Juratic (6) — DeRita (4) — Atkinson (19) — Kendall (25) — Whitley (9) — Half-time — Appalachian 38, Elon 33.

Elon subs — Crump 6, Citty, Stone. Appalachian subs — Lynch, Lawing, Wooten, Upton.



Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER

Our Christians are sharing the fate of most of the North State teams, as well as the fate of those in North Carolina's "Big Four," and finding that it's a mighty hard trick to pull if you win away from home. The Elon five, which has lost only one game at home all this season, has suffered five defeats while playing in opponents' gyms.

In spite of those four lickings on enemy floors, the Christians closed out the regular season with a 20-6 record, and they certainly had their share of the glory when they slapped the Pirates of East Carolina with their second Conference loss of the season. It remained last weekend for the Atlantic Christian quint to paste still a third defeat on the Pirates' record.

The Pirates were a stubborn loser, but the shooting and rebounding of Frank DeRita and some timely baskets and even more timely interceptions by Earl Stone proved enough to sink the Pirates and give some 3,000 fans some of the best basketball they had seen in years.

Scott's quips for the quacks—Two heads are better than one, but they'd look awful conspicuous.

Intramural basketball, which saw an extremely short season this year due to the delay for work on the floor of the gymnasium in the fall, goes into its play-off tournament with twelve teams participating. The four leaders from North Dorm, South Dorm, ITRK (A) and Day Students each get a bye for the first round of the tournament play.

The sentiment persists that the state's "Big Four" teams are cutting each other's throat as far as

national rating goes, for they have been consistently bumping each other off, while possibly weaker teams in other portions of the country fatten their win-loss records on less potent opposition. Despite the troubles within the "Big Four" circuit, however, last week's national ratings of the Associated Press still gave the Tar Heel state three teams in the first eleven, including N. C. State fifth, Carolina tenth and Duke eleventh.

The final standings of the North State Conference race show one interesting fact. Someone predicted last fall that the winner would lose at least three games, and East Carolina did just that. The final standings for Conference

Teams	W	L	Ave.
East Carolina	13	3	.813
Atlantic Christian	12	4	.750
Lenoir Rhyne	12	4	.750
Elon	11	5	.688
Western Carolina	8	8	.500
Appalachian	6	10	.375
High Point	6	10	.375
Catawba	3	13	.188
Guilford	1	15	.063

Not too much difference resulted in the standings of the nine teams on the basis of all games played both in and out of the Conference. Our Christians led the overall standings until the final week, when two losses in three starts kicked them down to third. It is interesting to note that East Carolina dropped to fourth in the full-season records, which follow.

Team	W	L	Ave.
Lenoir Rhyne	18	4	.818
Atlantic Christian	18	5	.769
Elon	20	6	.769
East Carolina	17	7	.708
Western Carolina	15	13	.536
High Point	14	15	.487
Appalachian	8	14	.362
Catawba	4	22	.154
Guilford	1	22	.044

Christians Down Pirates 88 To 83 On Elon Floor

Playing before an estimated crowd of more than 3,000 fans, the largest crowd ever to see a regular-season game at Elon, the Fighting Christians well deserved their nickname as they turned back the loop-leading East Carolina Pirates 88 to 83 here on Saturday night, February 11th.

The game proved close and exciting most of the way, with the East Carolina squad holding the lead through most of the early minutes, but Ed Juratic hooked a good one at the 13-minute mark to

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.
- Elon 69, Appalachian 85.
- Elon 88, East Carolina 83.
- Elon 97, A. C. C. 100.
- Elon 70, Lenoir Rhyne 99.
- Elon 96, Guilford 53.

Elon Loses To Bulldogs

In one of the real scoring duels of the North State season, the Atlantic Christian Bulldogs edged the Elon Christians 100 to 97 in a tight battle at Wilson on Monday night, February 13th. The Christians had defeated the Bulldogs 96 to 82 in an earlier battle here at Elon, so the Bulldog win only evened the series for the year between two teams that averaged better than 90 points per game.

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Boyd Attended Phys Ed Meet

Dr. Scott Boyd, chairman of the Department of Physical Education at Elon College, attended the annual meeting of the Southern District of the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, which met in Nashville, Tenn., last week.

He was accompanied to Nashville for the meeting by Odell Welborne, one of Elon's student majors in physical education, who has served as a student assistant on the Elon sports staff this year. The meeting drew attendance from colleges and universities throughout the South and featured as speakers many leading figures in the physical education field.

Women's Athletic Group Planning For 'Play Day'

The Women's Athletic Association, which offers membership to all Elon girls who are interested in sports and physical education, has plans in the making for a "Basketball Sports Day" to be held in Elon's Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday, March 10th.

The present plans, as announced under the direction of Mrs. Jeanne Griffin, director of girls' physical education, are that invitations will be extended to girls' sport groups in three neighboring colleges.

The visiting groups will be asked to register at 9 o'clock that morning, with a series of basketball games to get underway at 10

o'clock. The play will continue with other games in the afternoon, with visitors being guests of the Elon girls at lunch.

The membership of the basketball group which will represent Elon had not been determined last weekend, but choice of participants will be made by Mrs. Griffin within a few days.

Carolyn Abernathy, president of Elon WAA, has named Lannie Wright as chairman for the "Sports Day," with Martha Langley and Pat Coghill as her chief assistants. Other committees are as follows—

Registration — Marquita Robertson, chairman, Linda Simpson and Jean Coghill.

Reception — Carolyn Abernathy, chairman, Ann Dula and Betty Watson.

Refreshments — Doris Gaddis, chairman, Frances Knight and Shirley Storey.

Scorers and Timers — Marie Stone, chairman, Betty DeLancey and Shirley Presnell.

Delta U Defeats Day Student Six

The Delta U girls downed Day Students 35 to 28 in the finals of the girls' cage tourney. Delta U had reached the finals by defeating Third Floor West 46 to 20, while the Day Students had won from Second Floor West 40 to 27 in the first round.

The box score for the final game follows—

- Pos. Delta U (35) Day Stu. (28)
- F—Perry (12) D. Keek (7)
- F—Knight (2) Walker (6)
- F—Franks (21) Payne (13)
- G—Chrismon J. Keek
- G—Williamson Frye
- G—Fritts Garrett
- Half-time — Day Students 18, Delta U 16.
- Day Student sub — Canady (2)

WINNERS OF GIRLS' CAGE CROWN



The Delta Upsilon Kappa girls clinched their second straight campus basketball championship when they defeated the strong Day Student aggregation last Thursday night in the finals of the annual intramural tourney. Members of the winning team, left to right above, are as follows — FRONT ROW—Betty Franks, Frances Knight, Evelyn Fritts and Joyce Perry. BACK ROW — Janet Crabtree, Pat Chrismon and Jackie Williamson.