

Catawba Will Be Elon Foe For Homecoming Tilt



Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER

19 to 0, 19 to 6, 19 to 7! Why can't we find a new number combination. In a majority of Elon's football games, that number 19 seems to crop up and to hold the fate of the Christians in one way or another. In the past fourteen games of this season and last, the Christians have either won or lost on that magic and sometimes ill-omened number 19. Let's look at just a few of those scores of the past year and a half. Last year the scores with that 19 bobbing into print were—

- Elon 0, Appalachian 19.
 - Elon 6, Newberry 19.
 - Elon 0, Catawba 19.
 - Elon 19, Western Carolina 6.
 - Elon 19, Guilford 6.
- As if five of those 19-pointers were not enough, the old 19-7 combination has bobbed up twice in the four early games this year. Remember—
- Elon 19, Appalachian 7.
 - Elon 7, East Carolina 19.
- That figures up to exactly 50 percent riding on that number 19, which made its appearance rather suddenly and emphatically last fall after being absent from all Christian grid games for a full five years. In fact, until last fall, there had been no 19 appearing in any other Elon scores since 1950.

Maybe we should just nickname the team the "Ninetenners," something like the "Forty-niners" of California history fame. Did I hear an objection? Oh, well, it was a good idea, but here at Elon we'd have to check with a board of censors before we could change the name anyway, and there'd always be the conflict with so many old favorites in the music world, such as "When You Were Sweet Nineteen," "On a Bicycle Built for Nineteen," "Nineteen For Tea," etcetera, et cetera, et cetera.

School spirit seems to be a new commodity which the student of Elon have found in the last two years, and let's not let it die. Let's get behind the cheerleaders and

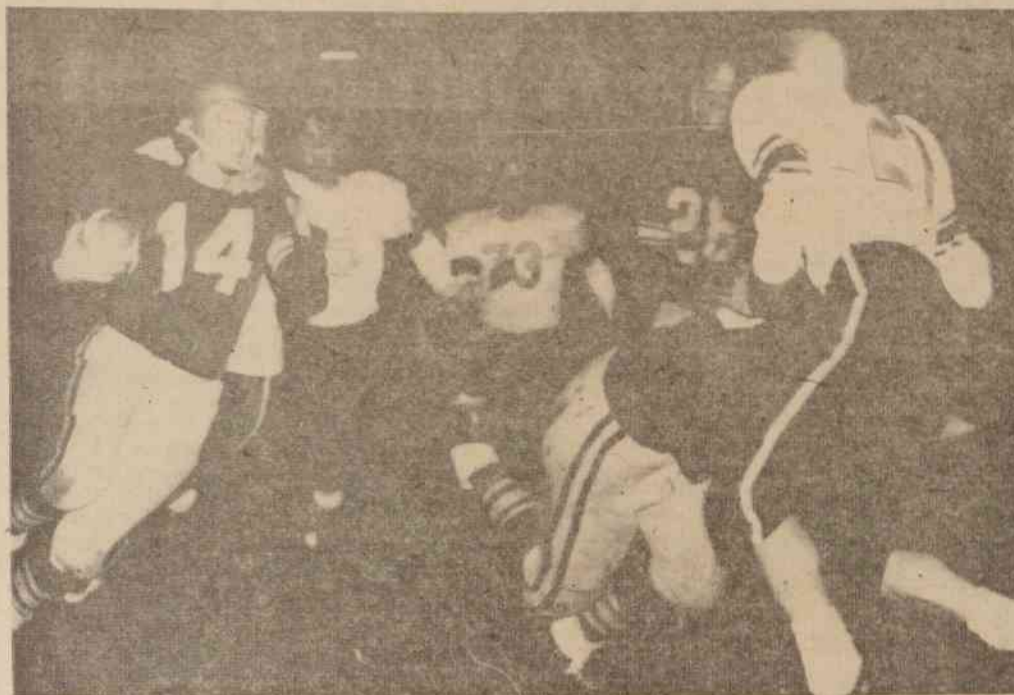
make it the biggest thing on the campus.

Homecoming comes up in just over a week, being slated for Friday and Saturday of next week, so we want to make it the best one ever. We can be sure that our team will be doing its best to make the Homecoming games with Catawba a victorious one, and we students can do our part by remaining on the campus that weekend to support the Christians in their play and to show the old grads a glad hand welcome. As has been in all recent years, there will be a parade with a contest for the best floats. The winning float will be worth \$25 to some organization which produces the winning idea, and there will also be the annual dormitory decoration contest. It will be interesting to see what the boys in Carolina and the girls in Virginia can do in competition with inhabitants of the older residence halls.

Intramural football got underway this past week, with a new set of rules that make the game so different that unless you are playing in it it is hard to tell what's happening. Coach Sanford introduced the new free-pass style of rules to curb the injuries that occurred all too often during the Calhoun-Young era of touch football.

For the information of some nitwit "dum-dum" of an announcer at the home football games in Burlington, the name is Bob Stauffenberg and not Stauffenberger. Oh, well, what's the difference. He's still the best fullback to be found anywhere around these parts. And when one sees how the Morea mauler stuffs a football down the gullets of so many of Elon's football enemies, it might be quite appropriate to re-name the big boy entirely and call him "Stuffenberg." Or still better, when one sees how he knocks the enemy gridders quite stiff and cold, then the announcer might even call him Bob "Stiffenberg."

RICHARDS ROUNDS THE CORNER AGAINST APPALACHIAN



The action shot above, which was snapped in the heat of the victorious grid battle with Appalachian, shows little Kerry Richards "rounding the corner" for one of his quick dashes into the enemy territory. This was just one of many such ball-carrying sorties led by the Elon backs, in the foreground another Elon, identity not known, is blocking an Appalachian tackled quite out of the play. Other Elon players may be recognized by numbers in the background.

Jet Power Is In Christian Attack As Apps Go Down By 19-7 Margin

By SQUARE EDMUNDS

The Elon Christians displayed the essential qualities that go into a solid team victory when they defeated the Appalachian Mountaineers 19 to 7 on Saturday night September 29th. The game was the Christians' opening North State Conference encounter and was played on the Apps' home field at Boone.

The Christians, a touchdown underdog at the start of the game, combined excellent running, blocking and a tough defense to stop the Mountaineers cold. The Elon line play was the most dominant factor in the contest, and Coach Sid Varney employed two lines of equal strength to keep the Mountaineers confused throughout the contest.

Elon's lineemen broke through the App line time and time again and smashed the Mountaineer backs head in their tracks, bogging down the Appalachian offense almost entirely throughout the game. On offense, large holes were ripped in the Apps' line to enable the Christian backs to rip through for 223 yards in net rushing during the battle.

The first period was a scoreless one, but early in the second quarter the Christians struck twice on long scoring jaunts. The first

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Appalachian	
15	First Downs	9
238	Yards Gained Rushing	185
15	Yards Lost Rushing	32
223	Net Yards Rushing	152
6	Passes Attempted	9
4	Passes Completed	2
74	Yards Gained Passing	25
227	Net Yards Scrimmage	178
1	Opp. Passes Intercepted	1
12	Rushback Int. Passes	18
3	Number Punts	4
34.5	Ave. Yards Punts	49.3
103	Rushback All Kicks	79
6	Fumbles Lost	4
55	Yards Penalized	77

Score By Periods—
 Elon 0 13 0 6—19
 Appalachian 0 0 0 7—7
 Elon touchdowns — W. Bradham (punt return 41), Carcaterra (pass from Smith 50), Stauffenberg (run 2). Points After—Humphries (1 placement). Appalachian touchdown — Beaver (run 2). Point After — Miller (1 placement).

came after the Apps had halted the Christians on a drive at the Mountaineer 11-yard line. The Apps took over there and were held at bay by the hard-charging Elon forwards. After a penalty the

home team punted from the one.

Whitney Bradham, the sturdy-legged Elon halfback, noted for his brilliant kick returns, gathered in the punt on the Mountaineers 41-yard line and swung in behind some fine blocking as he romped for the first score of the game. The extra point kick was wide, and the Christians led 6 to 0.

Appalachian received and, after holding the ball for just eight plays without moving it very far forward, elected to gamble on a fourth-down play. The gamble failed, and Elon took over just at mid-field.

One play was enough for Elon, for on the first play from scrimmage diminutive Dick Smith ambled back and hit Tony Carcaterra with a 50-yard scoring pass. The pass was for ten, and Carcaterra legged it the rest of the way. Jim Humphries kicked the extra point, and the Christians led 13 to 0 at half-time.

The third period was another scoreless one, but early in the fourth quarter the Mountaineers rolled out a 75-yard drive for their lone score. The Mountaineer second-string unit of backs were in the game, and they rolled to paydirt in just ten plays. Buck Beaver scored the touchdown, and Whit-

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Christians Seek Revenge For Last Year's Defeat

Elon Football

- Elon 12, Alabama State 13.
- Elon 53, Apprentice School 7.
- (Remaining Games)
- Elon 19, Appalachian 7.
- Elon 7, East Carolina 19.
- Oct. 13 — Presbyterian, away.
- Oct. 20 — Catawba, home.
- Oct. 27 — West Carolina, away.
- Nov. 3 — Newberry, away.
- Nov. 10 — Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Nov. 17 — Guilford, home.

One of Elon's oldest and bitterest football rivalries will be renewed when the Fighting Christians meet the powerful Catawba Indians in the 1956 Homecoming Day battle. The game is slated for Burlington Stadium on Saturday night, October 20th, coming as a climax to a whole weekend of fun for both old grads and students.

The two old rivals have met twenty-one times on the gridiron since the rivalry was begun more than a quarter of a century ago, and Elon holds a scant one-game advantage in the series, despite the loss of last year's contest to the Indians.

The Elon and Catawba outfits met for the first time back in 1929, and the records for the series show that of the twenty-one games played since that time the Christians have emerged winners ten times, while the Indians have won nine times, with two games ending in ties.

Some of the games have been won or lost by close scores, while others have yielded overwhelming victories for one team or the other. Regardless of the outcome, however, no games on either schedule have brought out more intense spirit on the part of the players for more interest on the part of the fans.

The first game back in 1929 was one of the close ones, with Catawba winning the initial victory by a 13 to 12 score, but Elon got sweet revenge the following year when the Christians rolled to a 26 to 7 victory in the 1929 contest. There was no game in 1930, and Catawba copped the 1931 battle by a 38 to 0 count, after which another lapse occurred that saw no more action until 1934 when the Christians and Indians battled to a scoreless tie.

The following year introduced a series of three Elon victories in a row, with the Christians winning 32 to 0 in 1935, 33 to 13 in 1936 and 22 to 7 in 1937. The teams played turn-about for the next four years, alternating victories from year to year. Catawba won the 1938 encounter 20 to 6, Elon took the 1939 battle by a 7 to 0 count, Catawba grabbed the victory in 1940 by 13 to 0 margin, and Elon captured a thriller by an 8 to 7 score to annex the North State cham-

ionship. That was the final meeting of the rivals until after World War II. The war-time curtailment brought a four-year break, for Elon discontinued football throughout the war years. However, when hostilities ceased on the war fronts, then football hostilities were resumed here at home, and Catawba moved ahead with three wins in succession. The Indians rolled over Elon 40 to 0 in 1946, 38 to 0 in 1947 and 35 to 0 in 1948.

There was a turn of the tide after that, for Elon took three in a row, winning 20 to 14 in 1949, 26 to 12 in 1950 and 21 to 14 in 1951, all three games being packed with thrills and intense rivalry. The Indians won 12 to 0 in 1952, and then there was a 21-21 tie in 1953 as Coach Sid Varney assumed Elon coaching reins.

Two years ago saw the Christians top off Homecoming Day with a 36 to 12 victory over the Indians, but the Catawba outfit returned the compliment with a 19 to 0 win at Salisbury last fall. Elon will be seeking revenge for that last year's loss when the teams tangle before that 1946 Homecoming crowd here ten days in the future.

The Catawba squad ranks as one of the leading teams in the North State Conference this season, with one of the heaviest lines in the league and with plenty of heft and power among her backs. The Christians will be playing a non-league tilt this week, but they will be trying to regain winning ways in the Conference as they host the Indians next week.

It was jolly well like a London fog out here in the Burlington Stadium last Saturday night, and it's still a mite hazy in the minds of many who watched the debacle (Webster says that means a sudden disaster) which overtook the Elon Christians and their gridiron hopes.

Whatever happened, when the fog had risen slightly in the late stages of the battle, the records disclosed that a newly aroused crew of East Carolina Pirates had risen in unexpected strength and struck down Elon's Christians by a 19 to 7 margin in a North State Conference football game.

The result was that Elon found herself dropped in unceremonious fashion from her first place tie in the North State race into a tie with the victorious Pirates for third place in the league, each with one win and one defeat. The Catawba Indians were still in first place with two wins, with Lenoir Rhyne's power-laden Bears second with a single win.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	East Carolina	
13	First Downs	13
219	Yards Gained Rushing	276
10	Yards Lost Rushing	22
209	Net Yards Rushing	254
7	Passes Attempted	6
1	Passes Completed	2
16	Yards Gained Passing	11
225	Net Yards Scrimmage	265
0	Opp. Passes Intercepted	0
0	Rushback Int. Passes	0
6	Number Punts	3
24.8	Ave. Yards Punts	34.3
59	Rushback All Kicks	30
5	Fumbles Lost	2
85	Yards Penalized	46

Score By Periods—
 Elon 0 0 0 7—7
 East Carolina 6 6 0 7—19
 Elon touchdown — Smith (run 1). Point after — Kinsley (1 placement). East Carolina touchdowns — Nash (run 6), Maynard (run 9), Speight (run 1). Point After — Matthews (1 placement).

The first score came in the final minute of the first quarter, after an Elon quick-kick was blocked deep in home territory and recovered for the Pirates by speedy Jim Henderson. It took just three plays from there, with Tommy Nash driving from the 6-yard mark earlier play of the Elon eleven

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Presbyterian Is Elon Grid Foe For This Week

Seeking to get back on the victory road, the Christian gridders go out of the Conference and out of the Old North State itself this weekend to battle the Presbyterian Blue Stockings in Rock Hill. The game, which is slated for a neutral field at Rock Hill, marks the first time Elon and Presbyterian has ever met in a regularly-scheduled football game, although the two teams have met in recent years in off-season practice battles to climax winter practice.

The Blue Stockings are reported by Elon scouts as potentially strong, although they have suffered decisive defeats in the past three weeks at the hands of Clemson, Wakeford and Davidson. It will be noted that two of those defeats came at the hands of so-called "major" teams.

There is added interest in the game due to the fact that Coach Sid Varney, who directs the Christian football fortunes, was formerly an assistant coach at Presbyterian College, and he will be working extra hard for a victory in the game coming up on Saturday night.

SWINGING HIGH-WIDE-AND-HANDSOME AND HEADED FOR TOUCHDOWN LAND



Four of Elon's top backfield men are pictured above, driving in a combo against an imaginary enemy defense. The lads, all of them in the photo are Bob Stauffenberg, who is lugging the leather behind the interference of Joe DeJettermen, as pictured left to right. Others among the Christians' outstanding backs, not pictured here, are Kerry Richards, Whitney Bradham and Ricard Bradham. Others among the Christians' outstanding backs, not pictured here, are Kerry Richards, Gais, Whitney Bradham and Ricard Bradham. All those boys are slated for heavy duty when the Maroon and Gold gridders invade South Carolina this week to battle the Presbyterian Blue Stockings.