

# Christians Play Host To Catamounts In Final Home Game

FIGHTING CHRISTIAN GRID SQUAD PLAYS STRONG CAT SQUAD SATURDAY

## Invaders Offer Rugged Test For Elon Eleven

One of the toughest tests of a tough season looms for the Elon Christians when they play host to the Western Carolina Catamounts in Burlington Stadium on Saturday afternoon, for the lads from Carolina's high hill country have shown tremendous power thus far this season. The game marks Elon's final appearance on the home field this year.

In previous years the Catamounts have been what sports-writers refer to as "cousins" for the Fighting Christians, for the Maroon and Gold gridders have chalked 11 victories against a single victory and one tie in thirteen clashes with the Western Carolina eleven, and the Christian fans during rough seasons have always said, "Just wait, we'll take the Catamounts."

There appears no cousinly relationship this fall, and neither the Elon coaches and players nor the fans are looking ahead to this meeting with Western Carolina this weekend as an opportunity for a face-saving victory. The Catamounts of 1959 are quite definitely the finest team in sports annals of their school, and they are ranked among the finest small-college squads in the entire South.

The Catamounts suffered an opening-game tie by Catawba and lost a close 14 to 12 battle to the

Appalachian Mountaineers, but Coach Dan Robinson's boys have swept to four victories in other tilts, and the victories came by scores which indicated there was no fluke in the outcome.

The Catamount attack is paced by Bobby Cooper, a very fine quarterback, who has led the North State Conference in total yardage through most of the season.

Against this power-house combo, Coach Sid Varney will depend heavily on the passing arm of Charlie Maldon, who has run neck-and-neck with the Cats' Bobby Cooper in the race for individual honors in total offense and passing. However, the real test in the weekend tilt may be whether the youthful Elon line can match muscles successfully with the heavy and veteran Catamount forward wall.

In previous games in the series, which began back in 1933, Elon chalked five successive victories prior to World War II. The rivalry was not renewed until 1950, and since that time Elon has won six of eight games, losing in 1952 and tying in 1954. The Christians turned back the Cats 15 to 6 last fall for one of the three victories which Elon credited on the right side of 1958 ledger.



The Fighting Christian football squad, which faces the Western Carolina Catamounts in Elon's final home game of the season at Burlington Stadium at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, includes many new faces this fall. The Elon players, with positions and pictured left to right above, are as follows: Tom Brees, fullback; Bob McLean, halfback; Dick Smith, quarterback; Mike Little, halfback; Doug Foley, halfback; Gene Stokes, guard; Wayne Mahanes, halfback; Byron Ingram, fullback; Frank Ciamillo, halfback; and Ed Thrower, halfback. SECOND ROW — Jim Short, halfback; John DalCin, end; Captain Tunner Brosky, center and guard; Don Szydluk, tackle; Paul Brutch, fullback; Jim McClure, guard; John Koenig, end; Tom King, center; Garrie Warren, guard; Bob Alanterra, end; and Don Miller, guard. THIRD ROW — John Wargo, end; Lionel Benzi, halfback; Tony Markosky, end; Bob Overton, fullback; Jim Buie, halfback; Martin Lapan, guard; Ed Fitzgerald, end; John Gozjack, end; Jim Moore, end; George Komorowsky, end; Dick More, fullback; and Joe Berdosch, tackle. BACK ROW — George Wooten, quarterback; Charlie Maldon, quarterback; Kenneth Cooke, halfback; Gordon Whitaker, guard; Larry Stephenson, tackle; Tom Hayes, tackle; Bill Campbell, center; Charlie Rayburn, tackle; Bill Farles, guard; Barry Staebler, guard; and Dean Yates, tackles.

## Time Out With Ted

By TED FIELDS



Were this a society column, I could sing loudly the praises of Elon's Homecoming. Speaking I cannot heap laud and honor, but can only voice congratulations to our football team. To answer the "why" of the inevitable cynic, I must say that few teams with equally inexperienced manpower could have given Presbyterian such a whale of a game as did our Elon team.

If you read the sports pages of the daily papers, you know that there are some powerful high school squads in the Piedmont area of North Carolina this year. On these teams are some outstanding football players, and many of them are seniors. Where are these potential All-Americans going to college? How extensive is Elon's recruiting program among these "local" boys? These two questions keep haunting me, and I feel that they need answering.

There is a tradition here at Elon, whether it is true or false I cannot say, that a basketball player once tried for a scholarship here at Elon. He was big and raw-boned, just a country boy, and it is said that the coaches told him he was just a little slow and that Elon could not use him. To shorten the story, he went to Wake Forest, made the team, made All-American and went on to professional basketball. But Dickie Hemric couldn't make it here at Elon.

While I refill my pen with literary acid, let's talk about Elon sports. I have often wondered, and the question is often asked why so many of our athletes hail from northern states. I feel no twinge of sectional pride when I ask this question, but I wonder why our enlistment program is so weak in the local area when (Continued on Page Four)

## Presbyterian Mars Elon Homecoming With 27 To 6 Win Over Christians

After rains in the morning threatened to mar the Elon College Homecoming, the power-packed Presbyterian College eleven completed the job in the afternoon as they exploded for a decisive 27 to 6 victory over Elon's youthful Christians before a sparse Homecoming crowd of about 1,500 fans on Saturday afternoon, October 17th.

HOW IT HAPPENED

| Elon                      | Presbyterian |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| 12 First Downs            | 17           |
| 111 Yards Gain Rushing    | 231          |
| 26 Yards Lost Rushing     | 25           |
| 85 Net Yards Rushing      | 206          |
| 28 Passes Attempted       | 20           |
| 10 Passes Completed       | 9            |
| 116 Yards Gain Passing    | 107          |
| 201 Total Gain Scrimmage  | 313          |
| 1 Opp. Passes Intercepted | 6            |
| 5 Runback Int. Passes     | 22           |
| 4 Number Punts            | 6            |
| 34.0 Ave. Yards Punts     | 29.5         |
| 126 Runback All Kicks     | 14           |
| 0 Fumbles Lost            | 4            |
| 20 Yards Penalties        | 25           |

Score By Periods:  
 Elon ..... 6 0 0 0 — 6  
 Presbyterian ..... 7 12 0 8 — 27

Elon Touchdown — Maldon (1-run). Presbyterian Touchdowns — Hill 2 (32-run, 1-run), Pate (5-run), Hampton (26-run). Extra Points — Sease (1-kick), Nixon (2-pointer, run).

The victory was the fifth straight for the Blue Stocking outfit, which maintained its high rank among the nation's small-college elevens, for the invading Palmetto State squad had held fourth spot in the NAIA national standings the previous week.

The story of the win was that of a Presbyterian team which made good on each of its four scoring chances, trampling a fighting Christian eleven which could capitalize on only one of five great scoring chances. On four other occasions the Christians were in the shadow of the Blue Stocking goal and failed to punch across to pay dirt.

The Maroon and Gold squad drove to the Presbyterian seven, four, eight and eleven-yard lines, only to have the drives blunted by an alert Blue Stocking defense.

The one Elon TD came in the first quarter when five successive completed passes by "Chunkin' Charlie" Maldon powered the Christians to a first down on the Presbyterian two. Bob Overton plunged within a foot of the goal, and Maldon himself lunged over on the keeper. A pass for extra points failed, and Elon trailed 7 to 6.

The Blue Hose had counted first on an 87-yard drive midway the first period, the big play coming when Bill Hill took a lateral from Bobby Pate and raced 32 yards around end for the score. Bill Sease kicked good, and Presbyterian was off to a 7-point lead. The Stockings chalked two scores in the second quarter, the second of them coming with barely twenty seconds left before halftime. The first counter in this period came on 81-yard drive, with Hill plunging over from the one. The second came on a 76-yard assault, with Bobby Pate getting the points from the five-yard marker. The try-for-points failed both times, and Presbyterian led 19 to 6 at intermission.

The Elon defense tightened in the second half and held the South Carolinians to barely three first downs, but an intercepted pass at mid-field set the Stockings off for their final marker. Ronnie Hampton, reserve halfback sprinted 15 yards for a first down and moments later dashed 26 yards for the score. Joe Nixon ran for the two-pointer that made it 27 to 6.

The rifle-arm of Charlie Maldon was Elon's greatest threat. He completed his first six passes and then ended up with 10 for 27 and 116 yards aerial gains. Jim Short was Elon's most consistent gainer on the ground, with 35 yards in eight carries, while Bob McLean grabbed five of Maldon's passes.

Coach Sid Varney, commenting upon the fine defensive play of his Elon team in the final half of the game, cited three of his freshmen linemen for their defensive work. He mentioned center Tom King, who spent much time in the Hose backfield, along with tackle Dean Yates and end John DalCin for their fine work. DalCin blocked a Presbyterian punt to set up one Elon threat.

### Elon Football

- Elon 22, Apprentice 0.
  - Elon 0, Guilford 27.
  - Elon 0, Wofford 14.
  - Elon 8, Appalachian 19.
  - Elon 8, East Carolina 31.
  - Elon 6, Presbyterian 27.
  - Elon 8, Catawba 21.
- (Remaining Games)
- Oct. 31 — West Carolina, home.
  - Nov. 7 — Newberry, away.
  - Nov. 14 — Lenoir Rhyne, away.

## Elon Grid Records Are Listed For Full Season

The tabulation of Elon College football records since 1909, begun in the last previous issue with a listing of the team records for single games, continues at this time with a list of the Christian team records for single seasons.

The best season marks by Maroon and Gold elevens follow:  
 Undefeated Season: 1957 — 6 wins, no losses, no ties. Two games with Catawba and Western Carolina were cancelled due to flu epidemics at those schools.  
 Most Victories: 8 — With 8-1-0 record in 1941 and 8-2-0 record in 1949. Most Defeats: 10 — With 0-10-0 record in 1926. Most Ties: 2 — with 3-3-2 record in 1921.  
 Most Elon Points: 294 — In 10 games in 1949. Most Opponent Points: 224 — In 7 games in 1924.

Least Elon Points: 7 — In 7 games in 1924. Least Opponent Points: 29 — In 10 games in 1935.  
 Most Elon Touchdowns: 45 — In 10 games in 1949. Most Elon Extra Points: 24 — In 10 games in 1949.  
 Most Elon Yards Rushing: 2,211 — In 10 games in 1950. Most Elon Yards Passing: 1,587 — In 9 games in 1951. Most Yards Elon Total Offense: 3,368 — In 10 games in 1950.  
 Most Elon Passes Attempted: 191 — In 9 games in 1951. Most Elon Passes Completed: 101 — In 9 games in 1951.  
 Most Opponent Yards Rushing: 2,055 — In 10 games in 1955. Most Opponent Yards Passing: 1,214 — In 10 games in 1950. Most Yards Opponent Total Offense: 2,523 — In 10 games in 1955.  
 Most Opponent Passes Attempted: 193 — In 10 games in 1950. Most Opponent Passes Completed: 78 — In 10 games in 1950.  
 Most Pass Interceptions By Elon: 19 — In 8 games in 1953 and in 9 games in 1954. Most Pass Interceptions By Opponents: 28 — In 10 games in 1952.  
 Most Yards Elon Interception Returns: 324 — On 14 interceptions in 9 games in 1951. Most Yards Opponent Interception Returns: 383 — On 28 interceptions in 10 games in 1952.  
 Most Elon Punts: 64 — In 10 games in 1955. Most Opponent Punts: 65 — In 10 games in 1950 and in 9 games in 1951.  
 Best Elon Punt Average: 39.4 yards — On 61 punts in 10 games in 1951. Best Opponent Punt Average: 36 yards — On 65 punts in 10 games in 1950.  
 Most Elon First Downs: 155 — In 10 games in 1950. Most Opponent First Downs: 119 — In 10 games in 1952.  
 Most Yards Elon Kick Returns: 1,066 — In 10 games in 1955. Most Yards Opponent Kick Returns: 883 — In 9 games in 1951.  
 Least Elon Fumbles Lost: 6 — In 6 games in 1957. Most Elon Fumbles Lost: 30 — In 10 games in 1956. Most Opponent Fumbles Recovered: 21 — In 10 games in 1956.  
 Most Elon Yards Penalties: 641 — On 75 penalties in 10 games in 1956. Most Opponent Yards Penalties: 608 — On 63 penalties in 10 games in 1955.

### LITTLE TACKLES STOCKING END



Mike Little, number 27 in white jersey above, one of Elon's freshman halfbacks, is pictured as he prepares to launch a tackle on Paul Chastain, Presbyterian's great senior end, who has just caught one of Bob Waters' forward passes for the Blue Stockings in Presbyterian's 27 to 6 win over the Christians in Elon's Homecoming game.

## Christian Quint Faces Tough 25-Game Season

Although King Football still holds the sports throne, basketball is just in the offing and attracting forward looking sports fans, and lovers of the cage sport on the Elon campus will have a fine program of entertainment this winter as the Elon Christians battle through a 25-game season.

### CAGE SCHEDULE

- Dec. 2—Pembroke, away.
- Dec. 5—Wofford, away.
- Dec. 7—Norfolk Division, home.
- Dec. 10—Guilford, away.
- Dec. 12—Wofford, home.
- Dec. 14—Norfolk Division, away.
- Dec. 17—High Point, away.
- Dec. 28—Lejeune Tourney.
- Dec. 29—Lejeune Tourney.
- Dec. 30—Lejeune Tourney.
- Jan. 6—Pembroke, home.
- Jan. 9—East Carolina, away.
- Jan. 11—Appalachian, away.
- Jan. 13—A. C. C., home.
- Jan. 16—Catawba, home.
- Jan. 23—West Carolina, home.
- Jan. 27—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Jan. 30—Catawba, away.
- Feb. 3—High Point, home.
- Feb. 6—West Carolina, away.
- Feb. 8—A. C. C., away.
- Feb. 10—Appalachian, home.
- Feb. 13—East Carolina, home.
- Feb. 18—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Feb. 20—Guilford, home.

The Christian basketball schedule, just announced by Coach Bill Miller, calls for a full slate of 16 North State Conference games plus six regularly-scheduled non-conference contests and three days of participation in a Christmas tournament at Camp Lejeune.

The six non-conference battles include home-and-home battles with Pembroke State, Wofford and with the Norfolk Division of William and Mary. The Christmas tournament at Camp Lejeune will keep the Christian cagers in condition for the post-holiday drive for honors in the North State loop.

Coach Miller, who assumes the Elon cage coaching post for the first time this season, has had his hardwood squad working hard for the past month, first on conditioning and more recently on tactics designed to place Elon back in the thick of cage competition in this area.

He has six lettermen back in togs from last year, including Eddie Burke, Bill Palkovics, Marsh Oakley, Steve Wall, C. G. Hall and Cecil Wright, along with Rob Bell, who won a letter two seasons ago. Bolstering this letter group is a fine crew of freshmen and junior college transfers.