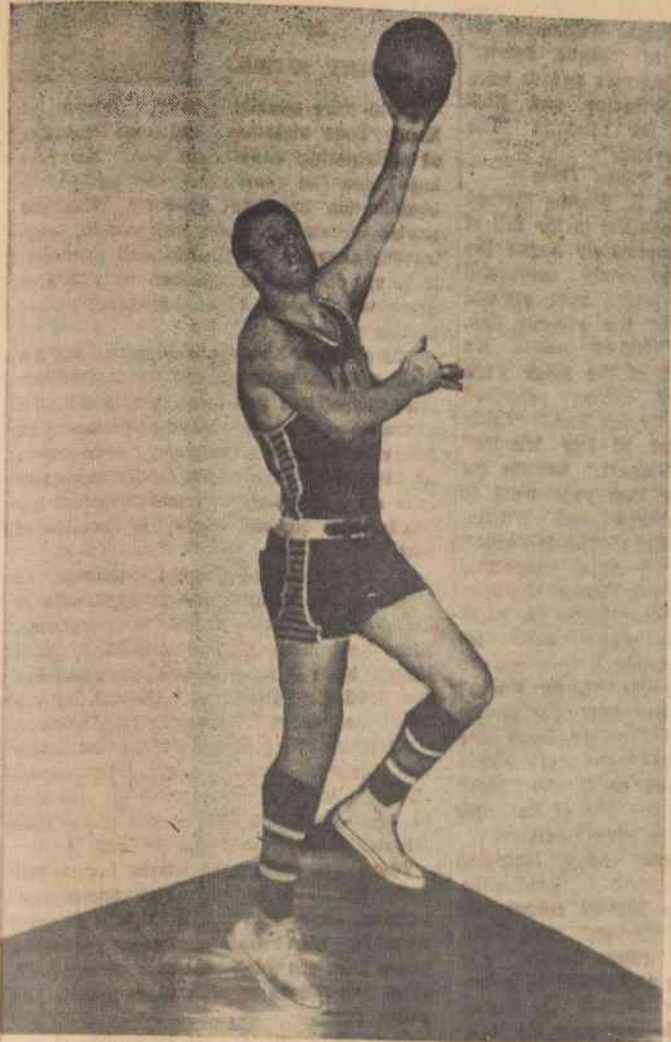


Elon Downs Catawba 79 To 77 With Last-Second Basket

LEADS SCORING FOR SEASON



Ken Smith, a rugged and sharpshooting sophomore forward from the Kentucky hills, has paced the Fighting Christian cagers through their early season games, chalking 239 points in the first 15 games up to January 16th for an average of 18.5 points per game. While playing in thirteen games, Smith has dropped below 19 points only twice, and he has proven one of the most rugged rebounders in the Elon line-up. Smith played for Coach Bill Miller's junior college quint at Campbellsville last winter and won all-star honors in junior college circles.

Elon Has Fine Showing In Lejeune Tournament

The Elon Christians, competing in their first holiday tournament since 1956, finished sixth in the Camp Lejeune Christmas Tourney in a field of eight strong teams. The host Lejeune Marines won the tourney with successive wins over Elon by an 89-74 count, over Baltimore University by 83 to 75 and over West Virginia Tech by 111 to 108.

With West Virginia Tech rating second, other teams were Atlantic Christian third, Baltimore University fourth, East Carolina fifth, Elon sixth, Western Carolina seventh and Huntingdon College eighth. The Elon team, after losing its opener to Camp Lejeune, came back in the consolation to defeat Western Carolina and then lost to East Carolina in the consolation finals.

Lejeune 89, Elon 74
The Christian basketballers, following the pattern that has featured so many games this season, gained a half-time lead over the Camp Lejeune Leathernecks before going down by an 89 to 74 count in the first round of the tournament. Ken Smith and Richard Conatser, the Blue Grass bombers, were the pace-setters as the Christians moved to a 42-36 lead by half-time, but Art Andreoli was the big gun of the Marine attack as the host team came back for the 15-point victory edge.

The line-ups:
Pos.—Elon (74) Lejeune (89)
F—Smith 19 Cavalier 13
F—Bell 7 Reeves 6
C—Burke 8 Rich 4
G—Conatser 24 Andreoli 30
G—Palkovics 6 Meade 12
Half-time: Elon 42, Lejeune 36.
Elon subs — Teague 4, Hall 4, Hawks 2, Andrew, Neidig, Wall.
Lejeune subs — Fearnside 4, Jones 5, Latimer 2, Morrow 8, Elwell 5.

Elon 74, West Carolina 70
Eddie Burke, Christian center, made a three-point play with two seconds left to clinch a 74 to 70 victory for the Christians over

Smith Leads Elon Scoring For Season

Ken Smith and Richard Conatser, a pair of sharpshooters from the hills of old Kentucky, are pacing the scoring for the Christian cagers, who now show a record of seven wins and eight losses in their first fifteen games.

With ten games remaining in their regular season, the Christians have already matched the number of wins posted by the Elon hardwood squad a year ago, for that squad managed only seven wins out of 23 games. On the basis of their showing in recent games this winter, the Maroon and Gold outfit should far surpass the last year's mark before the 1960 season ends.

In topping the Christians in scoring, Ken Smith has racked a total of 269 points in playing fourteen games, which nets him an average of 18.5 points per game. The big forward has made good on 94 of 198 shots from the floor for a 47.4 shooting percentage. He is topped in accuracy only by big John Neidig, who has scored on 24 of 48 shots from the floor for an even-50 per cent mark.

Richard Conatser, the speedy freshman guard, whom many Elon fans have described as reminiscent of the play of Ben Kendall, one of Elon's all-time greats, is the only other Christian to average in double figure scoring. Conatser has 86 field goals and 68 free throws for 240 points and an even 16-point per-game average in 15 games.

Little C. G. Hall, who has played a big part in several of the Christian games this fall, has proven himself the most accurate from the free throw line, having hit 48 of 61 tries for a 78.7 percentage, but he is pushed close in that department by Conatser, who has made good on 68 of 87 charity tosses for a 78.2 percentage.

Ken Smith is well ahead of his mates in the rebounding column, having grabbed down 158 balls off the backboard for an average of better than 11 rebounds per game. Eddie Burke and Rob Bell are the only other Elon players above the 100 mark in rebounds, Burke having taken down 114 and Bell 107 during the season.

The Christian squad as a whole has counted 1,118 points in the fifteen games for a game average of 74.5 points, while the combined Elon opponents show 1,151

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HITS SHOT TO DOWN INDIANS



Herbie Hawks, a junior who plays either forward or guard, pumped in a field basket at the buzzer last Saturday night to give the Elon basketball squad a thrilling 79 to 77 victory over the Catawba Indians in a North State cage battle on the Elon floor. Hawks is one of the players who came to Elon this year with Coach Bill Miller after playing for Campbellsville Junior College last winter.

Elon Defeats Guilford 85 To 64 In Loop Tilt

The Christian cagers got away to a flying start on their North State Conference campaign when they trampled the Guilford Quakers at Guilford on Thursday night, December 10th, by an 85 to 64 count.

Richard Conatser, freshman guard ace, gave a 20-point performance in pacing the Christians to this initial victory of the North State season, which saw the Elon tossers gain an early lead and never trail during the entire game.

Other than Conatser, Eddie Burke was the only Elon player able to hit double figures, with the big junior center racking 14 points for the night. However, eleven of the thirteen Christian players who

Pos.—Elon (85) Guilford (64)
F—Smith 8 Lineberry 22
F—Bell 6 Key 7
C—Burke 14 Lancaster 3
G—Conatser 20 Burwell 20
G—Palkovics 6 Whitley 6
Half-time: Elon 34, Guilford 30.
Elon subs — Andrew 2, Neidig 9, Hodge 4, Hall 6, Wright 3, Hawks 7, Teague, Wall, Guilford subs — Elks, Braxton 2, Thrower 2, John 2, Parker, Flippin.

Elon Cage Games

Elon 85, Pembroke 84.
Elon 63, Wofford 77.
Elon 82, Norfolk Division 61.
Elon 85, Guilford 64.
Elon 71, Wofford 72.
Elon 62, Norfolk Division 85.
Elon 69, High Point 85.
Elon 74, Camp Lejeune 89.
Elon 74, West Carolina 70.
Elon 63, East Carolina 95.
Elon 97, Pembroke 66.
Elon 64, East Carolina 83.
Elon 70, Appalachian 76.
Elon 80, A.C.C. 67.
Elon 79, Catawba 77.

Remaining Games

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.

High Point Downs Elon In Well-Played Contest

Showing that they may kick the dope bucket all over the court before the North State Conference season is ended, the Elon Christians battled the highly-favored High Point Panthers right down to the wire before going down before the Purple and White outfit 85 to 69 in a battle at High Point on Thursday night.

Richard Conatser, Elon's freshman sharpshooter from Somerset, Ky., was the big gun in an early Elon attack which literally scared the pants off the Panthers. Conatser hit his first six consecutive shots from the floor as he paced Elon to a 15-point lead at one point in the first half.

The Panthers, thoroughly shellshocked at that point, rallied and began to whittle the Christian margin, but Elon still held a 40 to 36 half-time lead. The Christians hit 57.8 per cent of their floor shots during that first half, but they cooled off after intermission, and the Panthers charged back to count 16 points to Elon's two in the opening minutes of the second half and gain a 52 to 42 edge.

The Christians regained their

Hawks Gets Late Score To Win Thrilling Game

Driving from the left corner with barely one second on the clock, Herbie Hawks banked a ten-foot push shot into the netting to give the Christian cagers a nerve-tangling 79 to 77 victory over the Catawba Indians here last Saturday night, and seconds later the dead-eye Kentuckian was getting a free ride on the shoulders of his mates.

The shot, which hit the bucket almost as the timer hit the buzzer, ended a nip-and-tuck North State Conference battle, during which the Christians and Indians were tied thirteen times and swapped the lead eighteen times, giving Coach Bill Miller's outfit a victory that boosted them above Catawba and into a tie with Western Carolina for fifth spot in the Conference standings.

Richie Conatser drew first blood for Elon in the battle with a jump shot after twenty-five seconds, but from that time on the fans

Cage Squad Turns Back Pembroke '5'

Breaking out the most powerful scoring attack of the early season, the Fighting Christian hoopsters came within three points of the century mark as they swamped a good Pembroke outfit 97 to 66 here on Wednesday night, January 6th. The Christians had barely won an earlier battle by a single point.

It was a three-gun assault by Ken Smith, Eddie Burke and Richard Conatser which led the way as Elon grabbed an early lead and moved to a decisive 43 to 29 half-time advantage. Smith got 14, Burke 11 and Conatser 10 in this first-half offensive.

Smith and Conatser continued to hit and were joined by C. G. Hall and Dewey Andrew during the fourth quarter. Smith closed with 25 for the night, trailed by Burke with 13 and Conatser and Hall with 10 each. Bill Winfree topped the Pembroke scoring with 25 markers, with three other Indian players getting 10 or more in the scoring columns.

The line-ups:
Pos.—Elon (97) Pembroke (66)
F—Smith 25 Winfree 25
F—Bell 8 Bowers
C—Burke 13 Pugh 10
G—Conatser 10 Smith 12
G—Palkovics 8 Morgan 12
Half-time: Elon 43, Pembroke 29.

Elon subs — Teague 4, Andrew 6, Neidig 4, Johnson 2, Hall 10, Hodge 3, Wright, Hawks. Pembroke subs — Hornsby 4, Capadonna 2, Sweet 1, Brewington, Lynch, Shust.

could never rest easy as the old North State rivals battled for every point. There were five ties and nine changes of leadership before the Indians clinched a 46 to 41 margin at half-time.

Conatser was the big gun for the Christians in that half as he rang the bell on eight of eleven shots from the floor, but Captain Bob Flynn matched him shot for shot to give the Indians the intermission lead. Elon led in field goals during that half, but Catawba hit 14 of 16 shots from the charity stripe.

The Christians needed just 32 seconds to tie the count at 46-all in the second half, and they rolled up a 10 to 1 edge in a spree that sent the red-jerseyed home squad ahead at 51-47 after four minutes. From that point it was once more a shoot-and-swap fray.

Conatser hit two free throws to make it 77-75 Elon with a minute left, but Larrell Forbis duplicated with two charity tosses to knot it again at 77-all just 25 seconds before the buzzer. That set the stage for Herbie Hawks' last-second shot that gave Elon the victory.

Three of each team were in double figures for the night, with Conatser getting 25, Ken Smith 18 and Eddie Burke 10 for Elon, while Flynn had 24 and Forbis and Doug Chalk 16 each for the Indians. Elon led on the boards with 46 rebounds to 27 for Catawba, with Burke pulling down thirteen rebounds to lead the Christians.

The line-ups:
Pos.—Elon (79) Catawba (77)
F—Smith 18 Flynn 24
F—Bell 8 Forbis 18
C—Neidig Chalk 16
G—Conatser 25 Medford 6
G—Teague 7 Snow 4
Half-time: Catawba 46, Elon 41
Elon subs — Burke 10, Hall 9, Hawks 2. Catawba subs — Rea 7, Moss, Hood.

Youngsters Lead Scoring As Cagers Top Bulldogs

The accent was on youth as three freshmen and a sophomore all hit double figures to give the Elon Christians a decisive 80 to 67 victory over the Atlantic Christian Bulldogs here Wednesday night, January 13th.

The Christians launched a deadly shooting attack in the second half and pulled out their decisive win after a nip-and-tuck first half that ended with the Elon tossers on top by a single point on a 29-28 count. The red-jerseyed Christians hit 26 of 59 floor shots during the battle for a fine 44.1 per cent average. The Bulldogs hit on 25 of 73 floor tries for a 34.3 per cent mark.

Ken Smith was the big gun for the Christians in a first half, which saw the scoring lead swapped thirteen times and tied five times. The big Kentuckian hit four field buckets and as many free throws in that first half, while Jerry Fritz was doing some deadly shooting to keep the Bulldogs in the game.

Richard Conatser, the Somerset sharpshooter, and John Neidig, a freshman guard, who racked six field goals and thirteen free throws for a game high of 25 points.

Smith and Conatser were top men for the Elon outfit with 19 points each for the night, but Neidig was close behind with 17 points, and Gary Teague tallied 12 points. Neidig also pulled down nineteen rebounds for Elon. The accent on youth appears when it is noted that Smith is a sophomore, while Conatser, Neidig and Teague are all freshmen.

The same accent on youth continues on the Atlantic Christian side of the ledger, for the Bulldogs' top man was Jerry Fritz, a freshman guard, who racked six field goals and thirteen free throws for a game high of 25 points.

The line-ups:
Pos.—Elon (80) A.C.C. (67)
F—Smith 19 Shouldice 2
F—Bell 3 Atkinson 6
C—Neidig 17 Oden 8
G—Conatser 19 Knox 14
G—Teague 12 Fritz 25
Half-time: Elon 29, Atlantic Christian 28.
Elon subs — Hall 6, Wright 4. Atlantic Christian subs — Dunn scoring lead in the final half as the Christians quickly widened their margin to 14 points at 50-9, Ward 2, Newsome, Eskew.