

# Elon To Have Full Program Of Minor Sports For Spring

## SENIOR DIAMOND ACES ANCHOR CHRISTIANS' INNER DEFENSE



Two senior veterans and two of the cleverest infield aces in the North State Conference will anchor the Elon inner defense this spring as the Christians bid for the 'Conference baseball crown. The two senior aces are Alton Myers (left) of Lexington, third baseman who won All-Conference honors as a utility infielder last spring; and Nick Thompson (above), of Burlington, who has been All-Conference and All-State at shortstop for three seasons.

## Tennis Team Has Fourteen Dual Meets

The Elon tennis squad, which hopes to better its win-loss record of recent years during the 1956 campaign, is slated for fourteen dual meets and will climax its season by entering the annual North State Conference tournament to be played on the Elon courts early in May.

Coach Scott Boyd has four lettermen back in togs to serve as a nucleus for his racket-wielders this spring. The letter veterans back in action include Ray Whitley, of Winston-Salem; Hugh City, of Reidsville; Leslie Johnston, of Holland, Va.; and Ben Barr, of Taftville, Conn.

In addition to these letter veterans, Coach Boyd also expects Ben Kendall, senior basketball star from Kokomo, Ind., to add strength to the Christian net outfit this spring.

The tennis schedule follows. Mar. 27—Lynchburg, home. April 11—Lynchburg, away. April 16—A.C.C., home. April 17—Appalachian, home. April 18—High Point, away. April 20—Guilford, home. April 23—Appalachian, away. April 24—Lenoir Rhyne, away. April 25—Guilford, away. April 26—High Point, home. May 1—East Carolina, home. May 2—East Carolina, home. May 3—A.C.C., away. May 4—Lenoir Rhyne, home. May 10-11—Conference tournament.

## Elon Golf Squad Gets Fine Start

The Christian golf squad is off to a flying start in its bid for North State Conference honors, with smashing victories over Guilford and Catawba in the first two Conference tests of the new 1956 season.

The Christians turned back the powerful Guilford Quakers here on Monday, March 13th, by a 12 1-2 to 5 1-2 margin, with Bobby Loy shooting a 72 in the wind and rain to grab medalist honors. Ten days later on Friday, March 23rd, the Elon linksmen downed Catawba 17 to 1. Once more Loy was the medalist, shooting a three-under-par 68 over the Alamance Country Club course.

## Golfers Have Rugged Card Of 14 Meets

The Elon golfers, who gained the runner-up honors in the North State Conference last spring, have already gotten off to a winning start on a rugged 1956 schedule which includes 14 dual meets and the annual Conference Tournament, which is to be played over the Starmount Country Club course in Greensboro.

In discussing plans for the 1956 season, Coach Scott Boyd stated that all meets this year will be played on the basis of a four-man team, which means that the burden of competition this spring will be thrown on the quite capable shoulders of Elon's "Four L's", any one of whom is likely to smash par on any given day.

Bobby Loy, who hails from Burlington, and Jimmy Leighton, a Durham swinger, were the top men for the Christian links squad a year ago; and each of them was regarded as threat for the individual Conference honors in the tournament.

This year has seen a couple of talented freshmen join with Loy and Leighton in carrying Elon golf hopes. The freshmen are Fred Lloyd, who also hails from Durham; and Henry Landress, who calls Leaksville his home town. The Elon schedule follows, with twelve of the matches against Conference opposition.

Mar. 13—Guilford, home. Mar. 23—Catawba, home. Mar. 27—Lynchburg, home. Mar. 28—Guilford, away. April 11—Guilford, away. April 16—A.C.C., home. April 17—Appalachian, home. April 18—High Point, away. April 23—Appalachian, away. April 24—Catawba, away. April 26—High Point, home. My 1—East Carolina, home. May 2—East Carolina, home. May 3—A.C.C., away. May 7-8—Conference Tournament.

## Track Squad Will Enter Eight Meets

The Elon track team, which gained a place in the athletic spotlight by winning three of four meets and copping the North State Conference championship last season, will really come into its own this spring with a schedule that calls for eight meets.

Not in many years have the Christian cindermen had such an opportunity to show their talent, and Coach Sid Varney already has the thinclads out running and jumping in preparation for a season card that includes seven dual meets and the annual North State Conference event.

Six of the seven dual meets are slated to be run on the home cinders down in Burlington Memorial Stadium. In addition to home meets with Conference rivals from Guilford, High Point, Lenoir Rhyne and Atlantic Christian, the Elon runners and field men will also face the powerful Virginia squads from Roanoke and Lynchburg. The lone meet away from home is with Atlantic Christian at Wilson.

Five lettermen are back from last year's strong Elon team to form a nucleus for Coach Varney's 1956 cinder squad, and the return of an ace of former years from armed service has added much to the Christian prospects. However, the Christians will find it a real problem to replace Horst Mevius and John Platt, two of the top scorers of last year.

The returning lettermen from last year include Eddie Bridges, Kerry Richards, and Bobby Green, in the sprints and relays; Lynn Newcomb, in the quarter and the weight events; and Paul Watts, distance star. Len Greenwood, a former Conference champion in the hurdles and high jump, and Dee Atkinson, former high jump star, are both back from the Army and ready to fill gaps in those events.

In addition to those letter veterans, Coach Varney lists on his cinder squad Tracy Griffin, Sonny Martin and Tony DeMatteo, half-milers; Tony Stump and Ronnie Bergman, distance men; Larry Gregg, Jerry Creech and Buddy Smith, hurdlers; Carl Fuller, Bill Mullins and John Apospos, weights; and Richard Bradham, broad jump. There are also others who may report and add much to the cinder strength.

The schedule includes the following meets. April 11—Guilford, home. April 17—Roanoke, home. April 21—High Point, home. April 28—A.C.C., home. May 1—Lynchburg, home. May 4—Lenoir Rhyne, home. May 7—A.C.C., away. May 12—Conference Meet.

## Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER  
We be unto the Elon Christian baseballers this season, for warning from down east indicates that they had just as well put up their gloves and turn in their uniforms. We've been given the word—and from no less personage than "Sunny Jim" Mallory, head baseball coach down at E.C.T.C., if you'll pardon the expression. (For the illiterate freshman of Elon Tech, the letters E.C.T.C. means East Carolina "Teachers" College.)  
It's not that I hold anything against teachers or freshmen. I was once one myself—a freshman that is, not a teacher—but that was long ago. Who knows, however, I haven't checked by the dean's office lately, and I may still be one—a freshman that is, not a teacher.  
But back to the main topic, James Mallory, who is head baseball coach at E.C.T.C.—again pardon the expression—through the columns of the Raleigh News and Observer has handed out warning for all coaches and baseballers of the North State Conference to beware. His Pirates are loaded with talent, with twelve lettermen and the "finest crew of freshmen" he has ever coached. Perhaps he's worried about the majors drafting his boys.  
This copy of the News and Observer, after being censored by the Elon Tech library staff, was immediately taken from the library's newspaper rack and placed in the hands of Elon's inimitable dean. I would have just said "Dean," but a few extra points here and there can help a fellow out. I mean, after all—you never can tell.  
It was then that tragedy struck. Some dumb freshman borrowed the copy of the paper, mistaking it for an art examination, and let it get out on Elon's otherwise peaceful campus. That was it! When the news of the Pirate powder became known, there was a state of panic. Our first and sec-

## Meet The Baseballers... Christian Diamond Roster Includes Many Freshmen And Few Veterans

The Elon College baseball squad, which faces a rugged 21-game schedule in its bid for North State Conference honors, will quite definitely have the accent on youth this season. Coach Doc Mathis, beginning his third season as head baseball mentor at Elon, lists 27 men on the roster, and two-thirds of the group are freshmen and sophomores.  
There are only six lettermen listed, five of them being seniors and four of the group being All-Conference players of a year ago. Missing from last year are five veteran pitchers, two of them All-State and four of them All-Conference. Following are sketches of the individual players now listed on the Elon roster.

**CATCHERS**  
HOMER HOBGOOD — A senior veteran from Oxford, N. C., Hobgood won All-Conference honors last season. He stands 6 feet tall and weighs 185 pounds. Bats and throws right-handed. Hobgood, who has also won All-Conference and All-State honors as a football center, was captain of the Elon grid squad last fall.  
BOBBY SHARPE — A sophomore letterman from Burlington, N. C., Sharpe saw duty both as a catcher and first baseman during his freshman year. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds and bats and throws right-handed.

JOE DELGAIS — A stocky little freshman from Inwood, Long Island, N. Y., DelGais first gained notice as a fine freshman halfback in football last fall. He is 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 180 pounds and bats and throws from the right side.

**PITCHERS**  
JACK HENDERSON — A sophomore southpaw from Towanda, Pa., Henderson is the only returnee from Elon's 1955 mound staff, and he saw little duty on a staff that included four All-Conference and two All-State hurlers. Henderson, who plays end in football, stands 6 feet tall, weighs 200 pounds, bats right and throws left. Previous mound experience largely in Legion ball.

BILL ROSS — A husky freshman right-hander from Reidsville, N. C., Ross was the ace for the Reidsville High squad that won state Class AA honors last spring. He stands 6 feet, weighs 190 pounds and bats and throws right-handed.

GILBERT WATTS — Another freshman right-hander, Gilbert Watts hails from Laurinburg, where he starred in both high school and Legion ball. He is 6 feet tall, weighs 165 pounds and bats and throws right-handed.

FRANK GOSS — A freshman right-hander, Goss calls Lexington, N. C., his home. He is 6 feet tall, weighs 160 pounds and bats and pitches from the right side.

PAUL WATTS — A senior letterman from Taylorsville, N. C., Watts has played three years as an outfielder, but he worked as a batting practice pitcher last spring and may see duty on the mound this year. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, bats left and throws right. He also has won letters as a halfback in football and as a distance man in track.

### Baseball Schedule

Elon 4, Williams 3.
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(Remaining Games)
March 29 — Wittenberg, home.
April 3 — West Carolina, away.
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April 6 — Lenoir Rhyne, away.
April 9 — High Point, home.
April 10 — Guilford, away.
April 12 — Lenoir Rhyne, home.
April 14 — A.C.C., home.
April 16 — High Point, away.
April 18 — Guilford, home.
April 20 — A.C.C., away.
April 23 — Appalachian, home.
April 26 — Catawba, away.
April 28 — East Carolina, away.
April 30 — Pfeiffer, home.
May 3 — Appalachian, away.
May 8 — Catawba, home.
May 10 — East Carolina, home.
May 12 — Pfeiffer, away.

## Elon Shows Power As Grid Battle Closes Winter Drills

By LARRY BARNES  
If Spring football games mean anything then it is fair to give warning to the Christian foes come Fall.  
On Saturday, March 10th Elon met the Blue Stockings of Presbyterian in a scrimmage game. Presbyterian had two games under its belt, having met and defeated the Corsairs of East Carolina while dropping a contest to the potent Lenoir Rhyne Bears. Elon came out on the short end of the tally by the score of 7-6, but this score in no way tells the tale of the skirmish.  
The game started with the Hose taking the ball on their twenty-yard line. After running a succession of plays, they could show no profitable success, so they punted to the Christians. On the run-

ning of blasting Bob Stauffenberg and Whit Bradham, Elon moved the ball to the thirty-five. Kerry Richards took a hand-off from quarterback Satch Bradham and scooted 53 yards before being knocked out of bounds. The Christians were knocking at the gates, only to have an intercepted pitch-out turn into a Presbyterian six-pointer. The conversion was good and Presbyterian led at 7-0.  
The Christians then took the ball on their twenty-yard marker and proceeded to explode upfield. Quarterbacks Bradham and Dick Smith golden armed the way goalward with their pin-point passing. However, Fate was again against Coach Sid Varney's charges as they fumbled. As the half ended the Christians were again  
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