

# Christian Baseballers Open '57 Season At Duke

## Elon Nine To Play Blue Devil Outfit Tomorrow

### Lenoir Rhyne Breaks Elon Win Streak

Running head-on into a red-hot Lenoir Rhyne quintet on one of its hottest nights, the Elon Christians went down before the Bears on February 21st by a 79 to 56 count in a North State Conference cage battle which tightened the Lenoir Rhyne grip on first place in the loop's regular-season race.

The victory was Lenoir Rhyne's 20th in a row and left the Bears with a 20-1 mark for the year. On the other hand it was Elon's first defeat in six weeks, marking the end of a 12-game win streak for the Fighting Christians. This 12-game win streak set an Elon record for consecutive victories in the cage sport.

The Christians could do no right as the game got underway, and Lenoir Rhyne ran out a 12-0 lead before Jimmy Crump hit Elon's first points on a field basket that came at the seven minute mark. The Bears then ran out 26-5 and 26-7 margins before the Christians could find the range with any degree of success.

Late in the first half the Elon cagers staged a brief rally as Dee Atkinson, Ed Juratic, Jim Crump and Earl Stone connected for nine points in succession to pull up to 32-20 at the half-time break. The Christians matched buckets with the Bears in the first minutes of the second half, and after four minutes it was 36-26 on the scoreboard.

That was the closest the Christians could get, however, and Raeford Wells, Johnnie James and Tommy Sellari proved the big guns as the Bears rolled out to their final 23-point spread at the final gun.

The big guns of the Elon offense were effectively silenced during the game as Atkinson, Juratic and Crump failed to connect, and the top scorer for the Christians was Paige Stout who dropped 18 and Earl Stone who counted 14 points for the evening. All of Stout's markers came in the final half.

Raeford Wells was top gun for the Bears with 22 points, and he also paced the home club with some great rebounding. Other Lenoir Rhyne leaders were Tommy Sellari with 19 and Johnnie James with 12 counters.

The line-ups:  
Pos.—Elon (56) Lenoir Rhyne (79)  
F—Atkinson 7 ..... Cline 2  
F—Stone 14 ..... James 12  
C—Juratic 4 ..... Wells 22  
G—Crump 9 ..... Cornwell 9  
G—Stout 18 ..... Sellari 19  
Half-time — Lenoir Rhyne 32, Elon 20.

Elon subs — Way 2, DeRita, Carcaterra, Watts, Bulla, King 2. Lenoir Rhyne subs — Bowman 4, Norman 8, Smith, McCormick 2, Goodnight 1.

The Elon College baseball squad, playing under a brand-new coach in the person of Jack Sanford, will open its 1957 campaign by meeting the strong Duke Blue Devils at Durham tomorrow. That game will be followed by 23 other tilts that are already on the schedule, with a possibility that two additional games may be added to the season card.

It may look like a comparatively new Elon baseball squad which faces the "Big Four" Blue Devils at Durham, for Coach Sanford has only nine lettermen as a nucleus for his 1957 Elon diamond combination.

It looks just now that Marion Hargrove, the husky basketballer from Eli Whitney, may be the first choice behind the plate. He played last spring for Campbell Junior College and will find his chief competition from Bobby Sharpe, who won a letter as a reserve two seasons back and then failed to letter last spring.

The top bidder for first base just at present is Mac Payne, the blonde from down Swepsonville way, a letterman of last season. Don Lichok, a regular at second base last spring, is the top man at the keystone sack. It is said that Larry Bulla, who saw much cage service as a freshman guard, is top bidder for the short field; and the hot corner is wide open among the trio of youngsters that lists Charley Frye, Hilary Molsinger and Joe Teague. Other infield prospects are Ray Scott, who has reserved at both first and second base; and Tony Carcaterra, the lanky footballer and cager, who started most games at first base last season.

There is still a possibility that Carcaterra may be moved to an outfield position this spring. If so, his presence in that garden will make possible an all-mono-gram combination in the outfield. Other lettermen among the garden candidates are Wayland Medley and Joey DeGais, a pair of sophomores from Bessemer and Inwood, L. I., N. Y. Medley and DeGais were almost regulars as freshmen last spring.

Other outfield prospects, none of whom lettermen, are Harold Ellen, former Campbell College star; Lacy Hill, a transfer from the University of North Carolina; Bill Reece, a lanky sophomore, and Ted Eanes, a freshman. Charlie Malden, the freshman football quarterback, could see service in either the outfield or on the mound.

Gilbert Watts, sophomore right-hander from Laurinburg, and Jack Henderson, junior left-hander from Pennsylvania, are the top pitchers from last year's squad. Bill Ross, another sophomore who had been counted a top prospect, may be a scholastic casualty and could decide to grab off a pro contract.

Other pitching hopes center in Frank Goss, a sophomore right-hander from Lexington; Jimmy Riggans, freshman right-hander from Charleston, S. C.; Alvin Lovelace, a freshman right-hander from Forest City; Gary Hinson, a freshman southpaw from Granite Falls; and Dan Mangum, a freshman right-hander from Virginia, Va.

Following up tomorrow's tilt with Duke on the Blue Devil field, the Christians have nine consecutive games on the home field. They meet Williams College here next Monday and Tuesday and will then take on High Point here on March 29th, Oberlin here on April 2nd and 3rd, Furman here on April 5th, East Carolina here on April 6th, Lenoir Rhyne here on April 11th and Atlantic Christian here on April 12th.

These nine games in succession will put the Elon baseballers well along in their 1957 campaign, which calls for home and home meetings with each of the other eight teams in the North State Conference. Non-Conference opponents are Duke, Williams, Oberlin, Furman and Pfeiffer Colleges.

ELON CAGE SQUAD TOPS CAROLINA'S NAIA CROWN



The Elon basketballers, who dropped the North State Tourney tilt at Lexington and then came back home to win a second straight Carolinas NAIA Tournament are pictured above. The Christian tossers, pictured left to right above, are as follows: FRONT ROW—Larry Bulla, guard; Frank Robertson, guard; Richard Turner, guard; Bob Rickover, forward; and Paige Stout, guard. SECOND ROW — Jimmy Crump, guard; Buddy Way, forward; Gilbert Watts, guard; and Marion Hargrove, forward. BACK ROW — Tony Carcaterra, center; Frank DeRita, forward; Earl Stone, forward; Dee Atkinson, forward; and Ed Juratic, center.

## Christians Are Toppled By Catawba In North State Tournament Upset

### Elon Defeats East Carolina In Loop Tilt At Greenville

An impregnable zone defense which halted the East Carolina attack at all turns proved the decisive factor as the Elon Christians defeated the East Carolina Buccaneers 66 to 52 in a North State Conference cage battle at Greenville on Saturday night, February 16th.

The victory was the twelfth in a row for the Elon cagers, who added to their winning streak that had already set an all-time consecutive win record for the school. Longest previous winning streak was 10 wins in succession by the 1952 Christian quintet which went on to the national NAIA tournament at Kansas City.

In defeating Pirates on their home floor, the Christians broke a jinx that had gripped Elon teams in Greenville for eight years or more, for no Elon team had been able to win on the Pirate court in eight years. The win was doubly pleasing to Coach Doc Mathis,

The Catawba Indians, who had to win a post-season contest with Appalachian, to raise even the eighth spot in the North State Tournament at Lexington, staged one of the most resounding upsets in Conference history by defeating the second-rated Elon Christians 73 to 62 in a first-round battle on Thursday night, February 28th.

The Christians, who were bidding in defense of the tournament title they won a year ago, had been picked by the Conference coaches as the favorites to win the tournament crown, but Coach Doc Mathis' boys could do no right that night at Lexington and the Catawba quint could do no wrong.

The Atlantic Christian cagers had defeated High Point 32-72, and Lenoir Rhyne had topped Guilford 70-58 in the opening night of action; and the Western Carolina tossers had done as expected in the prelim for the second night by bumping East Carolina 83-69. Then came that Catawba upset of Elon, keeping alive the tradition that the tournament would have at least one upset in the first round. Lenoir Rhyne (Continued on Page 6)

### DAY STUDENTS AND FFV'S TOP GIRLS' CAGE RACE

The Day Students, pictured in the group at the left, emerged as champions in the battle for campus cage honors in the girls' intramural league. The commuting lassies gained both the regular season and tournament titles, but they found tough competition from the FFV's (First Floor of Virginia) combination, which is shown in the group shot at the right. Members of the championship Day Student squad, shown left to right, are Shirley Turner, Pam Dofflemyer, Shirley Wall, Katrine Frye, Oneita Frye, Kay Hughes, Peggy Allen and Jerrie Watson. Members of the runner-up FFV crew, also listed left to right, are Lannie Wright, Patsy Walters, Marian Glascoe, Katy Langley, Mary Lou Booth, Carol Cox, Carolyn Adams and Betty Flynn.

## Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER

With examinations looming just ahead, it was quite helpful that your sports scribe should receive a contributed bit of research in regard to North Carolina athletics. It is true that the contributed information pertains to football, and football is slightly out of season, but no really interesting sports dope is ever out of season. Since it pertains to one of our North State Conference schools, it fits in this column without regard to the calendar. The contribution is just as timely at this date, even though it was postponed until the exams were over and gone. It is given below:

American sports fans have become quite interested in high scores, especially in basketball, in recent years, and many of them feel that no team is worth its salt unless it can hit the "century mark" occasionally, and the National pro league cagers quite often post both scores above the hundred mark. The Elon cagers turned back High Point 106 to 101 last year in one of few "double century" scores in North State history.

Few fans realize that there have been "double century" scores in football in these United States, and that does not mean the combined score of both teams. At least twice in the history of American football, one team has scored over 200 points in a single game, and in each case the opposing team drew a great big goose egg. Still fewer of our Elon fans know that a North State Conference team figured in one of those "double century" grid games and on the wrong end.

The first of the "double century" football scores came in 1916 when Georgia Tech trampled little Cumberland University up in Tennessee by a score of 222 to 0. That was a great team which Coach John Heisman had down at Tech that year, including Bum Day and Bill Fincher and Buck Flowers, all them players of All-American calibre. The book, "Fifty Golden Years of Sports," tells how one Cumberland player called on a teammate, "Grab that

loose ball;" and the teammate replied, "Grab it yourself, I didn't drop it." With the Golden Tornado on the rampage that day, there was little incentive for the Cumberland players to grab loose balls.

That 222 to 0 score was the highest ever recorded in American football, and the second highest came six years later when King College rolled over Lenoir Rhyne by a 206 to 0 margin. If you don't know where King College is, then you have nothing on the general run of football fans back in 1922, according to a story which was printed in the Greensboro Daily News on Monday, October 23, 1922. The Sunday paper (Oct. 22, 1922) carried only the bare score, "King 206, Lenoir 0." It is worthwhile to note here that Lenoir College became Lenoir Rhyne in 1923, being so named in honor of Daniel Rhyne. That bare score on Sunday was followed up by the following story on Monday, the story being an exact quote from the Daily News.

"The crowning event of the day was the fact that King College scored 206 points against Lenoir College. Pause for a moment. Did you ever hear of King College? And did you ever hear of any college scoring 206 points against anybody?"

"When the dignified Associated Press sent in the score, it relaxed for a moment and, just to relieve everybody's feelings, it notified all editors that it was not joking about the game. After stating the score, it added the quoted word 'Correct,' because it knew that nobody would believe that such a score was possible.

"King College is at Bristol, Va. It has about ninety students. Investigation all around the local authorities failed to reveal anything beyond the fact that it is a college. Last year it played a full schedule of small colleges and defeated most of them but lost to Emory and Henry and Carson Newman. This year it has perked up a bit in football and has made large scores, so large that rumors of a second Centre College have been flitting about Virginia.

"But even at that and even considering that Lenoir College makes no great pretensions in football, pause again over that fact of 206 points. With four quarters of 15 minutes each, there are 60 minutes of playing time. In 60 minutes King scored 206 points. Every minute of the game the team averaged about three and one-half points, or another way a touchdown was scored every two minutes. A football field is 100 yards long, but it would take at least

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## Elon Cagers Top Virginia Team Again

Hitting the bucket early and often, the Elon Christians swept the Hampden Sidney Tigers before them in early minutes of the game and went on to defeat the Death Valley crew on the Tiger court on February 12th by an overwhelming 94 to 49 margin.

In grabbing their eleventh straight victory, the Christians moved out to a quick 24 to 2 lead and raised the total to 50-18 by the half-time intermission. All members of the Elon starting five shared in the early drive.

The Christians were playing without the services of Paige Stout, steady senior guard, who was held out due to an attack of flu. Coach Doc Mathis also used Captain Dee Atkinson, ace forward, sparingly due to a shoulder injury that had bothered him for several days.

It was husky Ed Juratic, who paced the Elon scoring attack from the center post. The big Indiana boy racked nine field baskets for 20 points and also played an outstanding game under the backboards.

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