

# Newberry And Lenoir Rhyne Next Elon Foes . . . . May-Be!!

## Palmetto '11 MAY Play November 9th

The Newberry Indians from way down in the Saluda River section of South Carolina MAY invade Burlington Memorial Stadium on Saturday night for Elon's next football game. The word MAY is emphasized, since one can never be sure of anything in the future any more, especially if that future pertains to football schedules.

As a matter of fact, and making the only safe statement at this time, Coach Sid Varney and his undefeated and untied Elon Christians are expecting the Newberry Indians to appear on the Elon scene come Saturday. There had been no cancellation late today.

Getting on more secure ground and speaking of things which happened in previous years, the Elon and Newberry gridders have met exactly a dozen times since 1940, and the records show Elon winning five, Newberry winning six and one game ending in a tie, all of which means that Elon needs a win this year to even the series.

The tie score came in the first meeting back in 1940 by a 6-6 snout, but Newberry won the next game in 1946 by a 20 to 0 margin. Elon copped in 1947 3 to 0 on Jim Huyett's field goal, but Newberry gained the nod in 1948 by a 20-7 score.

The Christians took over at that point and chalked four consecutive wins over the Palmetto State Indians. Pete Marshburn and R. K. Grayson led the way for Elon wins by 26 to 12 in 1949 and 13 to 7 in 1950. The true-toe kicking of Sal Gero gave Elon a close 13-12 victory in the mud in 1951, and Don Graf raced 71 yards to clinch a 20-14 triumph for Elon in 1952.

Since that time the Goddess of Victory has smiled only for Newberry, with the power-laden Indians chalking decisive wins for the past four seasons. Featuring such fleet-footed aces as Grady Ray, Danny Brabham and Paul Davis, the Indians rolled for wins by 33-6 in 1953, by 26-0 in 1954 and by 19-6 in 1955. Last year Newberry had lost all her aces except Davis, but Tyler Dufford joined Davis as the star in Newberry's 40-14 win.

Coach Harvey Kirkland has another set of fast-moving backs, and all indications point to a tough test for Elon on Saturday night, that is if nothing like flu and injuries and weather permit the game to be played. The Indians did postpone one game in early season due to rain.

### ELON OPPONENTS ADMIT MATHEMATICAL AXIOM THAT 'TWO HALVES MAKE A WHOLE'



Joe DelGais

One of the tried and true mathematical axioms is that "two halves make a whole," and the four brave football squads who have survived flu and injuries and who have had the courage to face Elon's Fighting Christians this fall will vouch for the fact that Elon's "two halves make a whole lot of trouble" for all who contact the Christians on the gridiron. Of course, in voicing the axiomatic gridiron statement they are referring to those two rugged juniors who are listed as halves in the Maroon and Gold football line-up, none other than Joe DelGais, of the Long Island DelGais clan, and Harry Faust, one of the Pennsylvania Faustus, who have played a whole lot of halfback for Elon this fall. Little Joey DelGais, who fools everyone by tipping the scales at 180 pounds, mans the left halfback position for Coach Sid Varney and qualifies well as a triple-threat who runs, passes and kicks. Harry Faust, who drives with 185 pounds of power from the right halfback slot, can also rate a triple-threat description, since he also runs, passes and place-kicks occasionally for extra points. Both boys can also catch passes with adept hands, and both can throw a mean shoulder when a tackle is needed somewhere out in the wild yonder of the Elon secondary.



Harry Faust

## Christian '11 HOPES To Play Bears

The Elon Christians, still among the nations undefeated and untied football squads, HOPE to meet their ancient foes the Lenoir Rhyne Bears, in the Bruin lair at Hickory on Saturday night, November 16th, in a game destined to decide the 1957 championship of the North State Conference.

Speaking slightly stronger than HOPE, the Christians PLAN to be somewhere around Hickory on that night ten days hence, when they will be meeting Lenoir Rhyne for the twenty-ninth time since 1921, renewing the second oldest football rivalry in Elon annals. Only one older is that between the Christians and the Guilford Quakers.

This Lenoir Rhyne series has been both long and bitterly contested, with Elon holding at present a very slight edge in games won and lost. Of the twenty-eight games played thus far, Elon has won fifteen, and Lenoir Rhyne has won thirteen. There have been no tie battles. However, it is a sore fact to Elon fans that the Christians have managed only one win since World War II.

There were six Elon victories in a row to start the series back in the Twenties. The Christians rolled to a 39-0 victory in 1921 and chalked a 48-6 triumph in the next game in 1922. They eked out a thriller by 7-6 in 1927, rolled again by 27-6 in 1928, triumphed 13-7 in 1929 and added a 20-7 victory in 1930.

Lenoir Rhyne finally broke into the win column with wins in 1931 and 1932. Local records do not show the score in 1931, but the Bears won 12-7 in 1932. After this Elon bounced back strongly under Coaches Peahead Walker and Horace Hendrickson and won six wins in a row, scoring 7-0 in 1933, 13-6 in 1934, 20-0 in 1935, 38-0 in 1936, 27-6 in 1937 and 14-0 in 1938.

The Bears copped another win in 1939 by a 10-0 margin, but Elon closed out the pre-war years by winning 8-0 in 1940 and 13-0 in 1941. There was a break during World War II, and since that time the Bears have dominated the series, winning by 14-13 in 1946, by 13-0 in 1947, by 13-0 in 1948, by 19-7 in 1949, by 42-13 in 1950, by 48-14 in 1952, by 27-13 in 1953, by 28-0 in 1955 and by 27-13 last year. The lone Elon victory since World War II came in 1954 by a 14-6 margin.

Neither the Christians nor the Bears have lost a game to North State Conference opponents thus far this season, and current standings show the two old rivals tied for the loop leadership with three wins each. It should be a great game when they clash in Hickory.

## It's 1-2-3; Christians Count The Cancellations



### Walking The Chalk-Lines

By BILL WALKER

- 1 -- Catawba
- 2 -- Davidson
- 3 -- W. C. C.

"Hup! One! Two! Three!

If anyone heard the Elon College football squad barking the above numbers out on the practice field during the past two weeks, then the chances are quite good that Coach Varney and his boys were not counting cadence in signal drill, nor were they counting for the daily calisthenics. Instead, they were counting the cancellations which have come thick and fast in the past fortnight.

The epidemic of cancellations attributed to "flu and injuries," and which left the Christians "Stood Up" twice in one week-end, started on Wednesday, October 23rd when the Catawba Indians called off their own Homecoming battle with Elon and Salisbury, starting an "Off again, on again, gone again" sequence which left virtually everyone dizzy.

The Catawba cancellation was the "off again" angle, but Coach Varney and other Elon sports authorities quickly accepted an invitation from Davidson on Saturday of that week, filling a spot on the Davidson Homecoming that had been vacated by Presbyterian. That was the "on again" slant in the proceedings, and plans were made quickly for the Davidson tilt, with publicity and program materials being rushed to the Davidson headquarters and with the Christians planning some big game hunting for that Saturday.

Then it was "gone again" in the wink of an eye, for the Davidson engagement lasted only a few hours, for Coach Bill Dole notified Coach Varney at the late hour of 11 o'clock that Wednesday night that the newly-carded Christian-Wildcat tussle was off, along with the cancellation of all Davidson Homecoming festivities on the Davidson campus that weekend.

Coach Varney, reluctant to have his undefeated and untied Elon grid squad idle for that weekend, sought manfully to find another opponent, but there was no opponent to be found. Such being so,

"We've got the flu!" That's the new cry of the underdog in intercollegiate football. During the past few months (and especially in the past two weeks) the flu has been blamed for more cancelled games in one season than has ever been cancelled before.

Some of those cancelled games might have been due to Asiatic flu, some were due to injuries, and some might have been due

to lack of intestinal fortitude, which has always been called a basic part of football.

An epidemic of flu may be regarded as excuse enough to call off a game, but injuries can scarcely be called a legitimate excuse for cancelling any game. On the other hand, there is the widely expressed opinion that each school should have enough players to field a team in spite of flu or injuries, and that includes third and fourth stringers as well as the first twenty-two men.

Before school got underway this fall, the nation was warned about the up-coming flu epidemic, and many organizations secured the widely publicized flu vaccine. So don't tell me that most coaches with foresight don't play all the "angles." It seems that many of them would have prepared for such emergencies through the immunizations.

In more than one case, the statement came out that "injuries and flu" caused the cancellation of games, and I can't help but wonder when injuries became a recognized "excuse" for cancellation. Does this mean that in the future many teams will yell when a star player is hurt and simply cancel the games until he is able to ramble again?

If so, what is to happen to that old-fashioned commodity called a schedule? Unless some forfeit rules are set up, then the little formality of making a schedule can just be thrown overboard. If no such rules exist, then 'tis high time steps were taken.

The real test of a great ball club after all is its toughness, its ability to meet its schedule dates week in and week out, injuries and all. Then, if it still remains unbeaten, it has met the test of a champion.

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## North Dorm Dominates Campus Football Chase

The North Dorm football lads are still breezing along at the head of the pack in the gridiron race, pacing the Intramural Tag-Football League with a brilliant record of seven wins and no losses.

Holding the runner-up spot in the latest standings was the Tidewater Terrors, who show a mark of five wins in seven starts. Trailing them in order in standings compiled last Friday, November 1st, were East Dorm, Day Students, the Virginians, and Carolina Hall. Those standings included eleven games played within the two-week period since the last previous issue of the Maroon and Gold.

The Northerners posted four wins, one of them by forfeit, in the two weeks of play. Their wins included a 28-13 victory over Carolina and a 25-19 squeaker over Day Students in the week ending October 24th, along with a 60-13 triumph over the Virginians and a 1-0 forfeit from the Day Students last week.

The Tidewater outfit matched the North Dorm efforts in the same two-week period, also posting four wins. Tidewater triumphs were 67-39 over Day Students and 45-19 over Carolina Hall week before last, followed by victories of 35-12 over Carolina and 1-0 forfeit over the Virginians last week.

Other victories during the fortnight just ended last Friday included one win each by the Day Students, the Virginians and Carolina Hall. The Day Students topped East in a thriller by 26-25 week before last, and the Virginians before last, and the Virginians Top feature for the two weeks of play included the two top-heavy scores of 60 points or better. The runner-up Tidewater outfit posted the highest figure with a well-played 67 to 39 victory over the Day Students. The Day Student score would have been enough to win most games, but not against the fleet Tidewater Terrors.

Five Tidewater lads shared in scoring ten touchdowns, with Buckley Fleming getting four and Larry Gregg and Haak Carmines

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### Elon Football

- Elon 25, Guilford 14.
- Elon 21, Appalachian 6.
- Elon 31, East Carolina 12.
- Elon 37, Presbyterian 14.
- Elon-Catawba (Cancelled).
- Elon-W.C.T.C. (Cancelled).
- (Remaining Games)
- Nov. 9—Newberry, home.
- Nov. 16—Lenoir Rhyne, away.

scoring two each. Carmines was on the throwing end of four of the TD passes for Tidewater. Starrette topped the Day Students with three touchdowns.

In the other high-scoring contest, the North Dorm crew rolled

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## Christians Hold Edge Over Opponents In Grid Figures

The fact that Elon's Christians are still among the 31 unbeaten and untied football teams in these United States of America is quite easily understood when one takes quick glance at the statistics for the four games which Elon has played and won this year.

The Christians have gained well over half a mile in total offense in the four games played thus far, and a check on the most recent statistics tables of the NAIA shows that Elon is well toward the top among America's small colleges in several phases of statistics, especially in total defense and defense against forward passes.

The figures show that in four games the Elon eleven has chalked 60 first downs against 34 for all opponents, that it has gained 899 yards rushing for an average of 224.8 yards per game, compared with 502 yards for an average of 125.5 yards per game for all opponents, and that it has gained 255 yards passing compared with a bare 126 yards in the air for all opponents. The Christians have averaged almost 300 yards (298.5

yards) per game in total offense, compared with barely 157 yards per game average for their opponents.

The Christians have fared somewhat worse than usual in the field of kick returns, for they have averaged only 11.4 in punt returns, compared with 27.5 average for opponents, but they do hold an edge in kick-off returns, with an average of 20.3 yards compared with an even 16.0 yards for the enemy teams. In total kick returns, the Christians have returned 21 punts and kick-offs combined for 320 yards and an average of 15.2 yards per game, while opposing teams have returned 17 kicks for 318 yards for an average of 18.9 yards per kick.

As has often been the case in recent years, the Elon gridders have fared much worse in the field of penalties than have their opponents. The figures for the four games in early season show Elon with 27 penalties for 333 yards while the opposing teams have had only 12 penalties for 128 yards.

## Attendance At Meet; Volley Ball Highlight WAA Program

Attendance at the North Carolina Athletic and Recreation Federation of College Women, which was held at East Carolina on October 18th and 19th, and the launching of the annual autumn campaign for the campus volleyball title are recent highlights for the Women's Athletic Association.

The eight members of the WAA who attended the sports meeting at Greenville on October 18th and 19th included Lanniie Wright, Norrie Luce, Marion Glasgow, Martha Langley, Shirley Sorrell, Jackie Williamson, Oneita Frye, Jane Keck and Mrs. Jeanne Griffin, who is faculty advisor for the WAA and head of the girls' physical education program at Elon.

A special feature of the gathering was the selection of Elon as Sports Day chairman for the coming year, which means that all days of play this week, with two colleges planning play days and similar events must contact the Elon organization for clearance. The round-robin play will follow.

held at Greensboro College.

The girls who attended the convention at East Carolina attended various discussion groups and participated along with delegates from different colleges, receiving many new ideas for the WAA program on the Elon campus.

Louann Lambeth and Martha Langley are the chairmen for the autumn volleyball program, which is planned by the WAA, and they will receive lists of eligible players from each of the teams entered in the round-robin schedule.

Seven teams are entered in the volleyball ball contest, including groups from Beta Omicron Beta, Beta Chi Epsilon, Tau Zeta Phi, Delta Upsilon Kappa, Virginia Hall, Day Students and West. The schedule got underway yesterday and will include three days of play set for next week. The round-robin play will follow.

Next year's convention is to be held on November 13th and 14th.