

Elon Baseballers Blast Lenoir Rhyne For 13 To 3 Victory

Elon Cops Three Wins From Fort Lee Series

Varsity Nine Opens Year With Victory

The Elon Christians got away to a winning start on their 1961 baseball campaign when Eddie Clark slashed out a single to push over a lone score in the last of the ninth and give Elon a 7 to 6 win over Hampden-Sidney here on Thursday afternoon, March 23rd.

The Christians had moved out front twice earlier in the game, only to have the visiting Tigers from Death Valley knot the count. There were four Elon markers in a big first frame, but the Tigers scored twice each in the second and fourth for a tie, and Elon got another two-run edge in the sixth only to have Hampden-Sidney knot the game again in the seventh.

The four-run assault in the first inning came when C. G. Hall, Steve Wall and Mike Little all walked, Charlie Maidon was safe on a fielder's choice, and Ted Eanes hammered a triple that closed out the rally. Elon's brace of markers in the sixth counted on Wall's single and a pair of doubles by Maidon and Clark.

The six markers for Hampden-Sidney all came on a single hit, four walks, errors and a wild pitch all figured in the enemy scoring. Three walks and a single counted the two Tiger markers in the second; two walks and a wild pitch figured in the fourth-inning scores; and a walk and two errors netted the sixth-inning counters.

There were two away in the bottom of the ninth when Mike Little walked for Elon and stole second. Eanes walked behind Little, and Eddie Clark smacked out the single that sent Little scampering home with the winning run.

Jerry Tillman, Roger Knapp and John Koenig shared pitching duties for Elon, with each going three frames and with Koenig getting credit for the win. The three held Hampden-Sidney to four hits, but they allowed seven walks. Steve Wall and Eddie Clark paced the Elon hitting with two safeties.

The score by innings:

R	H	E	
Hamp-Sid.	020	200	200—6 4 0
Elon	400	002	001—7 7 3

Milleran, Stuart (5) and Stuart, Ames (5); Tillman, Knapp (4), Koenig (7) and Little. Winning Pitcher: Koenig.

Leviner Homers For Win Over Visiting W-L Nine

Jim Leviner, Christian infield star, blasted a three-run homer in the bottom of the tenth to give Elon a 6 to 3 victory over the Washington and Lee Generals here on Saturday afternoon, March 25th, and the circuit clout enabled the Christians to post their second win in as many starts.

The Elon nine had to take the lead three times before getting it for keeps, for the Christians plated singleton runs in the second and third for a 2-0 lead, scoring Ted Eanes on Leroy Myers' single in the second and sending Jerry Pike home on Steve Wall's triple in the third.

The Generals rebounded in the seventh with two markers, but Elon went back to the front when John VanBenSchoten singled, took second on a wild pitch and scored on Wall's single. Then Washington and Lee tied the tilt again in the ninth when two errors and a single sent Park Gilmore home for the Generals. This set the

The Christians baseballers had just too much power for the United States Army as they grabbed three wins out of four spring holiday games with the Fort Lee nine in the army stronghold. Elon took both ends of one double-header at the Virginia army post and then divided a final double-header.

The Christians wins in the first double bill were by counts of 2 to 1 and 9 to 0, with Roger Knapp and Jerry Tillman each going the route in the two tilts and holding the soldiers to a combined total of six hits in the games. Elon won the opener of the other double header 11 to 3 as Charlie Maidon scattered seven Fort Lee hits, but the soldier outfit pounded out a 14 to 0 win in the second nightcap battle.

Elon 2, Fort Lee 1

Scoring single runs in the second and fifth innings, both of them on sacrifice flies, proved enough scoring to give Elon a 2 to 1 win in the first of the four-game series on April 3rd, for Roger Knapp allowed Fort Lee only four hits, never more than one to an inning. None of the Elon players hit more than once, with Jim Leviner's double the top blow.

The score by innings:

R	H	E	
Elon	010	010	000—2 7 0
Fort Lee	000	000	001—1 4 2

Knapp and Little; McGee and Richey.

Elon 9, Fort Lee 0

A bases-loaded double by Phil Cheek proved the power blow as Elon exploded for five runs in the first inning and went on to win a 9 to 0 victory in the second game of the April 3rd double bill. Cheek was the batting leader with a brace of singles added to his big two-bagger, while Jerry Tillman worked a fine two-hit game on the mound.

The score by innings:

R	H	E	
Elon	501	010	2—9 11 1
Fort Lee	000	000	0—1 2 2

Tillman and Cheek; Cheek, Gross, Newman, Kleeman (2), Owens (5) and Olsen. Losing pitcher — Newman.

Elon 11, Fort Lee 3

The Christians hammered three Fort Lee pitchers hard as Elon topped the Travellers 11 to 3 in the opener on April 4th. Mike Little was top hitter for the Christians who played fine ball behind the steady pitching of Charlie Maidon, never gave up more than two hits in any one inning.

The score by innings:

R	H	E	
Elon	000	350	021—11 10 1
Fort Lee	000	020	001—3 7 0

Maidon and Little; Merrell.

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BURKE HOLDS TWO LOOP TITLES



The Elon cindermen copped three individual championships in last year's North State Conference track meet at High Point, and two of them were won by Eddie Burke, ace hurdler for the Christians, who won both the high and low hurdle events in fine time. The third individual crown was won by Dick More in the shot, who is back this year along with Burke to offer veteran strength for Coach Gary Mattocks' 1961 cinder squad. Burke, who is now in his fourth season with the Elon track squad, is also a fine high jumper along with his abilities as a hurdler.



Talking Sports

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Baseball is off and swinging after a great start during the first portion of this 1961 season, with the Christians riding high and mighty, and if the squad continues its current pace the Elon fans standing by can really boast of a fine 1961 team.

On the basis of the fine win

Rensselaer Downs Elon In 9-6 Tilt

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute baseball team banged out nine hits and took advantage of eight walks and two hit batsmen to defeat the Elon Christians 9 to 6 here on March 29th, breaking Elon's four-game winning streak as pre-holiday play came to an end.

Big John VanBenSchoten, Elon southpaw starter, had three walks in the first two frames, but he held the New Yorkers without a score. Then Rensselaer got to him for four runs in the third, when the visitors used three walks and a hit batsman with a double by Frank VanRensselaer and a single by Clyde Richard to grab the winning lead.

The Rensselaer outfit added three runs in the sixth when Dick Lundgren homered with two men on the sacks, the northerners closed out their scoring in the seventh with a brace of runs on a walk, a double by VanRensselaer and single by Richard.

The Elon outfit broke away with a 2-0 lead in the first inning, using walks to C. G. Hall and Jerry Pike, a single by Eddie Clark and a Rensselaer miscue, but this early lead was short lived. There was one Elon run in the sixth, and three others came in a ninth-inning rally that fell short.

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and loss record, which stands 14-4 at this stage of the season, the Christians could threaten for Conference and district honors and a possible second trip to the national tourney.

It might be well to take stock of some strong points of the team, and the main factor has seemed to be the hitting power of several players on the team. Several have shown that they could hit the long ball when it was needed, among them Charlie Maidon, Ted Eanes, Eddie Clark, Mike Little and Jim Leviner.

Charlie Maidon, that "Round Cary Comet Man," showed his power strength in the games with Windham and Lenoir Rhyne, in both of which he hit the homerun ball. Ted "The Bald Man" Eanes, cut loose with the power ball with a bases-loaded triple against Hampden-Sidney.

Eddie "Jap" Clark came along with hidden strength when he smacked a three-run homer against Windham, and Mike "Hey You" Little recalled some of his slugging power of a year ago when he hit the winning home run in one of the Windham battles. Jim Leviner, a new man this year, has shown fine ability, and it was his homer that tied the Washington and Lee game to set up an Elon win. Steve Wall also contributed a triple in that Washington and Lee battle.

One of the surprising factors this year has been the Elon pitching staff, with Charlie Maidon, Roy Erlandsen and long-legged Jerry Tillman coming up with some fine mound work to join veteran Roger Knapp as mainstays of the pitching corps.

The women say that there is little that Maidon cannot do, and he is surely proving that on the baseball field as he has in other sports here at Elon. Surely the pros should take a look at the big boy who does so many things well.

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Tillman In Fine Mound Performance In Game

Elon Posts Double Win Over Tigers

Closing out a victorious spring holiday invasion of Virginia, the Elon Christians racked up a double win over the Hampden-Sidney Tigers on the Death Valley field on Wednesday, April 5th by scores of 6 to 3 and 7 to 4.

Big John VanBenSchoten, who started on the mound for the Christians, grabbed off his first win of the year, although he was relieved by Roy Erlandsen when the Hampden-Sidney outfit rallied for all of its three runs in the bottom of the fifth.

The Christians could show only four hits during that opening 6 to 3 win, but they paired the hits with an even dozen walks and took advantage of seven passed balls by the Tiger catcher to plate the winning runs.

The Elon baseballers staged another of their last-inning rallies, which have been a feature of their play all season, as they grabbed the 7-4 win in the seven-inning nightcap encounter. Jerry Drake, who had gone to the mound for Elon in the sixth, was the winning pitcher and became the seventh Christian hurler to chalk a mound victory this spring.

Going into the final frame trailing by a 4-2 margin, the Christians scored five runs on as many safeties, which included doubles by Jug Irvin, Charlie Maidon and Eddie Clark and a booming triple by Danny Hall.

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Blasting off with a barrage of base knocks that set three Lenoir Rhyne pitchers reeling, the Elon Christians toppled the Bears 13 to 3 in a North State Conference battle here on Thursday, April 13th. The win evened the Elon Conference mark at 1-1 and boosted the Christian season record to the 12-3 level.

As Charlie Maidon and Leroy Myers topped the batting assault for the Christians, lanky Jerry Tillman turned in a fine pitching job against the Bears. Tillman, who played first base a year ago, struck out twelve men and allowed only one walk as he scattered seven Lenoir Rhyne bingles.

Charlie Maidon started the Christians to victory with a solo homer in the third for Elon's first marker, and he later singled home a pair of runs during Elon's 7-run uprising in the sixth. Myers, who had a triple and single for three trips, sent four of his mates across the plate to lead the RBI column for the day.

Eleven Christians paraded to the plate in the big sixth. A base on balls and three singles forced Bill Davis, Bruin starter, to leave the mound. Fisher went to his relief and fared no better, and Pope finally had to go to the hillock to get the third out.

In addition to Maidon and Myers, other Christians with two hits were C. G. Hall, Jim Leviner and Steve Wall. Jim Kilby paced the Bears with three singles.

The score by innings:

R	H	E	
Len.-Rhyne	000	000	210—3 7 5
Elon	001	217	110—13 13 4

Davis, Fisher (6), Pope (6) and Farmer; Tillman and Little. Home-run — Charlie Maidon (Elon).

Christians Top Williams College In Two Battles

The Christians baseballers swept a two-game series with the touring Williams College nine from Massachusetts when they defeated the New Englanders 6 to 5 and 9 to 1 in battles here on Monday and Tuesday, March 27th and 28th.

The Christians continued a string of last-minute wins when they came from behind with two runs in the ninth to top Williams 6 to 5 in the first game of the series, but the Elon hitters struck early and hard as they copped the second game 9 to 1 in the final tilt with Williams.

Elon 6, Williams 5

Using two walks, two singles, a Williams error and a fielder's choice, the Christians came from behind with a brace of runs in the ninth inning of the first battle with Williams. The ninth-inning rally climaxed a fine comeback by the Elon team after Williams plated two runs in the first two innings.

Steve Welch, a freshman right-hander, who started on the mound for Elon, was wild in the early innings and he gave up three walks and two hits as Williams plated two runs in the first inning. A walk and a Williams two-bagger gave the visitors their fifth marker in the second.

The Christians then began their comeback with a single run in the fourth on a walk, an error and Jim Leviner's single; and they added two runs in the fifth on another walk, an error and singles by Jerry Pike and Mike Little.

Roy Erlandsen, freshman right-hander from Saddle Creek, N. J., who worked the final three racks

for Elon on the mound, was the winning pitcher as he fanned five and allowed Williams only one hit and one walk in his three-inning stint. No Elon batter had more than one hit, while Lum paced Williams with three singles.

The score by innings:

R	H	E	
Williams	410	000	000—5 5 4
Elon	000	121	002—6 6 3

Morris, Moss (6) and Lum; Welch, Tillman (4), Erlandsen (7), and Little, Gross (7). Winning Pitcher — Erlandsen.

Elon 9, Williams 1

Charlie Maidon, formerly an ace quarterback for the Elon grid squad, who paced the Christians in hitting last year while playing outfield and first base, got his chance on the mound in the second Williams contest and came through with a 9 to 1 victory as he held Williams hitless while fanning two and walking two in a four-inning monud stint. Roger Knapp finished the game with a steady job on the mound.

Eddie Clark, Christian second-sacker, was the big knocker as the Christians hammered out the decisive win. Clark hit for the cycle, banging out a single, double, triple and homer in five trips to the plate, scoring two runs himself and driving four of his mates home. Jim Leviner had two singles in three tries to aid and abet the Christian attack.

The Christians broke away in front with three runs in the first inning, when C. G. Hall led off with a triple to start the winning assault, which went with a walk for Steve Wall, a single by Leviner and a booming double by Clark. Elon added singleton runs in the third, fourth, sixth and seventh and counted twice in the eighth when Clark homered behind a walk to Ted Eanes.

The score by innings:

R	H	E	
Williams	000	000	100—1 3 4
Elon	301	101	120—9 9 2

Whitney, Grinnell (5), Donavon (8) and Drift, Lum (6); Maidon, Knapp (5) and Little, Cheek (6). Winning Pitcher — Maidon. Home-run — Clark (Elon).

Baseball Schedule

Elon 6, Hampden-Sidney 4.
Elon 6, W. and L. 3.
Elon 6, Williams 5.
Elon 9, Williams 1.
Elon 6, Rensselaer 9.
Elon 2, Fort Lee 1.
Elon 9, Fort Lee 0.
Elon 11, Fort Lee 3.
Elon 0, Fort Lee 14.
Elon 6, Hampden-Sidney 3.
Elon 7, Hampden-Sidney 4.
Elon 25, Windham 3.
Elon 6, Windham 5.
Elon 6, Guilford 7.
Elon-Catawba (Rain).
Elon 13, Lenoir Rhyne 3.
Elon 4, Norfolk Division 8.
Elon 2, West Carolina 1.
Elon 8, West Carolina 3.

(Remaining Games)

April 18—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
April 19—High Point, away.
April 21—Appalachian, away.
April 22—Pfeiffer, home.
April 25—A.C.C., home.
April 27—Guilford, home.
April 29—Catawba, away.
May 3—East Carolina, home.
May 5—Pembroke, away (DH).
May 9—Pfeiffer, away.
May 10—High Point, home.
May 12—East Carolina, away.
May 13—A.C.C., away.
May 17—Appalachian, home.

Windham Is Elon Victim In 2 Games

Opening up with the heavy artillery, the Elon Christians blasted five homers in winning a pair of seven-inning battles from the touring Windham College nine from Putney, Vermont, here Friday afternoon, April 7th. The blasting bats netted the Elon wins by scores of 25 to 3 and 6 to 5.

Charlie Maidon, Eddie Clark and Danny Hall all powered the ball into the wild blue yonder for circuit trips in the first game, each of the blows coming with two men on the cushions to net Elon nine of her 25 runs. Hall, along with Wayne Mahanes and Roger Knapp contributed two-baggers to the Elon attack, which showed Mahanes leading with three hits.

The feature of Elon's 25 to 3 victory was a rousing ten-run assault in the third inning of that first game, with thirteen Christians parading to the plate during the inning and all except three of them scoring.

The Windham nine rebounded from that overwhelming 25 to 3 defeat and came close to upsetting the Christians in the second game, for the Vermonters pushed over four markers in the top of the seventh and went to the field for the final time with a 5 to 3 edge, only to have Elon rally for a 6 to 5 decision when Mike Little boomed out a three-run homer.

The Christians got fine pitching in chalking the double win over Windham. Roger Knapp and Steve Welch paired for a fine two-hitter in the opener, with Knapp allowing a single blow in five innings and Welch only one in two frames. Jerry Tillman went the route for Elon in the nightcap and turned in a steady 7-hit job, during which he fanned ten and walked only two men. Tillman's only bad inning was the seventh, when he walked one and allowed four safeties.

FIRST GAME

The score by innings:

R	H	E	
Windham	00	030	0—3 2 2
Elon	24	103	0—25 16 4

Zelinski, Galof (3), Woodman (3) and Rusplach; Knapp, Welch (7) and Little. Winning Pitcher—Knapp. Losing pitcher — Zelinski. Homeruns — Maidon (Elon), Clark (Elon), D. Hall (Elon).

SECOND GAME

The score by innings:

R	H	E	
Windham	010	000	4—5 7 0
Elon	111	000	3—6 7 2

O'Donnell, Zelinski (4) and Flagg; Tillman and Cheek. Losing pitcher — Zelinski. Homeruns — Cooke (Elon), Little (Elon).