

Elon Gridder Top Guilford 19-7 In First 1960 Battle

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The freshmen and reserves on the Elon football squad had a day of their own as the Fighting Christian junior varsity battled the Ferrum Junior College eleven to a 6-6 tie on Thursday afternoon, September 22nd. The game played on the Elon practice field, drew an unexpectedly large crowd of Elon students and Ferrum supporters.

The game proved to be a defensive contest much of the way, with both of the touchdowns coming within a period of two minutes near the close of the second quarter. Tyrone McDuffie counted the Elon touchdown on a 3-yard smash to climax a drive, and Ferrum rebounded with a score from the following kick-off. David Shelton returned the kick 76 yards to the Elon eight, and two plays later Roger Whitley drove four for the score.

McDuffie proved the top gainer for the Baby Christians, but Don Guthrie and George Wightman contributed several nice gains. McDuffie completed a number of passes to ends Don Miller and Ralph Hoover. Roger Whitley, former Albemarle High All-American, stood out in the Ferrum play.

CO-CAPTAINS LEAD CHRISTIAN FOOTBALLERS



A pair of veteran co-captains, long-time stars on Christian football squads, are leading the Maroon and Gold footballers into the grid wars this fall. Shown left to right above, they are Co-Captain Tony Markosky, a fine senior end from Mahanoy City, Pa., and Co-Captain Charlie Rayburn, a rugged junior tackle from Norfolk, Va. Captain Markosky played halfback and fullback during his first two years with the Elon squad, but he was shifted to the flank and became a regular starter at end last fall. Captain Rayburn is one of the few players in recent years to become a regular as a freshman, and he is beginning his third season as a member of Elon's starting team.

Sophomore Backs Star In Fine Running Attack

Speedy backs and sharp blocking linemen were twin weapons as the Fighting Christians of Elon College opened their 1960 football campaign with a decisive and well-earned 19 to 7 victory over the Guilford Quakers in Greensboro on Saturday night, September 17th.

The victory was a sweet one for Elon in more ways than one, for it broke a string of nine consecutive defeats, avenged a 27 to 0 loss to Guilford a year ago and set Coach George Tucker off to a winning start as the new head football coach for Elon's Maroon and Gold gridgers. Seven speedy Christian backs shared in a dynamic ground attack which netted 255 yards rushing against the big Guilford line, and fullback Bob Overton was the only senior sharing in the slashing ground attack. In fact, five of the gold-jerseyed ball carriers were sophomores, and each of the three touchdowns were by sophomore youngsters.

George Wooten, a swivel-hipped speedster at the quarterback spot, displayed some clever ball handling as he fed the ball to his backfield mates, cutting them loose for sprints that often carried for lengthy gains. Longest run of the night was a 45 yard sprint by Jim Short, junior halfback, who totalled 71 yards in personal rushing for the night.

Topping the Christian rushing assault for the night was Ken Cooke, a lanky and limber-legged soph from Hillsboro, who averaged 10.5 yards for eight carries. Cooke scored one of the three Elon TD's on a 20-yard slash. The other two scores came on drives by Jim Buie and George Wooten. Don Miller booted the extra point after the third touchdown.

The Christians started slowly and seemed to have trouble with their timing and blocking on the first few plays, but they began clicking in the second period after Al Fricze, junior transfer at guard, grabbed a Guilford fumble on the Quaker 25-yard marker. It took just four plays from that point, one by each of the four Christian backs. Overton and Wooten made it first down on the eleven, Short carried to the four, and Jim Buie slashed over for the 6-pointer after three minutes of the second quarter.

The Guilford outfit rebounded in six quick plays to grab a short lead. Brodie Baker returned the kickoff to mid-field. There were two first-and-tens to the Elon fifteen, and third third down Baker passed to Frank Simpson on the

HOW IT HAPPENED					
12	First Downs	8			
Elon	Yards Gain Rushing	110			
278	Yards Lost Rushing	26			
23	Net Yards Rushing	84			
255	Passes Attempted	11			
9	Passes Completed	5			
3	Yards Gain Passing	42			
26	Total Gain Scrimmage	126			
281	Opp. Passes Intercepted	1			
2	Runback In. Passes	18			
14	Number Punts	7			
6	Ave. Yards Punts	33			
46	Runback All Kicks	112			
43	Fumbles Lost	1			
0	Yards Penalties	65			
85	Score by Periods:				
Elon	0	12	0	7	—19
Guilford	0	7	0	0	—7

goal line for the score. Jim Elks kicked good to give the Quakers a 7-6 edge. The Quaker counter only served as a spur to the Elon outfit. George Wooten returned the kickoff 20 yards to the Elon thirty-eight, and the Christians again used barely four plays in reaching pay-dirt. The payoff play was a 20-yard gallop by Ken Cooke, netting Elon a 12-7 margin at half-time.

Action slowed in the early part of the final half, with penalties keeping Elon bottled up deep through most of the third quarter, but Elon staged another long drive in the final five minutes, moving 65 yards for the TD that clinched the win. Big play of the drive was a 15-yard pass from George Wooten to Wayne Mehanes, and Wooten sprinted the final eight yards for the score. Milled kicked good for the 19-7 margin.

The entire Elon line played some excellent ball, but John Gozjack set the pace with a number of slashing tackles which threw Quaker ball carriers for losses, while Charlie Rayburn, Jim McClure and Gene Stokes played well in the middle of the line. Gozjack kicked six times for a 46-yard average, keeping the Quakers back deep in their own territory much of the time.

DIRECTOR



COACH JACK SANFORD

Coach Jack Sanford, chairman and professor of the Department of Physical Education and also head coach for the Elon College baseball team, assumed new duties this year as director of athletics at the college. Along with the new duties, he will continue to direct the Christian baseballers as he has for the past three seasons, a period which has seen him win two North State Conference titles and lead one Christian baseball squad to the NAIA national tournament.

Baseballers Get Autumn Drill Work

While King Football occupies the center of the stage during this fall season, there also is a lot of activity on the baseball field during most of these autumn afternoons as Coach Jack Sanford sends his Elon diamond hopefuls through a bit of off-season practice.

Thirty-three men have reported to Coach Sanford for these fall drills, including 12 lettermen from the strong team of last spring, and along with them are a couple of last year's reserves and a host of new prospects from freshman and transfer ranks.

The last spring's lettermen listed on the present squad include Roger Knapp and Jerry Drake, pitchers; Jerry Tilman, first base; Bruce Olson, second base; C. G. Hall, shortstop; Jerry Pike, third base; Jug Irvin, outfield; Charlie Maidon, outfield and first base; Leroy Myers, outfield; and Steve Wall, outfield. Also reporting are two lettermen of two seasons ago, Eddie Clark at second base and John VanBenschoten on the mound.

The reserves of last season now working out are Jimmy Holmes at shortstop and Jack Cavanaugh at third base, both of whom saw some action but failed to win letters. Mike Little, letterman catcher of last spring, is with the football squad, along with several other players who are expected to report next spring. Footballers who are due to join the baseball squad next spring include George Wooten, George Komorowsky and Doug Foley, all pitchers, along with possibly others.

In discussing his fall squad, Coach Sanford listed a number of new prospects who are expected to be of much help next season, among them Wayne Allen, a sophomore pitcher, who transferred from Carolina and sat out last year for eligibility; Barry Huntzinger, freshman pitcher from Pennsylvania; Jimmy Leviner, a junior-infielder from Presbyterian Junior College; Danny Hall, a freshman outfielder; and Phil Cheek, a freshman catcher.

Other freshmen on the fall roster include Steve Welch, Danny Boone and Jim Horney, pitchers; Milton Grose, catcher; B. D. Schneider and Luke O'Hara, outfielders; and John Crumpler and Darrell Myrick, infielders.

Talking Sports

With

DAVID 'PROPHET' MARSHBURN



Talking sports! That's what I've been doing for a long time, but this marks my first experience in writing about them and seeing what I've written on the printed page. Certainly I hope to see a lot of sports, and good sports, here at Elon this year in both varsity and intramural circles, and here's hoping that out of those sports may come a column which will be interesting to all of you. Already much has happened, and there'll be more before another Maroon and Gold rolls from the press.

After three glorious months of vacation for most of us, we returned to the campus to find a varied calendar of sports activities getting underway, including varsity football practice and early games, fall baseball practice and talk of an immediate start on basketball workouts. However, our attention will center largely this fall on football, and it is well to remember the old adage that the Christian gridgers will win some, lose some and perhaps tie some. It is a sure thing, though, that Coach George Tucker and his outfit will be going for a better showing for Elon this fall than in some recent years. It is a year of new coaches, new system, many new players and a new outlook.

Before most of us returned to school the Christian gridgers were already sharing sore muscles and aches and pains as the football outfit cracked headgears and shoulder pads in early practice, and several of the new men showed early promise as the coaches built around a group of sixteen lettermen. Among the lettermen were a goodly number of fine sophomores, all of them wiser after a year of experience, and there was high hopes that these Christians of 1960 might improve on last year's 11-9 showing, although few expected the Christians to win any Conference honors this fall. Not since 1941, has an Elon team won a North State title, although the undefeated eleven of 1957 was ruled out of the crown on a technicality.

After an opening game victory over Guilford it was a sure thing that the squad would do no worse

than a year ago, for than one victory equaled last fall's win record. Gone were such stars as Charlie Maidon, brilliant quarterback, Bob McLean, a fine halfback, and Tunner Brosky, a rough-and-ready line star, but other aces stepped in against Guilford and took over beautifully.

George Wooten, 170-pound speedster from Hamlet, has taken over Maidon's quarterbacking duties and proven his ability, with a possibility that he could be the best in the Conference. Some are saying he is better than Maidon, but that's a big statement when one views the great record made by the Cary Comet. Certainly, however, Wooten showed great potential against the Quakers, scoring an important touchdown and directing his backfield mates to lengthy gains.

No less than three halfbacks broke away for long-gainer plays during the game, with Jim Buie and Ken Cooke scoring touchdowns and with Jim Short away once for a 45-yard sprint. The running of this trio, aided by the plunging of Bob Overton and the running and passing of Wooten netted 255 yards against 84 for Guilford.

That scant yardage by the Quakers shows the splendid defense of Elon, which was aided greatly by a truly great kicking performance by John Gozjack. Gozjack booted for a 46-yard average on six kicks, one of the finest marks of recent years at Elon, with one kick going 57 yards.

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Elon Football

- Elon 19, Guilford 7.
- Elon 30, Apprentice 0.
- (Remaining Games)
- Oct. 1—Appalachian, away.
- Oct. 8—East Carolina, home.
- Oct. 15—Tampa, away.
- Oct. 22—Catawba, home.
- Oct. 29—West Carolina, away.
- Nov. 5—Newberry, home.
- Nov. 12—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Nov. 18—Presbyterian, away.

Wooten Is Pace-Setter Over Apprentice Eleven

The German aerial blitzkrieg which blasted London in the early days of World War II had nothing on the aerial assault which the Elon Christians launched in trouncing the Newport News Apprentice gridgers 30 to 0 in Burlington Memorial Stadium last Saturday night.

After ripping Guilford with a powerful ground attack in the opener, the maroon-clad Christians broke out an entirely new strategy and used the whiplash arms of George Wooten and Ralph Miller to tear the Apprentice defenses to shreds.

HOW IT HAPPENED	
Elon	Apprentice
12	First Downs
112	Yards Gain Rushing
61	Yards Lost Rushing
51	Net Yards Rushing
18	Passes Attempted
10	Passes Completed
198	Yards Gain Passing
249	Yards Gain Scrimmage
0	Opp. Passes Intercepted
55	Runback Int. Passes
4	Number Punts
46.0	Ave. Yards Punts
77	Runback All Kicks
1	Fumbles Lost
115	Yards Penalties

Score by Periods:
Elon 6 17 7 0—30
Apprentice 0 0 0 0—0
Elon Touchdowns—Mahanes (5-run), Gozjack (33-pass from Wooten), Wooten (25-pass interception), Overton (1-run), Extra Points—D. Miller 1 (placement), Wooten 2 (plunge), Field Goal—D. Miller.

George Wooten, a slender sophomore quarterback from Hamlet, right out of the heart of the Carolina Sandhills, proved the big bomber in the victorious offensive, for he score one of the Elon touchdowns and passed for another and, in the meanwhile, set the stage for a third score with a brilliant punt return.

In thus pacing the Christian assault, Wooten completed six of nine passes for 127 yards, and in addition he had one 33-yard touchdown heave to Jim Short nullified and called back because of a pen-

alty. The Sandhill Slinger also intercepted two Apprentice passes and returned them a total of 55 yards, one of his returns being a 25-yard touchdown jaunt, and ran one punt back 25 yards. Wooten was not alone, however, in the Elon attack, for Wayne Mahanes, John Gozjack and Bob Overton each scored touchdowns, and Don Miller booted the first field goal scored for the Christians in a number of seasons. Ralph Miller, a fine freshman quarterback from Tamaqua, Pa., also got into the passing act by completing four of nine for 71 yards. John Gozjack for a second straight time posted an even 46-yard punting average on four kicks.

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NEW COACHES DIRECT ELON GRID ACTION



The new coaching staff which is directing the Elon Christian football squad during this 1960 season is pictured above. Left to right, members of the new staff are Coach John Wike, the line coach, a native of Washington, who starred for the East Carolina Pirates last fall; Coach George Tucker, a native of Monroe and one-time great lineman for East Carolina; and Coach Gary Mattocks, the backfield mentor, a native of Southern Pines, who is still another East Carolina ace, having been one of the fastest backs in the North State Conference.