

Wooten Sprint Gives Last-Second Victory Over Indians

George Wooten Paces Offense In Six Games

George Wooten, ace quarterback for the Christians, who stood out in Elon's victory over Catawba last Saturday, grabbed the big share of the honors for the Elon eleven during the entire first half of the 1960 season, according to statistics compiled after six games had been played from the ten-game schedule.

The sophomore speedster, who gained All-State honors while playing his high school ball at Hamlet, moved the ball almost half a mile in the six games against Guilford, Apprentice, Appalachian, East Carolina, Tampa and Catawba with his record showing more than 300 yards gained on passes alone.

Wooten topped the Christian squad in total offense and passing, was tied for third spot in rushing. He was also a fine performer on defense during the early-season contests, and he lugged the ball back 195 yards on pass interceptions punt returns and kick-off returns. He also led the Christians in scoring.

Already, after moving into a

Elon Football

Elon 19, Guilford 7.
Elon 30, Apprentice 0.
Elon 13, Appalachian 33.
Elon 8, East Carolina 14.
Elon 0, Tampa 21.
Elon 13, Catawba 12.
(Remaining Games)
Oct. 29—West Carolina, away.
Nov. 5—Newberry, home.
Nov. 12—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
Nov. 18—Presbyterian, away.

starting assignment at quarterback in his sophomore season, Wooten has proven himself one of the finest passers in the North State Conference and in Elon College grid history. He has completed 24 of 62 passes for 310 yards including one touchdown pass.

He lugged the ball for 206 yards in total rushing in the six games but due to losses when his blocking failed to give sufficient protection on pass plays, he had to take 125 yards in losses to give

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ELON HALFBACK DRIVES AGAINST CATAWBA



Jim Short, Fighting Christian halfback, who has been one of the top runners in Elon's ground attack during this 1960 football campaign, is pictured above as he drove for yardage against the stubborn Catawba defense in last Saturday's annual Homecoming battle, a game which produced an 13 to 12 victory for Elon after a thrilling last-second touchdown sprint by quarterback George Wooten.

Tampa Gridders Defeat Elon By 31 To 0 Count

The Tampa Spartans, packing both weight and speed, unleashed a powerful running attack that rolled for five touchdowns and a 31 to 0 victory over an Elon College eleven which fought stubbornly all the way in a battle on Phillips field in Tampa on Saturday night, October 15th.

The first Tampa score came after a double exchange of punts

in the first quarter, with the first Spartan touchdown coming on a one-yard plunge by Bill Mitchell, which climaxed a 56-yard drive. The kick was blocked, and Tampa held on a 6-0 lead at the end of the period.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Tampa	
7	First Downs	20
110	Yards Gained Rushing	346
35	Yards Lost Rushing	7
75	Net Yards Rushing	339
14	Passes Attempted	14
6	Passes Completed	4
95	Yards Gained Passing	59
170	Yards Gained Scrimmage	398
2	Opp. Passes Intercepted	2
6	Runback Int. Passes	5
4	Number Punts	2
36.0	Ave. Yards	38.0
1	Fumbles Lost	1
60	Yards Penalties	66

Score by periods:
Elon 0 0 0 0 — 0
Tampa 6 13 0 12—31
Tampa Touchdowns — Mitchell (1-run), Terez (10-run), Lille (18-run), Williams (5-run), McCullens (14-run). Extra Point — Terez 1 (placement).

There were two Spartan touchdowns in the second period, one of them on a 10-yard run by Manuel Terez, and the other within moments afterward on an 18-yard sprint by Jack Liles. Terez booted the point after the third TD to give the Spartans a 19 to 0 advantage at half-time. Another Spartan threat was halted when Tyrone McDuffie intercepted a Tampa pass in the Elon end zone.

The Christians came back strong in the third quarter, and during that period the Elon gridders moved twice to within the very shadow of the Spartan goal. Once the Maroon and Gold gridders moved to the Tampa three and again to the Tampa six, but they could not muster enough punch to get across. Big plays of the period for Elon were a 16-yard run by Ken Cooke and a Wooten to Gozjack pass which carried 48 yards deep into Spartan territory.

The Spartans unlimbered their heavy weapons again in the fourth period, when Buddy Williams went six yards for the first of two TD's in that quarter. Mike McCullens ran fourteen for the final score with time running out on the clock for the 31 to 0 margin, and there was only enough time left for Elon to receive the final kick-off.

STANDINGS

(Through October 20)

	W.	L.	Ave.
Cox House	4	0	1,000
South	3	1	750
Carolina	3	1	750
Kappa Psi	2	2	500
Packers	1	2	333
Sigma Mu	1	4	200
Savages	0	4	000

Game Scores

South 6, Sigma Mu 0.
Carolina 12, Packers 6.
Packers 6, Sigma Mu 0.
South 52, Packers 6.
Carolina 10, Savages 0.
Kappa Psi 14, Savages 6.
Cox House 20, Sigma Mu 16.
Cox House 60, Kappa Psi 34.
Cox House 36, Carolina 0.
Sigma Mu 16, Savages 12.
Carolina 36, South 6.
Kappa Psi 7, Sigma Mu 6.
Cox House 47, Savages 2.
South 38, Kappa Psi 26.

ON THE SPOT AT FUMBLE TIME



Dean Yates, husky sophomore tackle, has proven himself a real ball hawk for loose balls in the first six games of the 1960 grid campaign, and the big 220-pounder from Mayodan is topping the Christians in recovery of enemy fumbles. Yates has recovered three fumbles thus far this season, all of them in crucial moments which meant much to the Elon team.

Elon Wins By 13 To 12 In Homecoming Contest

Scoring Dash Is New Elon Record

That heart-stopping dash by George Wooten, which came in the final seconds to give Elon that 13 to 12 Homecoming victory over Catawba last weekend, brought back memories of a similarly thrilling 14 to 13 Homecoming win over Catawba that came in the final two seconds of the 1956 game on a pass from Kerry Richards to Tony Carcerra.

However, the goal-to-goal sprint by George Wooten was even more thrilling than was the 1956 victory play in that Wooten's scoring run set a new Elon record as the longest touchdown run in Christian football history. Longest previous scoring run by an Elon player was Carroll Reid's 93-yard return of an intercepted pass in the Emory and Henry game of 1951.

astros pass interference penalty against Elon made a 34-yard Catawba heave good on the Elon ten. There was a one-yard plunge, and then Ronnie Ball tossed to Fred Kyzer in the Elon end zone for the TD that sent the Catawba outfit into a 6-0 lead.

The Fighting Christians came roaring back after the half-time break, moving out on a 69-yard drive, with the running of Marvin Crowder and Ken Cooke and a pass from Crowder to Jim Short placing the Christians on the Catawba nine. From there Wooten passed to John Gozjack over goal, and Don Miller kicked good for Elon's 7-6 margin.

Early in the fourth quarter Elon stymied an Indian threat when a Catawba field goal try went wide, but Ronnie Ball covered an Elon fumble moments later on the Christian 29-yard line, and the Indians moved from there. Ronald Crouse, reserve tailback, sprinted the final ten yards at right end to shoot Catawba ahead 12 to 7 midway the final period.

The Indians kicked to Elon with less than two minutes left, and Elon's desperation passes lost ground from the Christian twenty-one back to the three. There the Indians took over and seemed destined to tally a third TD, but it only set the stage for the final field goal try and Wooten's electrifying dash for the winning score.

Marvin Crowder, Burl Clements and Ken Cooke were the top threats in an Elon rushing attack which faltered in critical moments, and the usually dangerous Elon aerial game failed to function. It remained for some stout defensive play by the Elon line to gain the big honors, with a fine goal-line defense figuring heavily in the long dash that climaxed the game.

Christians Face Catamount Tilt

The Fighting Christian gridders, showing an even-break record with three wins and three losses for the season, will get one of their roughest tests of the season this weekend when they invade the Carolina mountains to battle Western Carolina's Catamounts in their own lair.

The game, which is set for Saturday night, will be played as a highlight of the Western Carolina Homecoming, which means that the Catamounts will be primed for a supreme effort. The Catamounts, rated one of the strongest teams in the Conference in early season, have lost four straight loop games to Appalachian, Catawba, East Carolina and Lenoir Rhyne.

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Truly, the days of miracles are not over, and the miracle in this case lay in the flying feet of George Wooten, Elon's great quarterback, who lugged a Catawba field goal attempt back from deep in the end zone on a 108 yard sprint into touchdown land to give the Christians that thrilling 13 to 12 victory over Catawba in our Homecoming day battle last weekend.

It was a play in a million, and one commentator declared that it would probably not happen again in 10,000 games. One might see a goal-to-goal return of an intercepted pass or even a field-length return of a punt or kick-off, but spectators at last Saturday's game may have seen something, the like of which they will never see again.

It is likely that ninety-nine of every one hundred of the Elon fans had given up the game for lost, and many people had already left the stands and missed the play of a lifetime, but there was still one miracle left. Truly, as more than one person said, "Somebody Up There Must Love the Fighting Christians."

It was such a glorious comeback after the disastrous 31 to 0 defeat which our Christians had suffered at Tampa the previous week. Coach Tucker had warned his boys about how big and rugged and tough the Tampa Spartans would be, and when they took the field down in Tampa they found that the coach had truly told the truth.

By the same token, Coach Huerta, who directs the Spartans, had warned his boys that Elon would give them trouble, pointing out that Elon might be just as tough as had Western Carolina, another of the North State Conference teams, which had beaten Tampa 28 to 8 earlier this season. However, the Spartans never let Elon get really started as the Spartans hammered to an early lead and stretched it in the final quarter.

A study of the game statistics and story, however, would indicate that the Elon gridders deserve credit for a terrific effort against the Spartans, particularly in the third quarter. In that period the Christians held the Spartans

useless and rolled down field to wage several scoring threats of their own. Twice the Elon outfit was within the Tampa ten yard line, but the final punch was missing.

The Maroon and Gold footballers move westward into the Carolina country this weekend to tackle the Western Carolina Catamounts in another tough North State Conference encounter. The Catamounts are always tough at Cullowhee, and they will be especially tough this week on the occasion of Western Carolina Homecoming.

This game will mark the third time this season that Elon has played a Homecoming battle. It was Homecoming Day when the Christians met Appalachian, and then came our own Homecoming last weekend. Let's hope that Elon can spoil the day of return for the Catamount alumni next weekend.

The intramural program is off to a rousing start for the fall quarter, with tag football furnishing the highlight of interest and with a golf tournament as a side-light. Congratulations are due to Coach Johnny Wike for the fine manner in which he has gotten the fall intramurals started, working with Eddie Clark and Roger Knapp as student assistants to create much interest and spirit.

From the talk of the students, both those playing and those spectating, the intramural program this year is going to create more participation, spirit and enjoyment that it has done in several years. This certainly seems to be the tendency in tag football, in which the boys from over at Cox House have grabbed an early lead. The Cox outfit with the leadership and fine play of Jim Levine standing out, have been undefeated in their first four games.

The fine crew of athletes over at Cox House are already hoping for a sweep of campus sports honors, although one wonders whether one group could sweep titles in all sports. Only time will answer that question, and perhaps such a prospect might arouse added spirit and interest on the part of students in other dormitories and organizations.