

Christian Five Tramples Lenoir Rhyne Bears In Loop Tilt

Winter Football Work Is Off To Fine Start

The thud of footballs echoes across the Elon College campus these February afternoons as the Fighting Christian grid squad drives through off-season drills, beginning preparation for a rugged ten-game schedule that is already set for the 1961 season.

Coach George Tucker and his assistants have thirty-six boys in uniform for the winter workouts, including twenty-one lettermen from last fall and previous campaigns. The drills will continue daily through the first two weeks in March, with scrimmage games set with Guilford here on March 4th and with Catawba there on March 11th.

The lettermen in togs this winter include John Goziack, Tom King and Jim Moore, ends; Charlie Rayburn, Dean Yates, Cameron Little, Charlie Strigo and Garrie Warren, tackles; Gene Stokes and Joe Berdosch, guards; John Dalcin and Billy LaCoste, centers; George Wooten and Ralph Miller, quarterback; Wayne Mehanes, Mike Little, Marvin Crowder, Ken Cooke, half-back; Wayne Mehanes, Mike Little, and Burl Clements, fullback.

Others from the 1960 squad working out are Bob Alcanterra and Ralph Hoover, ends; Howard Arner, tackle; Ronnie Bell, Freddie Wells, Tom Breese and Steve Ballard, guards; Phil Secrest, cen-

ter; Tyrone McDuffie, quarterback; and Frank Ciamelli and Willie Tart, halfbacks.

Back in school from the 1959 squad are Ed Fitzgerald, end, and Ed Thrower, halfback; and newcomers who have just entered Elon this semester are a pair of rugged fullbacks, Pete Breads and Bill Schneider.

The ten-game Elon schedule for 1961 shows the Wofford Terriers replacing the Newport News Apprentice School, with the other nine opponents the same as were met last fall. The complete schedule follows:

- Sept. 16—Guilford, home.
- Sept. 23—Wofford, away.
- Sept. 30—Appalachian, home.
- Oct. 7—East Carolina, away.
- Oct. 14—Tampa, away.
- Oct. 21—Catawba, away.
- Oct. 28—West Carolina, home.
- Nov. 4—Newberry, away.
- Nov. 11—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Nov. 17—Presbyterian, home.

TALKIN IT OVER DURING BRUIN BATTLE



Timeout during Elon's sweet 94 to 77 victory over Lenoir Rhyne gave Coach Bill Miller a chance to give quick instructions to the Elon cagers. Seated left to right, and listening to Coach Miller's strategic orders, are Captain Ken Smith, Bill Morningstar, Jug Irvin, Eddie Burke, Gary Teague and manager Ted Eanes.

Irvin Hits 38 As Elon Downs Bears By 94-77

Blasting off like a rocket into outer space, the Elon Christians moved to the front after six minutes and were never headed as they swept through, around and over the Lenoir Rhyne Bears 94 to 77 in a North State Conference battle here on Thursday night, February 16th.

It was the Christians' final home game of the 1961 season, and they made it a good one for the home fans as they hit on 30 of 57 shots from the floor, amassing a 52.6 shooting percentage against a Bruin team which had led the North State regular-season standings throughout the winter.

It was a cocky crew of Bears that hit the floor of Alumni Memorial Gymnasium, a team which had lost only twice in Conference play and only three times all season, and the invaders were utterly unprepared for the atomic blast which hit them from all angles.

Jug Irvin and Ken Smith, Elon's great forward combo from the Kentucky hills, were never better as they ripped the nets for all of Elon first 18 points and for a combined total of 35 out of the Christians' 39 points in the first half.

The Kentucky riflemen hit for a total of 61 points for the night, with Irvin racking 38 and Smith getting 23 counters.

Irvin, who was good on 14 of 21 floor tries, hit ten of ten from the free throw line in amassing his 38 points, barely one point shy of Dee Atkinson's Elon single-game mark of 39 points, which Atkinson set against Western Carolina in 1956. Irvin might have shattered the mark, but he left the game with more than two minutes left as Coach Bill Miller cleared the bench.

The Christians were off in front on two buckets by Captain Smith, but the lead swapped several times before Irvin banged home two baskets to shoot Elon ahead at 13-11, and from that point the Elon cagers moved to a 39-29 edge at intermission.

Lenoir Rhyne pulled within nine points at 70-61, but Elon then hit 20 while the Bears got 7 points and moved to a 20-point edge at 88-68 as the Christian subs took over. In addition to Irvin and Smith, others in double figures for Elon were Gary Teague and Eddie Burke. Jim Wiles had 20 and Jerry Wells 17 to lead Lenoir Rhyne.

There was a near-eruption late in the game when Referee Herbert Young banished the Bruins' Coach Billy Wells from the gymnasium after Wells charged on the floor to protest a technical foul called against a Lenoir Rhyne player, but the game was played out without further hostilities.

The line-ups:
Pos. Elon (94) Lenoir Rhyne (77)
F—Irvin (38) Wells (17)
F—Smith (23) Wiles (20)
C—Andrew Fearn (10)
G—Teague (11) Burton (15)
G—Morningstar (6) Holbrook (8)
Half-time: Elon 39, Lenoir Rhyne 29.

Elon subs—Burke 10, Hodge 4, Myers 2, Hawks, Cheek, Maldon, Miller. Lenoir Rhyne subs—Kilby 3, Schley 4.

Pirate Quint Downs Elon In Greenville

Catching the East Carolina Pirates on one of their hottest nights of the season, the Elon Christians went down before the red-hot Pirates by a 105 to 88 count in a North State Conference battle at Greenville on Saturday night, February 11th.

The Christians, who had topped the century mark against Erskine the night before, found themselves on the other end of the scale in the tilt with the Pirates, for Coach Earl Smith's boys were deadly in their shooting all night, hitting on 55.7 per cent of their floor shots during the contest.

The Pirates ripped the nets for 60 points in the first half and grabbed a 60 to 52 edge at the intermission. Elon pulled within three points at one time in the second half, but Lacy West and Cotton Clayton led the Pirates as they pulled out again to a safe lead.

Ken Smith hit 25 and Jug Irvin 23 to lead the Elon cagers, who hit well themselves in spite of the loss. Dewey Andrew was a third Christian in double figures as he hit for 13 counters. West hit 28 and Clayton 21 to top the home-standing East Carolina club.

The line-ups:
Pos. Elon (88) E. Carolina (105)
F—Smith (25) D. Smith (12)
F—Irvin (23) West (28)
C—Andrew (13) Otte (10)
G—Teague (4) Clayton (21)
G—Morningstar (8) Lewis (18)
Half-time: East Carolina 60, Elon 52.

Elon subs—Burke 1, Har- di- Miller 6, Myers, East C subs—Bowes 4, Bowen 8, 2, Fornes 2, Wicker.

Elon Cagers Top Guilford

Driving hot down the stretch, the Elon Christians broke the century barrier for the second time within nine days as they trampled the Guilford Quakers 102 to 82 in the final game of the regular 1961 schedule at Guilford on Saturday night, February 10th.

The victory over the Quakers, which gave Elon a mark of 17 wins and 17 losses during the regular season, also gave the Christians a tie with High Point for fourth spot in the red-hot North State Conference race. Both the Christians and Panthers finished with 11-7 records in Conference competition.

Jug Irvin and Ken Smith, Elon's twin terrors at forward, were hot again as they continued their blazing assault on the basket. Irvin bagged 24 points for the night, while Smith hit 22, with Dewey Andrew hitting 19 and Gary Teague 11 to give added power to



Talking Sports

With DAVID 'PROPHET' MARSHBURN

What a conference the North State has turned out to be this year. Just who said that it was not a rough and tough and exciting loop, and who said that our Fighting Christians were not tough enough to give the other teams a scare and a scrap for top honors?

Someone may have made such statements, but I am here to tell you that they surely had to eat their words and admit that it was a slip of the tongue, for throughout the season the Christians have proven that they could handle the best the North State could offer, meeting all the thrilling techniques the other teams could offer and coming up with some of their own.

Never was this proven in more thrilling style than on that night last week when our Christians defeated the top-ranking Lenoir Rhyne Bears, a team which had already clinched the top seeding for the conference tournament. It

was probably the most exciting game of the year for the home fans, but I do not have to tell you if you saw it. And, if you did not see it, then you have already heard about it.

Certainly the Bears, and any other team which may finish ahead of the Christians, must be glad the season is over, for if the campaign were starting today, the Christians would surely have to be counted a threat for top spot. And certainly, too, the rival teams must have had a headache as they thought of tangling with the Christians in the North State Tournament at Lexington.

With the tournament already underway as this comes from the press, there may be some who wonder just how the tournament schedule was set up. For those who would like to know, the ten Conference teams battled for eight tourney spots, with the two bottom

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Elon Cage Games

- Elon 74, Pfeiffer 66.
 - Elon 69, Erskine 76.
 - Elon 70, Wofford 75.
 - Elon, 59, Belmont Abbey 64.
 - Elon 83, Wofford 71.
 - Elon 87, Guilford 63.
 - Elon 57, Lenoir Rhyne
 - Elon 85, Pembroke 80.
 - Elon 79, Camj Lejeune 94.
 - Elon 66, Pikeville 89.
 - Elon 89, Ga. Southern 62.
 - Elon 72, Catawba 57.
 - Elon 88, Pembroke 84.
 - Elon 77, East Carolina 78.
 - Elon 66, Appalachian 89.
 - Elon 77, A.C.C. 76.
 - Elon 64, Catawba 59.
 - Elon 94, High Point 72.
 - Elon 68, Catawba 69.
 - Elon 82, Pfeiffer 62.
 - Elon 84, High Point 82.
 - Elon 72, West Carolina 85.
 - Elon 85, West Carolina 84.
 - Elon 92, A.C.C. 78.
 - Elon 103, Erskine 78.
 - Elon 88, East Carolina 105.
 - Elon 66, Appalachian 68.
 - Elon 94, Lenoir Rhyne 77.
 - Elon 102, Guilford 82.
- (Remaining Games)
Feb. 22-25—North State Tournament.

Elon Goes Over Century In Victory Over Erskine

Apps Winner In Close Tilt

The Appalachian Mountaineers, rebounding from a string of five straight North State Conference defeats, eked out a narrow 68 to 66 victory over the Elon Christians at Boone on February 13th in a game which was marked by ragged play on the part of both teams.

The Christians and Apps played it close most of the way, and when the halftime intermission came they left the court all knotted up in a 36-36 tie. Midway the second half the Mountaineers moved to a 57-51 edge, with this six-point spread the greatest for either team during the battle, which saw the lead swap hands ten times.

Two free throws by Rick Howe gave the Mountaineers a 68-64

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Elon's Ten Best Cage Seasons Cited As Christian Highlights

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1938 - Best Win-Loss Mark

The Maroon and Gold squad of 1938 boasted the best single-season mark in the history of Elon basketball to that time, a mark which is still the best in Christian history percentage-wise. That 1938 aggregation posted 19 victories and only two defeats. This 1938 club won the North State Conference championship, Elon's second consecutive title and the fifth in Conference history, clinching the crown with eleven wins in twelve starts. A special feature of this season was a northern trip, on which Elon won five and lost one, including victories over Washington and Lee, V.M.I., Naval Apprentice, St. Johns and Randolph Macon. The lone defeat was a tough one at the hands of George Washington. Lacy, Caplan and Hal Bradley and Richard "Red" Cromlish were named to the All-Conference team, other members of the squad being Ike Fesmire, John Causey, Jim Abbott, Ben Lillen and Claude Lawrence. Whitley led in scoring with 172 points, and Horace (Horse) Hendrickson coached.

1947 - Elon's Roney Cates

The 1947 team, coached by L. J. "Hap" Perry, had an over-all season mark of 16 wins and 10 losses,

but its high mark came when the Christians won the Conference tournament to claim Elon's first title since pre-war days. Roney Cates, who set a new Elon individual scoring mark of 447 points, became the first Elon player to top 400 points in a season. He was named All-State and joined Capt. Warren Burns on the All-Conference team. Cates ranked 11th in the nation in individual scoring.

1952 - To National Tourney

The 1952 campaign saw Elon's cagers make the first of three trips to the National NAIA Tourney in Kansas City, closing out a 25-11 season by going to the finals of the Conference tourney and winning the NAIA district title. That team was the first Elon outfit to win 20 games or more in a season, but special highlights showed Don Heathcox setting an all-time individual record with 607 points, with Ben Kendall trailing with 565 markers. Both Heathcox and Kendall won All-Conference and All-Tourney honors, and Kendall was named All-State.

1956 - Highest Scoring Team

The 1956 team, which set Elon's highest all-time scoring record while winning 25 of 32 games, won both the Conference and NAIA district tournaments and became the second Elon team to play in the NAIA nationals at Kansas City.

The seam scored 2,8699 points in 32 games, averaging 89.7 points per game and setting the single game high mark of 124 points against a strong DuPont outfit. Dee Atkinson topped individual scoring with 516 points, the second time that the lanky center had topped the 500-point mark for a season. Atkinson and Kendall were both on the All-Conference teams, and they were joined by Ed Juratic on the loop's All-Tourney squad.

1957 - Highest Career Marks

Although the 1957 team made Elon's third trip to the national NAIA tourney to close a 24-6 campaign, the shining light of the year was when Dee Atkinson closed out a brilliant four-year career in possession of nine of Elon's twelve individual scoring marks. The lanky star bowed off the stage while holding the record for the most games played with 128, most single-game field goals with 19, most single-game free throws with 161, most career field goals with 656, most career free throws with 522, most career points with 1,834 and as the only Elon player to top 500 points per year three times. He is also the only Elon player to compete in three national NAIA tournament. Another high mark that season was

by Jimmy Crump, who hit 88.2 per cent of his free throw tries for the year. Atkinson was named most outstanding player in the Conference and Atkinson, Juratic and Crump won All-Conference honors.

Since Atkinson bowed out that year, it might be well to tabulate his great career record for four seasons. The record follows:

Season	G	FG	FT	TP
1952	35	75	75	225
1953	35	193	126	512
1956	29	178	160	516
1957	30	210	161	581

1961 - Elon's One-Two Punch

Just as the fat and lean years hit Egypt in the years of Pharaohs, so fat and lean seasons have been recorded in Elon basketball. The Christians had three lean seasons in a row, but the Maroon and Gold was back on the come-back trail during this 1961 season behind the tremendous "one-two punch" which lay in the shooting of Jug Irvin and Ken Smith. As the regular season ended, but with the Conference tournament remaining, Irvin had 603 points, becoming the second Elon player to top the 600 mark for a season and needing only five points to top Heathcox's all-time mark of 607 points. Smith had 526 points to become Elon's sixth player to break the 500-point mark. It is only the third time that

Elon has had two players over 500 in a season.

Glories In Review

In a quick summary, statistics show that Elon's 1938 team has the best season percentage with 19 wins and 2 losses, while the teams of 1952, 1953 and 1956 showed the most wins in a season with marks of 25-11, 25-11 and 25-7. The 1956 team had the highest season scoring with 2,869 points, a mark which is also the North State Conference record.

Five Elon players belong in the rare "One Thousand Club," composed of boys who have scored more than 1,000 points for Elon. They are Dee Atkinson, with 1,834 points; Ben Kendall, with 1,853 points; Don Heathcox, with 1,456 points; Ed Juratic with 1,306 points (in 3 seasons), and Frank DeRita, with 1,061 points.

Don Heathcox holds the single-season individual mark of 607 points, but Jug Irvin was expected to smash this mark in the first tournament game. Five other boys who have hit 500 or more in a year include Dee Atkinson three times, Ben Kendall, Jimmy Crump, Jug Irvin and Ken Smith. Five other Maroon and Gold stars have hit 400 points or more in single seasons, including Ed Juratic three times, Dave Maddox, Jack Malloy, Roney Cates and Richie Conatser.