

Elon Sports Squads Facing Busy Fortnight Ahead

Games Just Ahead May Decide Elon Title Hopes

Thompson Leads Hitting For Elon Baseball Team

Captain Nick Thompson, who is off to a great start on his senior season with the Elon baseballers, is far out front among the Christian regulars in the battle for season batting honors, for the peppy little shortstop from Burlington was banging away at .449 clip after eight games were in the books. Bill Reece, lanky freshman outfielder, had a perfect record and 1,000 percentage at that point, but he had only been to the plate one time. Thompson's record shows 13 hits in 29 trips, giving him a margin of better than 80 points over Homer Hobgood, who was runner-up among the regulars with a .360 average.

The Christian squad as a whole had had difficulty with its hitting in the early games, particularly when runners have been on the cushions, but the Maroon and Gold batters looked somewhat better in that department in last Saturday's 6-2 victory over Atlantic Christian.

In addition to pacing the squad in batting, Nick Thompson boasts one homer to lead that field, is tied with Don Lichok and Homer Hobgood with two doubles, is well out front in stolen bases with 6 thefts and is topping the important runs-batted-in division. He has hammered eight of his mates over the plate in as many games.

With the Christian squad showing a mark of five wins and three defeats in the first eight battles, Jack Henderson has been credited with two wins, while single victories have been won by Bill Ross, Gilbert Watts and Corbett Hartley. Henderson has suffered two of the defeats, while the third was credited to Ross.

The complete statistics for the team through the battle with Atlantic Christian last Saturday follow:

Player	ab	r	r	avg.
Reece	1	1	1	1.000
Thompson	29	10	13	.449

It's spring-time in the Carolinas again, and with the coming of spring, we find that baseball, golf, tennis and track have replaced basketball in the center of the sports stage here at Elon.

The Christian baseballers, who have always ranked on top or near the top in the North State Conference in recent years, have found somewhat rough going in early season this year, paying the penalty for inexperience in a number of positions.

The diamond outfit has lost three of five Conference tilts after grabbing victories in three opening battles against invading teams from the North. However, with four more weeks of the baseball season remaining, many observers expect the Christian glove-men to improve greatly and perhaps give the rest of the teams in the North State loop a "run for the money" when the titular stretch arrives.

The Christian cindermen, last year's North State Conference champions, were all set for their first meet of the year against Roanoke here Tuesday of this week, but results were not in the books at this writing. However, Coach Sid Varney has a strong nucleus of experienced men back from last year's title-winners, and the track team here at school are fully expecting the team to be as strong as stronger than a year ago. With "Gentleman" Tom Harris added

FEARSOME FOURSOME CARRIES ELON GOLF HOPES



The Elon College golf squad, most powerful to carry Christian hopes on the links in several years, is pictured above. The "Four L's", as the Christian golf quartet foursome has come to be known, trampled all early-season opponents and posted an undefeated mark for all college competition prior to the spring holidays. The fearsome foursome, pictured left to right, includes Bobby Loy, of Burlington; Freddy Lloy I, of Durham; Jimmy Leighton, of Durham; and Henry Landress, of Leaksville.

Christian Golfers Compile Brilliant Record In Early Season Contests

Seven Softball Teams In Loop

The Intramural Softball League opened its 1956 campaign this week with seven teams, and advance dope made the strong North Dorm "A" squad the pre-season favorites. Indications were however, that the entire league will be stronger than last year.

The teams entered include ELON TOTALS 263 49 69 .262 OPPONENTS 272 43 56 .207 (Continued on Page Four)

Quakers Win Loop Battle

The Guilford Quakers pushed over two runs on a single hit in the ninth to chalk a 9 to 8 victory over the Elon Christian at Guilford on Tuesday, April 10th. The victory was Guilford's first in three North State Conference starts, and the game left Elon with a single loop win in four attempts.

The Christians held a one-run margin at 8-7 as home-standing Quakers came up for their final turn at the plate. Bill Ross, on the mound for Elon, walked the first batter, and the second man sacrificed. Jack Henderson took over Elon's pitching chores at that point and allowed a walk, a single and two other walks to force the winning runs across the plate. The Quakers moved ahead in the early innings as they counted twice without a hit in the first rack and then scored three runs on a single, double and Mike Trafford's homer in the third.

Elon had single markers in the first and third, but the Christians got back into the ball game with four runs in the bottom of the sixth. Singles by Joey DelGais and a double by Homer Hobgood combined with a walk, two errors and a fielder's choice to plate the runs. The Christians also had single runs in the seventh and ninth to grab the lead.

Homer Hobgood paced the Christian hitting with two doubles and a single, while Nick Thompson and Joey DelGais accounted for two singles each in the Elon attack.

	r	b	e
Elon	101	004	101-3 11 5
Guilford	203	101	002-9 9 5

Ross, Henderson (9) and Hobgood; Petty, Allgood (8) and Allred.

The Elon golfers chalked five successive victories, all of them by top-heavy scores in matches played prior to the spring holidays but they have had two matches postponed since the vacation ended.

The Christians turned back Guilford and Catawba in the first two matches of the year, scores for those contests having been reported in a previous story, and then they added successive victories over Lynchburg, Guilford and East Carolina before the Easter vacation.

ELON 17, LYNCHBURG 1
Fred Lloyd shot a 71 for medalist honors as the Christian golfers swamped Lynchburg 17 to 1 over the Alamance Country Club course on Tuesday, March 27th. Loy (E) over Wheeler, 2 1-2 to 1-2; Lloyd (E) over Foltz, 3 to 0; Loy and Lloyd (E) over Wheeler and Foltz, 3 to 0; Landress (E) over Jordan, 2 1-2 to 1-2; Leighton (E) over Cavanaugh, 3 to 0; Landress and Leighton (E) over Jordan and Cavanaugh, 3 to 0.

ELON 14, GUILFORD 4
Bobby Loy and Fred Lloyd tied for medalist honors with a pair of 76 scores over the Starmount course, pacing Elon to her second straight victory over Guilford by a 14 to 4 margin. The match was played on Thursday, March 29th. Loy (E) over Crawford, 2 1-2 to 1-2; Lloyd (E) over Vance, 3 to 0; Loy and Lloyd (E) over Crawford and Vance, 3 to 0; Landress (E) over Self, 2 1-2 to 1-2; Cornish (G) over Leighton, 2 1-2 to 1-2; and Landress and Leighton (E) over Self and Cornish, 2 12 to 1-2.

ELON 16 1-2, E. CAROLINA 1 1-2
Fred Lloyd was once more the medalist with a 72 count over the Alamance Country Club course as the Elon linksmen trounced East Carolina 16 1-2 to 1 1-2 on Friday, March 30th. The summary—Loy (E) over Sexton, 2 to 1; Lloyd (E) over Bell, 3 to 0; Loy and Lloyd (E) over Sexton and Bell, 3 to 0; Landress (E) over Beck, 2 1-2 to 1-2; Leighton (E) over Hayes, 3 to 0; Landress and Leighton (E) over Beck and Hayes, 3 to 0.

CAMPUS VISITORS

Back as visitors on the campus within the past week were two of last year's graduates, each of whom played a prominent part in student life while at Elon. The visitors were Dave Maddox, last year's basketball captain, now coaching the cage sport in high school at Birmingham, Ala., and Jimmy Waggoner, last year's Maroon and Gold Editor, now attending Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Nets Stars Win Badminton Title

Ray Whitley and Hugh City, varsity doubles combo in tennis, swept through to the championship in the intramural badminton tourney, which featured doubles teams of both boys and girls. The finals play was between two boys' teams, but one girls' pair reached the semi-finals.

The Whitley-City pair defeated Mack Payne and George Phillips in the finals. Whitley and City had previously won over Polly Payne and Kathryn Lambert and over Dee Atkinson and P. D. Watts. The Payne-Lambert pair had defeated Carolyn Abernathy and Joyce Perry. Mack Payne and George Phillips reached the finals by downing Jim Leighton and Terry Emerson and also George Nall and Woodrow Wall. The Leighton-Emerson team won over Eddie Bridges and Archie Wilborn.

Baseballers Top A. C. C.

The Elon Christians got back on the winning track as they turned back the Atlantic Christian Bulldogs here last Saturday afternoon by a 6 to 2 margin in a North State Conference contest. It was the first meeting of the year between the two loop rivals.

Jack Henderson, sophomore southpaw, and Bill Ross, a freshman right-hander, combined their efforts in a three-hit pitching performance. Henderson allowed the Bulldogs two hits in the first seven innings, and Ross held them to a single blow in the final two frames.

Henderson, who struck out nine of the visiting Bulldogs during his seven-inning stint, kept himself in hot water at times by his wildness. He issued ten walks but managed to hold the visitors away from the plate until the sixth.

The Christians went ahead with a pair of markers in the third on singles by Jack Henderson and Clem Johnson and a double by Don Lichok. They added a third run in the fifth, which proved good enough for the win. This marker came on three walks, a sacrifice and Nick Thompson's single.

There was another two-run assault for Elon in the sixth on a walk to Homer Hobgood and suc-

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MINOR SPORTS

TENNIS

Elon 3, Lynchburg 4.
Elon-Lynchburg (Rain)
Elon 2, A. C. C. 5
Elon 6, Appalachian 1
(Remaining Meets)
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.

GOLF

Elon 12 1-2, Guilford 5 1-2.
Elon 17, Catawba 1.
Elon 17, Lynchburg 1.
Elon 14, Guilford 4.
Elon 16 1-2, E. Carolina 1 1-2.
Elon-Lynchburg (Rain)
Elon 16 3-4, Roanoke 114 1-4
(Remaining Meets)
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

Elon 13 1-2, Appalachian 4 1-2
(Remaining Meets)
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.

Elon Defeats Wittenberg In Intersectional Game

The Fighting Christian of Elon turned back the Wittenberg College nine here on Thursday, March 29th, by a 6 to 4 margin. It was the third straight win of the early season for the Elon squad, which had defeated Williams College of Massachusetts twice in earlier tilts.

The Christians displayed power with the stick and turned a number of neat fielding gems in winning the game over the Ohio collegians. The invading nine jumped into the lead in the first on a two-run homer by Mike Hess, but Elon grabbed the lead for keeps in the sixth rack.

Nick Thompson, Elon's All-Conference and All-State shortstop, proved the big gun in the Christian attack as he hammered three booming doubles in five attempts. Other heavy hitters for the victorious Christians were Bobby Green with a triple to the wall, Alton Myers with a double and single and Clem Johnson with a pair of singles.

The Wittenberg nine moved out front when Mike Hess homered inside the park in the first, plating Bill Ingledue ahead of him. Elon tied the count in the third on Bobby Green's triple and successive singles by Jerry Holt and

The Elon athletic squads in all spring sports are facing a busy fortnight just ahead, for before the presses roll another copy of the MAROON AND GOLD, for no less than eighteen games and meets are set for the Christian athletes in baseball, golf, tennis and track in the next fourteen days.

The schedule shows five baseball games, three of them on the road and four of them against North State Conference opposition; four golf meets, two at home and all against Conference opponents; two track meets, including one dual and one triangular affair; and seven tennis meets, three of them on enemy courts and all against Conference opponents.

The coming two weeks could quite easily decide the titular fate of the Elon baseball squad, for the Christian nine has already lost three Conference games and cannot afford to drop another one to anyone. More than one of the chief title contenders is to be met within the next fortnight.

The Christian nine goes to Atlantic Christian on Friday and then returns home to battle Appalachian here next Monday. Two other games next week are on enemy fields, with the Maroon and Gold tossers facing Catawba at Salisbury next Thursday and East Carolina at Greenville on Saturday of next week. The Pfeiffer Panthers come to Elon on Monday, April 30th.

The high-flying Elon golfers, who maintained a clean record through their early-season competition, play Appalachian at Boone next Monday in a meet that could decide the crown. Catawba is to be met at Salisbury next Tuesday, followed by home meets with High Point and East Carolina.

The seven tennis meets in the two-weeks period include singletons with Guilford and High Point and two meets with East Carolina on the Elon courts. The meets set for enemy courts are with Appalachian, Lenoir Rhyne and Guilford.

Tony Carcaterra. The Ohioans counted once in the fourth on a double by Hess and a single by Bill Thompson, but Elon countered with two runs in the same frame when Nick Thompson smacked his second double of the game along with a Wittenberg error and a walk. Wittenberg tied the count in fifth when Oberholtzer tripled and scored on an outfield error.

That set the stage for Elon's winning rally in the sixth. Don Lichok led off with a single, advanced to third on Alton Myers' double, and both scored on Nick Thompson's third two-bagger of the game. That was the game, for no other runs scored.


Three Elon pitchers saw duty. Larry Summers, plagued with a sore shoulder in early workouts, lasted only one inning. He was relieved by Frankie Goss, who worked four innings. Jack Henderson, soph southpaw, came on in the sixth and held Wittenberg hitless through the four final frames.

The score by innings—

	r	b	e
Wittenberg	200	110	000-4 7 2
Elon	002	202	00x-6 11 2

Hawken and Stein; Summers, Goss (2), Henderson (6) and Hobgood.

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Walking The Chalk-Lines

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