

# Elon Leads North State Baseball As Campaign Nears End

### TRIO OF YOUTHFUL PITCHERS SHOW FINE RECORDS WITH VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN BASEBALLERS

## Late Season Battles Are Road Games

The Christian baseballers were topping the North State Conference standings this week as they swung into the "home stretch" of this 1958 diamond season, boasting a record of nine wins and a single loss to give them an edge over the second place East Carolina outfit.

The Maroon and Gold tossers had also compiled an equally impressive mark over the entire season, for counting both Conference and non-Conference games showed Elon with fourteen wins, three losses, one tie and five games rained out. That imposing total of rained-out contests has been an unusual and troublesome feature of the entire 1958 season.

The Elon nine, bidding high for a second straight Conference title, had five games left to play, including four games of their regular schedule and a postponed battle with Lenoir Rhyne, which would be played only if it could have a bearing on the final championship.

The four regular-season battles remaining on the Christian card as the current week began included a contest with Appalachian at Boone on Wednesday, Atlantic Christian at Wilson on Friday, East Carolina at Greenville on Saturday and a final home contest with Atlantic Christian here at Elon next Monday. If the Lenoir Rhyne game is needed, it will be played at Hickory next Tuesday, according to a previous agreement.

There is also a question remaining as to the settlement of a 4-4 tie game with Catawba, which was played here at Elon on April 22nd. In Conference standings published in the Greensboro Daily News, the tie game has been disregarded, just as is the rule in professional league standings, which require that tie games be replayed to a decision. It appeared possible this week that such might require a third game with Catawba, likely to be on the Elon field in view of the fact that the tie was played here. However, there had been no official announcement concerning this contest.

The Elon chances for the championship, despite the fact that the Christians are leading the pack, appeared this week to be dimmed somewhat by the fact that the majority of the remaining games are scheduled for foreign fields, and it is no myth in the North State Conference that the home field is usually quite an advantage in the diamond sport.

### Baseball Schedule

- Elon 14, Williams 4.
- Elon-Williams (Rain)
- Elon 2, Lenoir Rhyne 1.
- Elon 5, High Point 0.
- Elon 12, Rensselaer 6.
- Elon 12, Rensselaer 5.
- Elon 5, Hampden-Sidney 14.
- Elon-Ohio Univ. (Rain).
- Elon 16, Fort Lee 7.
- Elon 4, Fort Lee 10.
- Elon 6, Fort Lee 1.
- Elon 2, Catawba 3.
- Elon-Lenoir Rhyne (Rain).
- Elon 12, Appalachian 3.
- Elon 14, West Carolina 4.
- Elon 11, West Carolina 5.
- Elon 7, High Point 3.
- Elon 4, Catawba 4. (Tie)
- Elon 5, East Carolina 4.
- Elon 4, Gullford 2.
- Elon-Pfeiffer (Rain).
- Elon 9, Gullford 0.
- Elon 6, Pfeiffer 8.
- (Remaining Games)
- May 7—Appalachian, away.
- May 9—A.C.C., away.
- May 10—East Carolina, away.
- May 12—A.C.C., home.

## Bulla Keeps Elon Hitting Leadership

Larry Bulla was still leading the Elon College baseball squad in hitting seventeen games figured into the season averages, although both his own stickwork and that of the Christian squad had dropped off slightly from the averages listed two weeks before.

The Christian squad managed only twelve hits in one streak of four games, although it won two of them and tied the other. This pulled the Elon squad average down to nineteen percentage points to 268 for the seventeen games.

Holding on to his individual leadership, Bulla also slipped slightly, although he was still leading the ball at a lively .359 clip after seventeen battles. Tony Carcaterra, who boosted his mark from .303 to .338 in the two weeks was the only one of Elon's leading hitters to climb in the plate percentages.

The records show five of the Elon players in the magic .300 division. They are Bulla with .359, Carcaterra with .338, Watts with .324, Shepperson with .321 and Eden with .308 percentages. Jack Henderson, pitcher, with only three times at bat was also above the .300 mark.

Gilbert Watts, ace pitcher and outfielder, continued to lead the FBI column, although Carcaterra also climbed in that division too and ranks second with 19 runs batted home. Watts tops the homers with 3, Bulla and Carcaterra are tied for triples with 3 each, Carcaterra leads doubles with 5, Bulla leads stolen bases with 6, and Bulla and Clark are tied for sacrifices with 2 each.

Gilbert Watts, as to be expected, continues to lead the pitchers with 6 wins and a single loss. Other pitchers with wins to their credit are Scoggins 3, Thompson 2, and Henson, Ellen and Simmons with 1 each.

The individual batting for 17 games follows:

Player	ab	r	h	ave.
Bulla	56	20	20	.359
Carcaterra	65	13	22	.338
Henderson	3	0	1	.333
Watts	68	16	22	.324
Shepperson	53	13	17	.321
Eden	26	5	8	.308
Jones	15	4	4	.267
Frye	65	12	17	.263
Teague	16	4	4	.250
Scoggins	4	1	1	.250
Henson	4	0	1	.250
Lichok	37	14	9	.243
Hargrove	20	5	4	.200
Clark	46	9	9	.195
Eanes	16	4	3	.188
Hall	11	3	2	.182
Thompson	18	3	3	.167
Sharpe	31	4	5	.161
Allen	9	0	1	.111
Myers	4	1	0	.000
Medley	4	0	0	.000
Simmons	1	0	0	.000
Knapp	1	0	0	.000

ELON TOTAL... 574 136 154 .268  
 OPPONENTS... 589 71 132 .224

RUNS-BATTED-IN — Watts 21, Carcaterra 19, Bulla 16, Frye 14, Clark 8, Shepperson 7, Hargrove 5, Ellen 4, Lichok 3, Eanes 2, Jones 2, Teague 2, Hall 2, Henson 2, Thompson 1, Henderson 1, Allen 1, Sharpe 1. TWO-BAGGERS — Carcaterra 5, Watts 4, Frye 3, Shepperson 2, Lichok 1, Bulla 1, Jones 1, Teague 1. THREE-BAGGERS — Bulla 3, Carcaterra 3, Frye 2. HOMERS — Watts 3, Carcaterra 2, Hargrove 2, Bulla 1, Frye 1, Clark 1, Ellen 1. STOLEN BASES — Bulla 6, Shepperson 4, Carcaterra 2, Frye 1, Clark 1, Hargrove 1, Jones 1. SACRIFICES — Bulla 2, Clark 2, Lichok 1, Watts 1, Carcaterra 1, Frye 1. PITCHER BASES ON BALLS — Watts 20, Henderson 16, Thompson 14, Henson 11, Scoggins 10, Eden 6, Simmons 5, Knapp 1. STRIKEOUTS — Watts 51, Thompson 25, Henson 17, Henderson 10, Eden 7, Simmons 6, Scoggins 5, Knapp 3. HITS — Watts, 50 in 57; Henson, 2 in 23; Thompson,



JIMMY SCOGGINS



ARTHUR THOMPSON

Three youthful pitchers have been stand-outs for the Elon Christians, who are currently setting a fast pace for their North State Conference diamond rivals. Two of the youthful mound aces are freshmen and one is a sophomore, and the trio together shows five wins and one loss for the season. Jimmy Scoggins (left), a freshman left-hander from Mebane, shows three wins and no losses, has allowed 13 hits in 18 1-3 innings, has walked 10 and struck out 5 men. Arthur Thompson (center), freshman right-hander from Alexander Wilson, has won two and lost none, has allowed 19 hits in 27 1-3 innings, has walked 14 and struck out 26 men. Gary Henson (right), sophomore left-hander from Granite Falls, has won one and lost one, has allowed 27 hits in 23 innings, has walked 11 and struck out 17 men. Henson won his letter as a freshman last spring and has continued his fine play this year.



GARY HENSON

## Maroon Baseballers Down Pirate Nine By 5-4 Count

The Elon Christians handed the East Carolina Pirates their first defeat in North State Conference baseball competition here on Friday afternoon, April 25th, with the Maroon and Gold baseballers making four hits count for five runs and a 5 to 4 triumph.

The Christians wasted no time starting their assault, moving two runners across the plate in the bottom of the first without a hit. Don Lichok and Larry Bulla were on base with walks, and they counted on an infield error.

Elon added a single run on Tony Carcaterra's solo homer in the last of the fourth for a 3-0 lead, but the Pirates tied the count when they sent three runners scampering home in the top of the fifth on a walk, an error and a brace of singles by Vaughan and Altman.

The home-standing Christians rebounded with single counters in both the fifth and sixth to grab the advantage again by a 5-3 margin. The Elon run in the fifth

## Time Runs Out As Elon Plays Catawba 4-All Tie

Time ran out on the Elon Christians and Catawba Indians here Thursday afternoon, April 24th, as they battled to a 4-4 tie in ten innings in a North State Conference baseball battle, which was halted by darkness at the end of one extra inning.

The Indians broke away to a big lead in the early innings, racking two markers in the second on a walk, a fielder's choice and Ray Oxendine's single. They added a singleton in the fourth without a hit on an Elon error and a sacrifice fly and another singleton in the fifth on singles by Gene Fleming and Bobby Rusher.

This four run lead loomed large at the time as J. T. Davis was zooming along with a no-hit mound performance for Catawba through the first five frames, but Elon broke loose in the sixth for three runs on singles by Gil Watts and Charlie Frye, walks to Tom Shepperson and Bobby Sharpe, a booming double by Tony Carcaterra and a sacrifice fly by Marion Hargrove.

The Christians knotted the score

## Christians Topple Quakers In Two Conference Games

In an old-fashioned mound battle in which both teams together had only seven hits, the Elon Christians turned back the Guilford Quakers here on Saturday afternoon, April 26th, by a 4 to 2 score, and the victory was good enough to push the Elon outfit back into first place in the North State Conference race.

The Quaker outfit grabbed an early lead and scored both its runs in the top of the third inning, when West singled, Smith tripled and Pegram singled, but Elon bounced right back for three runs in the bottom of the same inning and grabbed the front for keeps. The Elon rally started with four walks in succession to Marion Hargrove, Arthur Thompson, Don Lichok and Larry Bulla, and these went with Tony Carcaterra's single to net the Christians their three counters. A final Elon marker came in the fourth on walks to Bobby Sharpe and Hargrove and an outfield fly by Thompson.

Arthur Thompson, the freshman right-hander from Alexander Wilson, fanned thirteen and walked only two while holding the Quak-

### MINOR SPORTS

**TRACK**  
Elon-W. and L. (Rain)  
Elon 68, Catawba 63.  
Elon 77 1-3, High Point 52 2-3.  
Elon-Pfeiffer (Rain).  
Elon 90 1-2, A.C.C. 13 1-2.  
Elon-Gullford (Rain).  
Elon-Apprentice (Rain).  
(Remaining Meets)  
May 7—Lynchburg, home.  
May 10—Conference Meet.

**GOLF**  
Elon-Catawba (Rain)  
Elon 9, High Point 9.  
Elon 12, Belmont Abbey 6.  
Elon 6 1-2, Guilford 11 1-2.  
Elon 7 1-2, East Carolina 10 1-2.  
Elon 7, Guilford 11.  
Elon 14 1-2, Appalachian 3 1-2.  
Elon 12, Catawba 6.  
(Remaining Meets)  
Elon-Belmont Abbey (Rain).  
Elon 8 1-2, East Carolina 9 1-2.  
Elon 14, High Point 4.  
Elon-Pfeiffer (Rain).  
Elon-Pfeiffer (Rain).

**TENNIS**  
Elon-Lenoir Rhyne (Rain)  
Elon 1, High Point 6.  
Elon 2, Appalachian 5.  
Elon 1, High Point 6.  
Elon 7, Belmont Abbey 2.  
Elon 0, Guilford 7.  
Elon-East Carolina (Rain).  
Elon 1, A.C.C. 4.  
Elon 0, Guilford 7.  
Elon-Lenoir Rhyne (Rain).  
Elon 0, East Carolina 7.  
Elon 0, East Carolina 5.  
Elon 1, Appalachian 6.  
Elon-Pfeiffer (Rain).  
Elon-Belmont Abbey (Rain).  
Elon 4, Lenoir Rhyne 3.  
Elon-Pfeiffer (Rain).  
(Remaining Meets)  
May 13—Wake Forest, home.  
May 15—Wake Forest, away.

## Tracksters Swamp Bulldog Cindermen 90 1/2 To 13 1/2

The Elon College track squad rolled over the Atlantic Christian cindermen at Wilson on Tuesday, April 22nd, by a 90 1-2 to 13 1-2 margin, with the Elon squad grabbing first place in all the twelve events. Neither of the hurdles nor the pole vault were contested due to lack of facilities on the Atlantic Christian field. The track was slow due to rain.

Eddie Burke, lanky freshman star who usually competes in both hurdles, switched to the quarter and won that event in a close finish with an Elon teammate. Burke also leaped 5 feet 10 inches to win the high jump and top the Elon individual scoring.

The summary follows:  
 100 YARD DASH — Toms (E), Pearson (ACC), Benthall (E). TIME — 11 seconds.  
 220 YARD DASH — Benthall (E), Foust (E), Pearson (ACC). TIME — 24.1 seconds.  
 440 YARD DASH — Burke (E), Harrell (E), Bergman (E). TIME — 55.6 seconds.  
 880 YARD RUN — Stuckey (E), Harrell (E), Viverette (ACC). TIME — 2 minutes 16.3 seconds.  
 MILE RUN — Plaster (E), Simpson (E), Viverette (ACC). TIME — 5 minutes 15.6 seconds.  
 TWO MILE RUN — Plaster (E), Simpson (E), Viverette (ACC). TIME — 11 minutes 46.7 seconds.  
 HIGH JUMP — Burke (E), Baker (ACC), tie for third by Gregg (E) and Viverette (ACC). HEIGHT — 5 feet 10 inches.  
 BROAD JUMP — Bradham (E), Gregg (E), Benthall (E). DISTANCE — 20 feet 3 inches.  
 SHOT PUT — Newcomb (E), Stauffenberg (E), Kerr (E). DISTANCE — 40 feet 1 inch.  
 DISCUS THROW — Kerr (E), Newcomb (E), Sisler (E). DISTANCE — 119 feet 4 inches.  
 JAVELIN THROW — Murray (E), Jones (ACC), Johnson (E). DISTANCE — 143 1 inch.  
 MILE RELAY — Elon. TIME — 3 minutes 53 seconds.

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