

Christian Golfers Clinch Conference Crown

Thompson Is Still Leading Elon Hitting

Well past the midway point of the 1956 baseball campaign, little Nick Thompson was still pacing the attack for the Christian regulars on the basis of figures compiled after the Catawba game played last Thursday at Salisbury. The Elon captain had slipped somewhat from his pace of two weeks earlier, but he was still banging away at a .413 rate with twelve games on the books.

The records showed that Thompson had smacked out 19 hits in 46 trips to the plate, and only Bill Hecce could top him with a perfect mark on one trip to bat. The only players even close to Thompson in the percentages were pitchers or players who had been to bat only a few times in the early season.

The Christian squad as a whole managed to hold the same .262 percentage that it showed two weeks ago while winning three games from Guilford, Atlantic Christian and Appalachian and dropping a contest to Catawba. That loss to Catawba at Salisbury last week left Elon with an 8-4 mark in wins and losses to that time. The results of the East Carolina and Pfeiffer games were not known when these figures were compiled.

In addition to pacing the hitting, Thompson is tied with Bobby Green for the all-important runs-batted-in honors. Each of the All-Conference stars has driven 12 scores across the plate. Green boosted his average better than a hundred percentage points in the past two weeks and took over the homerun leadership with two round-trippers against Catawba. Green is also tied with Myers for leadership in triples, while Thompson tops the squad in number of doubles. The shortstop also leads in stolen bases, while Homer Hobgood leads in sacrifices.

With the season record showing eight wins and four defeats up to last Thursday, Jack Henderson, Bill Ross and Gilbert Watts had chalked two mound victories each, while single wins were credited to Frank Goss and Corbett Hartley. Henderson and Ross had suffered two defeats apiece.

The statistics through the Catawba game at Salisbury follow—

Player	ab	r	avg.
Hecce	1	1	1.000
Thompson	46	15	.413
Henderson	10	2	.400
Medley	13	6	.385
G. Watts	13	3	.385
Allen	6	3	.333
Holt	27	5	.296
Hobgood	41	6	.293
Green	28	7	.286
Lichok	48	13	.250
Ross	12	1	.250
Sharpe	4	0	.250
DelGais	17	4	.235
Carcatera	32	6	.219
Johnson	33	5	.212
Robertson	5	0	.200
Myers	43	8	.186
Payne	17	3	.176
Hartley	3	0	.000
Goss	2	0	.000
P. Watts	2	0	.000
Motsinger	1	0	.000
Bujan	1	0	.000
Summers	0	0	.000

Elon Totals	428	86	112	.262
Opponents	417	60	84	.201

RUNS-BATTED IN — Green 12, Thompson 12, Holt 6, Payne 5, Johnson 4, Lichok 3, Carcatera 3, Hobgood 3, Robertson 2, DelGais 2, Medley 1, Ross 1, G. Watts 1. **TWO-BAGGERS** — Thompson 5, Payne 3, Hobgood 2, Myers 2. **LEADERS** — Green 2. **THREE-BAGGERS** — Green 2. **MYERS** 2, Thompson 1, Carcatera 1, Ross 1. **HOMERS** — Green 2, Holt 1, Thompson 1, G. Watts 1. **STOLEN BASES** — Thompson 6, Lichok 1, Myers 1, Carcatera 1, Hobgood 1, DelGais 1, G. Watts 1. **SACRIFICES** — Hobgood 3, Green 1, Johnson 1, Ross 1, G. Watts 1, Payne 1. **BASE ON**

FIGHTING CHRISTIAN BASEBALL SQUAD OF 1956



The Elon College baseball squad which is nearing the close of its 1956 campaign, is pictured above. Members of the squad, reading left to right, are as follows. FRONT ROW — Joe DelGais, Don Lichok, Bobby Sharpe, Alton Myers, Nick Thompson, Homer Hobgood, Don Johnson, George Allen and Wayland Medley. SECOND ROW — Jerry Holt, Bill Ross, Corbett Hartley, Gilbert Watts, Larry Summers, Jack Henderson, Vincent Bujan and Dalton Beamon. BACK ROW — Hilary Motsinger, Tony Carcatera, Clem Johnson, Paul Watts, Bobby Green, Dean Robertson, Mack Payne and Frank Goss.



Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER

With the 1955-56 sports season drawing fast to a close at Elon College, we can only look backward and surmise that things during the year were not quite as expected other than in basketball and golf... and possibly in track (that squad still has most of its season ahead). The Fighting Christians at this writing can be sure of only two North State Conference championships, with another hanging in the balances.

The Christian footballers fared worse than any of the major sports squads, showing only three wins against seven defeats in a 10-game campaign. A glance discloses that the footballers worst luck did not come in the won-lost record... it came in the man-power column... the gridders started the season in the hole and never quite got out of it... the loss of Bob Kopko with a winter practice injury... the illness of Nick Theos... the departure of Quarterback Bill Snyder... All of these hurt, but the real back-breaker was the broken arm which Bob Stauffenberg brought home as a trophy from the Mississippi Southern game... This is not an attempt to excuse the showing made by this year's footballers, but it is intended as a warning that, if these unfortunate incidents do not occur again next year, the Elon footballers may quite possibly pick up in '56 where they left off in '54.

There is little to be said for the Elon basketballers and golfers that has not already been said.

Elon Defeats Mountaineers As Rally Nets 14-5 Margin

Eleven runs in a big sixth inning proved the feature of Elon's 14 to 5 triumph over the Appalachian Mountaineers here on Monday afternoon, April 23rd. It was the first meeting of the year between the old rivals.

The Apps starting pitcher, Charlie Reading, was well on his way to a shutout win over the Christians and was coasting along with a 5-0 margin until that fateful inning when the Elon outfit put together six base hits with four bases on balls and two hit batsmen to push the eleven runners home. Coach Doc Mathis, pulling a typical Casey Stengel strategy, sent practically every man on the Elon bench into the game, but some of his moves paid off handsomely. An instance was when Mack Payne, entering the game as a pinch-hitter in the big sixth, pounded two doubles in that same

inning. His two doubles plated four runs. The Christians also made the seventh a big frame by counting three times. Two of the markers came home on a booming triple by Bobby Green.

There were four Elon pitchers sharing mound duties. Corbett Hartley started and gave up three runs in the second. He was relieved by Jack Henderson, who was followed to the mound by Frankie Goss and Gilbert Watts. Don Lichok, Mack Payne and Gilbert Watts were the leading hitters for the Christians, each pounding out two hits

As for baseball, well things are not so bright at this juncture of the season as had been hoped. The Christian diamond outfit has not fared quite as well thus far in 1956 as has been the case in seasons just gone, but there are some bright prospects for the future... Of all the Elon sports teams, the baseballers were hit hardest last year by graduation, and the same squad will suffer greatest graduation losses again this spring. However, there are a number of very fine young prospects on hand this spring, and those boys may become the nucleus for another championship baseball squad, a feature which

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Appalachian 030 002 000—5 6 5
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Reading, Hall (6), Laphis (6)
McKee (9) and Triplett; Hartley,
Henderson (2), Goss (6), Watts
(7) and Hobgood.

Cinder Spuad Impressive In Chalking Triangle Win

The Elon College track squad grabbed eleven first places out of fifteen events in turning back Lenoir Rhyne and Atlantic Christian in a triangular track meet here last Saturday afternoon. The final scoring showed Elon with 111, Lenoir Rhyne with 39 and Atlantic Christian with 12 points.

Eddie Bridges, who won both dashes and took second in the broad jump for Elon was individual high scorer. Other double winners were Larry Gregg, who copped both hurdles for Elon, and Harold Bullard, who won both the discus and javelin throws for Lenoir Rhyne.

Bridges had 9.8 for the hundred and 22.3 for the two-twenty dash, while Larry Gregg topped the high hurdles in 15.2 and the low hurdles in 25.2, in each case bettering the Elon record. However, all races on the straight-away had the advantage of a terrific tail-wind. Paul Watts set a new Elon record in the mile run with a mark of 4 minutes 59 seconds.

THE SUMMARY—
100 YARD DASH — Bridges (E), Richards (E), Steele (LR), Huffman (LR). TIME — 9.8 secs.
220 YARD DASH — Bridges (E), Richards (E), Huffman (LR), R. Smith (E). TIME — 22.3 secs.
440 YARD DASH — Newcomb (E), Faust (E), DeMatteo (E), Fisher (LR). TIME — 53.4 secs.
880 YARD RUN — Griffin (E), Hughes (AC), Martin (E), Crump (E). TIME — 2 mins. 11.4 secs.
ONE-MILE RUN — Watts (E), Williams (AC), R. Bergman (E), B. Bergman (E). TIME — 4 mins. 59 secs.
TWO-MILE RUN — Williams (AC), R. Bergman (E), Watts (E), Weaver (AC). TIME — 11 mins. 21 secs.

120 YARD HIGH HURDLES — Gregg (E), Greenwood (E), B. Smith (E), Phillips (LR). TIME — 15.2 secs.
220 YARD LOW HURDLES — Gregg (E), Greenwood (E), Phillips (LR), Little (LR). TIME — 25.2 secs.
HIGH JUMP — Greenwood (E), Stephenson (E), Gregg (E), tie for fourth by Atkinson (E) and Phillips (LR). HEIGHT — 5 feet 9 inches.
BROAD JUMP — Bradham (E), Bridges (E), Richards (E), Newcomb (E). DISTANCE — 20 feet 7 1-2 inches.
POLE VAULT — Campbell (LR), tie for second by B. Smith (E) and Murphy (LR), fourth Mar giotta (E). HEIGHT — 9 feet 6 inches.
SHOT PUT — Stauffenberg (E), Newcomb (E), Cafasso (E), Ray

Links Squad Nears End Of Undefeated Campaign

The Elon golfers, boasting the strongest combination of divot-diggers in Fighting Christian history, ran their consecutive victory string to ten by last weekend and maintained their undefeated record to that date for the 1956 season. With only two meets remaining, they were assured of the Conference championship as they opened this final week of play.

The Christians victories within the past two weeks included triumphs over Appalachian twice by counts of 13 1-2 to 4 1-2 and 15 1-2 to 2 1-2, over High Point twice by scores of 15 to 3 and 15 1-2 to 2 1-2, and over Catawba for the second time this year by a 15 to 3 margin. The tournament for both individuals and teams is set for Starmount next Tuesday, May 8th.

Elon 13 1-2, Appalachian 3 1-2
The Elon linksmen turned back Appalachian 13 1-2 to 4 1-2 over a windswept Alamance Country Club course on Tuesday, April 17th. Bobby Loy, of Elon, was medalist with a 75 score. The summary—

Lloyd (E) tied Beck, 1 1-2 to 1 1-2; Loy (E) over Green, 3 to 0; Lloyd and Loy (E) over Beck and Green, 3 to 0; Leighton (E) over Broyhill, 2 1-2 to 1-2; Hall (A) over Landress, 2 1-2 to 1-2; Leighton and Landress (E) over Broyhill and Hall, 3 to 0.

Elon 15 1-2, High Point 2 1-2
The Christians made it seven wins in a row for the season when they defeated High Point 15 to 3 at High Point on Wednesday, April 18th. Bobby Loy had a 73 for medalist honors. The summary—

Loy (E) over Powell, 3 to 0; Lloyd (E) tied Bledsoe, 1 1-2 to 1 1-2; Loy and Lloyd (E) over Powell and Bledsoe, 2 1-2 to 1-2; Leighton (E) over Farley, 3 to 0; Landress (E) over Rutledge, 2 to 1; Leighton and Landress (E) over Farley and Rutledge, 3 to 0.

Elon 15 1-2, Appalachian 2 1-2
The Christians trampled Appalachian on the Mountaineers' home course at Lenoir on Monday, April 23rd, by a 15 1-2 to 2 1-2 count. Freddy Lloyd posted a 71 for medalist score. The summary—

Loy (E) over Green, 2 to 1; Lloyd (E) over Beck, 3 to 0; Loy and Lloyd (E) over Green and Beck, 2 to 1; Leighton (E) over

Baseball Schedule

- Elon 4, Williams 3.
 - Elon 13, Williams 3.
 - Elon 6, Wittenberg 4.
 - Elon 2, West Carolina 9.
 - Elon 1, West Carolina 5.
 - Elon-Lenoir Rhyne (Rain)
 - Elon 9, High Point 8.
 - Elon 8, Guilford 9.
 - Elon-Lenoir Rhyne (Wet Grounds)
 - Elon 6, A. C. C. 2.
 - Elon-High Point (Rain).
 - Elon 11, Guilford 1.
 - Elon 8, A. C. C. 3.
 - Elon 14, Appalachian 5.
 - Elon 5, Catawba 8.
 - Elon 11, East Carolina 5.
 - Elon-Pfeiffer (Rain).
- (Remaining Games)
May 3 — Appalachian, away.
May 8 — Catawba, home.
May 10 — East Carolina, home.
May 12 — Pfeiffer, away.

Broyhill, 2 1-2 to 1-2; Landress (E) over Hall, 3 to 0; Leighton and Landress (E) over Broyhill and Hall, 3 to 0.

Elon 15, Catawba 3
The Elon golfers got their second win over Catawba by a 15 to 3 count at Salisbury on Tuesday, April 24th. Freddy Lloyd had a 74 for medalist honors. The summary—

Lloyd (E) over Kelly, 2 to 1; Loy (E) over Harper, 3 to 0; Lloyd and Loy (E) over Kelly and Harper, 2 1-2 to 1-2; Leighton (E) over Long, 3 to 0; Landress (E) tied Carter, 1 1-2 to 1 1-2; Leighton and Landress (E) over Long and Carter, 3 to 0.

Elon 15 1-2, High Point 2 1-2
The Christian linksmen made it ten wins in succession by downing High Point 15 1-2 to 2 1-2 at Alamance Country Club last Tuesday, April 26th. Bobby Loy and Freddy Lloyd were co-medalists with 73 scores. The summary—

Lloyd (E) over Powell, 2 1-2 to 1-2; Loy (E) over Ward, 2 1-2 to 1-2; Lloyd and Loy (E) over Powell and Ward, 3 to 0; Leighton (E) over Finley, 3 to 0; Rutledge (HP) over Landress, 2 to 1; Leighton and Landress (E) over Finley and Rutledge, 2 1-2 to 1-2.

Catawba Jolts Elon Title Hopes With 8 To 5 Defeat

The Catawba Indians used one big inning to turn back the Elon Christians 8 to 5 in a North State Conference baseball battle at Salisbury last Thursday. The victory, which kept the Indians in contention for the Conference crown, proved a severe jolt to Elon's title hopes.

The Christians broke away in front in the first inning when Bobby Green, Elon's husky All-Conference outfield star, singled sharply to drive two runners home. Green later hammered two home runs to claim hitting honors for the day for both clubs.

The Elon outfit was coasting along with a 5-1 lead when the Catawba crew came in for its big seventh round. In that inning the Indians used three bases on balls, two Elon errors and a pair of hits to push five runners across the plate and clinch the game.

The Elon pitchers were plagued by wildness in the game, with three Christian hurlers issuing a total of six free passes to first. Three of the charity trips came in the seventh and figured in the Indians' winning rally.

Elon 201 010 100—5 11 2
Catawba 010 000 520—8 8 3
Henderson, Ross (7), G. Watts (7) and Hobgood; Duncan and Lee.

Elon Topples Bulldog Nine

The Elon Christians chalked their second win of the year over the Atlantic Christian nine, copping an 8 to 3 decision in a well-played battle at Wilson on Friday, April 20th.

Bill Ross, Elon's freshman right-hander from Reidsville, scattered seven Bulldogs hits along the nine-inning route as he turned in a neat mound performance for the Christians. Ross struck out seven and allowed only one walk.

The Christians jumped in front with two runs in the first, added a singleton in the second and then plated three more scores in the third to clinch the game. Single markers in the sixth and seventh were just so much frosting.

Nick Thompson, Elon's All-State shortstop, was the big knocker for the Christians with two singles and double in five trips. Wayland Medley had two singles for the Christians for runnerup honors at the plate.

Elon 213 001 100—8 11 4
A. C. C. 101 000 100—3 7 5
Ross and Hobgood; Perry, Norville (2) and Fulghum.

MINOR SPORTS

TENNIS

- Elon 3, Lynchburg 4.
 - Elon-Lynchburg (Rain)
 - Elon 2, A. C. C. 5
 - Elon 6, Appalachian 1
 - Elon 2, High Point 5.
 - Elon 1, East Carolina 6.
 - Elon 2, Guilford 5.
 - Elon 6, Appalachian 1.
 - Elon 5, Lenoir Rhyne 2.
 - Elon 0, Guilford 7.
 - Elon 0, High Point 7.
- (Remaining Meets)
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 13 1-2, Appalachian 4 1-2
 - Elon 15, High Point 3.
 - Elon 15 1-2, Appalachian 2 1-2.
 - Elon 15, Catawba 3.
 - Elon 15 1-2, High Point 2 1-2.
- (Remaining Meets)
May 1—East Carolina, home.
May 3—A.C.C., away.
May 7-8—Conference Tournament.

TRACK

- Elon 16 3-4, Roanoke 114 1-4 (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.
- (LR). DISTANCE — 39 feet 3 inches.
DISCUS—Bullard (LR), Sives (LR), Newcomb (E), Ray (LR). DISTANCE — 119 feet 9 inches.
JAVELIN — Bullard (LR), Ashton (LR), DeRita (E), Cafasso (E). DISTANCE — 160 feet 7 inches.
MILE RELAY — Elon (B. Smith, DeMatteo, Bridges, Newcomb), Lenoir Rhyne. TIME — 3 minutes 40.7 secs.

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