

Duke Noses Elon In Season Opener

Rivals Knot And Battle Ten Innings

The Duke Blue Devils, supposedly power-laden and defending their Atlantic Coast Conference title this spring, had to come from behind in the ninth and go an extra inning in defeating the Elon College Christians 8 to 7 in a game at Durham on March 21st.

It was the first game of the 1957 season for both teams, and there was some ragged play as each team committed four errors, but Coach Jack Sanford's Fighting Christians showed definite promise as they overcame an early Duke lead and went out front of the Blue Devils 7 to 5.

The Christians held that 7 to 5 edge as they went into the last of the ninth and were barely three outs away from a resounding upset of the ACC champions, but the Duke hitters got to Gary Henson, Elon's freshman left-hander, for the two runs that tied the score.

Dave Sime beat out a bunt to open the rally, and Andy Cockrell walked to set up a double steal of second and third. Charlie Dunlevel, Blue Devil first-sacker, doubled the two runners home to knot the count.

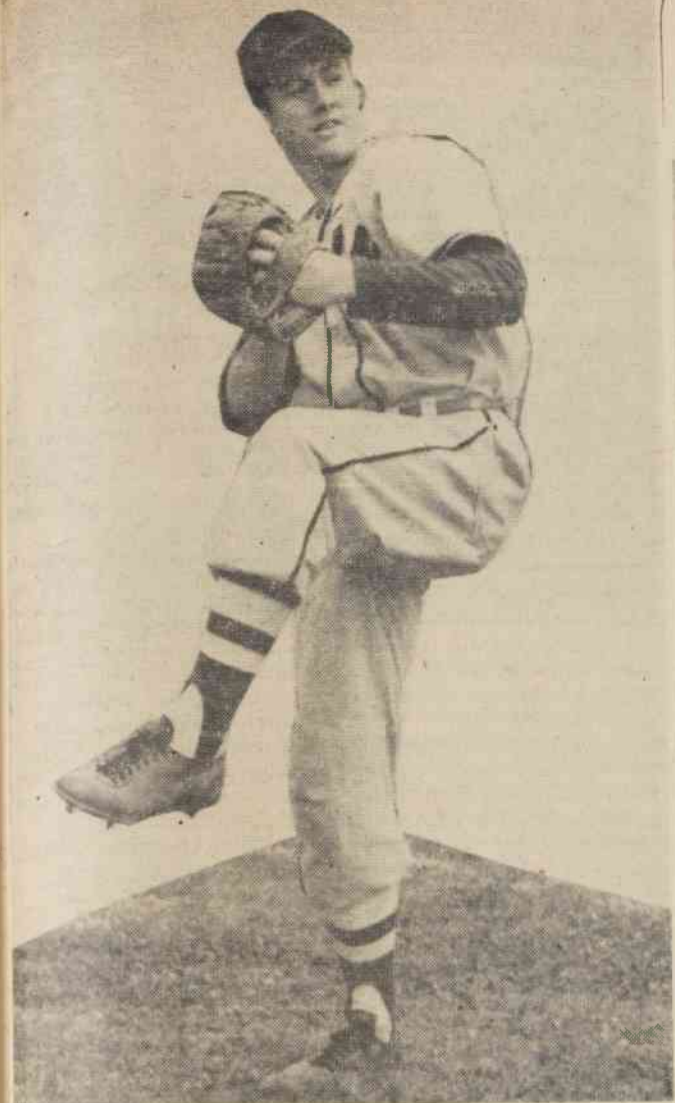
In the extra tenth frame the Christians failed to score, but Duke loaded the bases with two away, and a walk for pinch-hitter Johnny Morris sent the winning tally across for Duke.

About 1,000 thoroughly chilled fans watched as the Blue Devils moved out to a five run lead by the end of the fifth, but Elon came to life in the sixth and counted four runs to get back in the game. A spanking triple by Gil Watts, Elon pitcher, provided a tying run in the eighth, and Watts himself scored for a 6-5 margin. Another Elon tally in the top of the ninth sent the visitors out front by two.

Both the Blue Devils and Christians had nine hits, but three doubles counted heavily for Duke, which had Dave Sime and Bernie Blaney for the top knockers. Gil Watts had a triple and single for two to lead Elon, but Larry Bulla, Joe Teague and Buddy Montgomery had paired singles for the Christians.

Score by Innings:

Elon 000 004 021 0 7 9 4
Duke 002 210 002 1 8 9 4
Ross, Henderson, Watts, Henson and Hargrove, Sharpe; Smailwood, Fatzinger and Weitzman, Crinfield.



TRIO OF VETERANS ANCHOR ELON MOUND STAFF

The trio of veteran pitchers shown above, all of them lettermen from last year's Elon baseball squad, are back to anchor the Christian mound staff during this 1957 diamond season. Pictured left is Gilbert Watts, a sophomore righthander from Laurinburg, center is Jack Henderson, a junior left-hander from Townada, Pa., and right is Bill Ross, a sophomore right-hander from Reidsville. The three were the top men of last year's pitching staff, and the three together accounted for eight of the eleven victories posted by the Christians last spring. Both Ross and Henderson gained three victories each, but between them suffered seven of Elon's eight losses, with Ross losing three and Henderson four games. Watts posted only two victories, but he was undefeated for the season. During the season Henderson had 39 strikeouts, with Ross notching 34 and Watts 25 strikeouts. Henderson allowed only 12 hits in 38 innings, while Watts allowed 28 in 38 and Ross 46 in 46 innings. Watts allowed only 14 walks, while Ross walked 27 and Henderson 32 batsmen.

Baseball Schedule

- Mar. 21 — Duke 8 (10 inn.)
- Elon 4, High Point 11.
- (Remaining Games)
- Apr. 2 — Oberlin, home.
- Apr. 3 — Oberlin, home.
- Apr. 5 — Furman, home.
- Apr. 6 — East Carolina, home.
- Apr. 11 — Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Apr. 12 — A. C. C., home.
- Apr. 15 — Guilford, away.
- Apr. 18 — Catawba, away.
- Apr. 19 — West Carolina, home.
- Apr. 20 — West Carolina, home.
- Apr. 23 — Pfeiffer, away.
- Apr. 25 — Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Apr. 26 — Guilford, home.
- Apr. 30 — Pfeiffer, home.
- May 1 — Appalchian, home.
- May 3 — High Point, away.
- May 7 — Catawba, home.
- May 8 — Appalchian, away.
- May 10 — East Carolina, away.
- May 11 — A. C. C., away.

Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER

It's baseball time again here on the Elon campus, and as has usually been the case in the past, the Christian fans are definitely expecting to field one of the finest nines in the state. Winning baseball games and more than a fair share of the North State Conference titles has come to be a habit in the Maroon and Gold camp.

Coach Sanford was extremely well pleased with the showing his Christians made in the season-opener at Duke on Thursday, March 21st, for the Maroon and Gold baseballers rallied and grabbed a late lead to really hold the Blue Devils' feet to the fire. In fact, Elon went into the bottom of the ninth with a 7 to 5 lead and could easily have won over the Atlantic Coast Conference champs.

The Dukes, who had been rated a heads-on favorite to defend successfully their ACC title this spring, got the scare of their lives before they rallied for two in the ninth and squeezed one over in the tenth to win an 8-7 decision over Elon in an extra inning. In short, Coach Sanford's lads gave the Big Blue a literal fit before losing out.

It is likely that Coach Sanford was not so well pleased with the second outing for his team, which resulted in an 11 to 4 loss to High Point here at Elon last Friday, for the Christians had been rated a favorite over the Panthers on most quarters. In fact, this writer was on the High Point campus that day, and High Point students were saying that night that it was the Panthers' first baseball win over Elon in twenty years.

One thing sure about this 1957 diamond squad, it is the largest in point of numbers seen here in many years and may be the largest on the Elon field in the history of the sport. Coach Sanford greeted well over 30 men when he issued the first practice call, and the squad still retains about 28 men at the present time. It has been a real problem to select the strongest combination from that large squad, and Coach Sanford has used a long list in the two first games.

ing and with an almost complete rebuilding job to be done, he used 21 men against Duke and topped that by sending 25 players on the field against High Point last week. The fact that several of the baseballers were in Kansas City with the cagers served to slow the Christian diamond workouts, and then came two rained-out games with Williams College to rob the squad of much-needed experience.

One thing is sure, if the boys can rally round after the disastrous game with High Point and regain the fine form they displayed against Duke, they could still be a definite threat before the North State campaign is ended.

Spring football ended on a fine note for Coach Sid Varney, who was pleased with the play of at least the first 15 men on the squad. In fact, he commented that he had found their cooperation and hard work during the off-season drills the best since he had been at Elon. The entire team looked rather well in that off-season scrimmage with Guilford, and if that scrimmage can be called a preview of things to come, then the Christians should be improved for the 1957 grid wars.

And speaking of football, it is interesting to know that Coach Joe Bryson, Elon backfield mentor, spent last week down in Atlanta as an observed at Coach Bobby Dodd's Georgia Tech drills. Coach Bryson is an eager learner when it comes to the grid sport, and he just might pick up some fine new ideas by observing the Golden Tornado in its drills. It will be nice indeed if the Christian backs of 1957 can show just a bit of that magic ball handling and power driving that has characterized Tornado strikes in recent years.

Incidentally, Coach Bryson will be directing the intramural softball program for this Spring Quarter, for Coach Sanford will be tied up with baseball and will be unable to devote attention to that sport that he gave to tag-football and basketball. The softball play is to get started this week with eight teams in action.

Meet The Baseballers . . .

Elon Has Youth On Diamond Squad

The Elon College baseball squad, which still has 20 rugged games left on its 1957 schedule, has a definite accent on youth, for Coach Jack Sanford lists 27 men on his current roster, including 10 freshmen, seven sophomores, eight juniors and three seniors. Five of the juniors and one of the seniors are newcomers to the Elon baseball scene.

There are only eight lettermen from last year, three of them being pitchers, so that all shapes up a rebuilding job for Coach Sanford. Following are sketches of the individual players on the squad this week—

CATCHERS

BOBBY SHARPE — Junior letterman from Burlington, 5-10 tall, 165 pounds. Bats and throws right. Lettered as freshman but not last year.

MARION HARGROVE — Junior from Eli Whitney by way of Campbell College, 6-3 tall, 200 pounds. Bats and throws right. With McCrary last summer.

BUDDY WAY — Freshman from Liberty, 6-2 tall, 190 pounds. Bats and throws right. Also plays first and third. Plays forward in basketball.

PITCHERS

JACK HENDERSON — Junior letterman left-hander from Townada, Pa., 5-11 tall, 190 pounds. Bats either right or left, but throws left. Also plays end in football.

GILBERT WATTS — Sophomore right-hander from Laurinburg, 6-0 tall, 173 pounds. Bats and throws right. Also plays outfield. Plays guard in basketball.

BILL ROSS — Sophomore letterman right-hander from Reidsville, 6-0 tall, 190 pounds. Bats and throws right.

FRANK GOSS — Sophomore right-hander from Lexington, 6-0 tall, 167 pounds. Bats and throws right.

GARY HENSON — Freshman left-hander from Granite Falls High, 5-10 tall, 160 pounds. Bats right and throws left.

AL LOVELACE — Freshman

right-hander from Forest City, 6-1 tall, 175 pounds. Bats and throws right.

DANIEL MANGRUM — Freshman right-hander from Virgilina, Va., 6-1 tall, 173 pounds. Bats and throws right. Also can play outfield.

INFIELDERS

RAY SCOTT — Senior first baseman from Seagrove, 6-0 tall, 160 pounds. Bats and throws right. Can also play second base.

MACK PAYNE — Sophomore letterman first baseman from Swepsonville, 6-0 tall, 160 pounds. Bats and throws right. Can also play second base.

DON LICHOK — Sophomore letterman second baseman from Brackenridge, Pa., 5-8 tall, 155 pounds. Bats and throws right. Can also play other infield posts.

LARRY BULLA — Freshman shortstop from Asheboro, 6-0 tall, 170 pounds. Bats and throws right. Also plays guard in basketball. With McCrary last year.

JOE TEAGUE — Freshman third baseman from Asheboro, 5-11 tall, 145 pounds. Bats left, throws right. Also plays second.

CHARLIE FRYE — Junior third baseman from Pleasant Garden by way of junior college, 5-11 tall, 185 pounds. Bats left, throws right.

HILLARY MOTSINGER — Junior third baseman from Kernersville, 6-0 tall, 175 pounds. Bats and throws right.

RONALD SCOTT — Freshman second baseman from Bennett, 5-10 tall, 170 pounds. Bats and throws right.

OUTFIELDERS

WAYLAND MEDLEY — Sophomore letterman outfielder from Bessemer, 5-11 tall, 165 pounds. Bats left, throws right. Lettered as freshman.

TONY CARCATERRA — Sophomore letterman outfielder from Inwood, L. I. N. Y., 6-4 tall, 207 pounds. Bats and throws right. Lettered at first base last year. Also plays end in football and center in basketball.

JERRY HOLT — Senior letterman outfielder from Graham, 6-0 tall, 185 pounds. Bats and throws right. Lettered for first time as a junior last year.

LACY HALL — Junior outfielder from Burlington, 6-1 tall, 180 pounds. Bats left, throws right. Played at Carolina before entering armed service. Played service ball last two seasons.

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Elon Campus Champs Reach Finals Of High Point Meet

The Vets basketballers, winners of regular-season honors in the Elon College intramural basketball leagues, carried Elon colors into the finals of the third annual North State intramural tournament, which was played at High Point College last Friday, March 29th.

The Elon tossers turned back a big and husky Catawba intramural crew by a 76 to 70 score in the first round of play on Friday afternoon, with the High Point entry taking a thrilling 54 to 53 verdict over the Guilford basket-eteers. These four teams represented the only entries in the meet, which was staged under the sponsorship of the High Point College Intramural Department.

The Elon and High Point squads then moved into the final round of play on Friday night, with the Pointers grabbing a close 72 to 70 decision in an overtime battle. The score at the end of regular time was tied at 68-all, with the Pointers moving ahead in the one over-time.

Bob Bell racked 22 points to pace the Elon scoring, trailed closely by Mal Bennett with 20 and Bud Mullins with 12 counters. The Elonites were moving for victory when they lost Bennett, Norman Fields and Mull Miles by the five-foul route. This robbed the Elon squad of much power under the boards, and High Point moved out under leadership of Murphy Osborne, who hit 24 points.

MINOR SPORTS

GOLF

- Elon 3 1-2, N. C. State 23 1-2.
- (Remaining Meets)
- Apr. 4 — N. C. State, home.
- Apr. 9 — Guilford, home.
- Apr. 11 — Belmont Abbey, away.
- Apr. 15 — High Point, away.
- Apr. 18 — Appalchian, home.
- Apr. 22 — Lynchburg, home.
- Apr. 23 — Catawba, home.
- Apr. 29 — Guilford, away.
- Apr. 30 — Catawba, away.
- May 3 — Appalchian, away.
- May 6 — Belmont Abbey, home.
- May 7 — High Point, home.

TENNIS

- Elon 6, East Carolina 9.
- (Remaining Meets)
- Apr. 5 — High Point, away.
- Apr. 6 — East Carolina, away.
- April 10 — High Point, home.
- Apr. 11 — Belmont Abbey, away.
- Apr. 13 — Lynchburg, home.
- Apr. 15 — Guilford, away.
- Apr. 16 — Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Apr. 18 — Appalchian, home.
- Apr. 23 — Lynchburg, away.
- Apr. 23 — Pfeiffer, away.
- Apr. 24 — Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Apr. 26 — Guilford, home.
- Apr. 29 — Appalchian, away.
- Apr. 30 — Pfeiffer, home.
- May 3 — Belmont Abbey, home.
- May 4 — Wake Forest, away.

Golfers, Netmen Suffer Defeats In First Meets

The Elon golfers and netters went down to defeat against superior foes as they opened their 1957 campaigns at N. C. State and East Carolina respectively last week. The golfers dropped a 23 1-2 to 3 1-2 decision to the Wolf-pack at Raleigh last Thursday, and then the netters lost a 9-0 decision to East Carolina at Greenville on Saturday.

Bobby Loy halved with Allen in his individual match in the Raleigh golf meet, and then Loy teamed with Freddie Lloyd to defeat Atkins and Allen by a 20-1 count in their best-ball match. Other Elon golfers were Harold Long, Paige Stout, Carl Lee and Hank Carmines.

The Christian netters dropped all matches by straight sets to the powerful East Carolina tennis team, which must rate as favorites in the Conference. The Elon tennis entries included Jack Kester, Charlie Johnson, Ed Juratic, Dick Simpson, Steve Mauldin, Chuck Oakley and Johnnie Meadows.