

Catawba To Be Elon Foe In Homecoming Tilt

THREE CHRISTIAN STARS TOP ELON OFFENSIVE STATISTICS FOR SEASON

Christians Have To Win To Keep Titular Chance



WILLIE TART, SENIOR HALFBACK



ED WHELESS, JUNIOR QUARTERBACK



DAN KELLEY, SENIOR END

Three Fighting Christian stars, including a pair of seniors and one junior, had a virtual monopoly on top positions in the Elon offensive statistics after six games of the 1963 football campaign. Willie Tart, speedy senior halfback from Dunn, was leading the Christians in rushing yardage and total offense with a total of 327 yards and an average of 5.3 yards per carry. Ed Wheless, a junior newcomer at quarterback, who hails from Asheboro, was topping the team in passing with 374 yards on 24 completions in 60 tries. Dan Kelley, senior end from Darlington, S. C., was topping the pass catching department with 9 completions for 154 yards.

Christians Show Balanced Ground Attack And Strong Aerial Threat

ELON TEAM STATISTICS		
71	Total Scoring	54
77	First Downs	60
272	Number of Rushing Plays	232
1085	Total Yards Rushing	838
150	Yards Lost Rushing	177
835	Net Yards Rushing	661
155.8	Ave. Rushing Per Game	110.2
60	Number Passes Thrown	72
24	Passes Completed	29
374	Total Yards Passing	380
62.3	Ave. Passing Per Game	63.3
1309	Total Scrimmage Gains	1041
213.3	Ave. Total Offense	173.5
6	Opp. Passes Intercepted	5
62	Runback Interc. Passes	49
31	Number Punts	32
947	Total Yards Punts	1088
30.5	Ave. Yards Punts	34.0
94	Yards Runback of Punts	58
278	Yards Runback of Kickoffs	281
6	Fumbles Lost	6
235	Total Yards Penalties	175

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING			
Player	Rushes	Yds.	Ave.
Tart	62	327	5.3
Stewart	55	240	4.4
Pruette	48	239	5.0
Johnson	29	104	3.6
Burnette	24	64	2.5
Rovere	16	40	2.5
Wheless	27	-60	-2.3

INDIVIDUAL PASSING			
Player	Passes Compl.	Yds.	Ave.
Wheless	60	24	374

PASS RECEIVING			
Player	Caught	Yds.	TD
Kelley	9	154	0
Gozjack	6	81	1
Tart	3	44	0
Pruette	3	44	1
Dean	1	39	0
Jarvis	2	12	0

INDIVIDUAL PUNTING			
Player	Punts	Yds.	Ave.
Gozjack	27	833	30.8
Tart	3	94	31.3

PUNT RETURNS			
Player	Ret.	Longest	Yds.
Tart	7	13	70
Pruette	1	20	20
Johnson	2	4	4

KICKOFF RETURNS			
Player	Ret.	Longest	Yds.
Stewart	4	50	108
Pruette	3	21	56
Tart	2	19	35
Rovere	2	23	32
Johnson	2	21	27
Berdosh	1	0	0

A well-balanced ground assault and a potent threat through the air has featured the play of the Fighting Christians during the early season of the 1963 football campaign, and the driving legs of a number of very fine Elon backs has kept the Christian atop the Carolinas Conference in rushing yardage until past mid-season.

Such stars as Willie Tart, Fred Stewart and Sonny Pruette have split the individual honors for the Christians in ground assault, with others like Clayton Johnson, Alex Burnette and Ken Rovere pounding out a fair share of yardage.

Strawberry-topped Ed Wheless, who moved in as a junior newcomer to grab the quarterback spot with the Christians this fall, has provided Elon with a dangerous passing threat. The Christian chunker had his best day of the early season when he tossed for 135 yards against Carson-Newman, but he averaged better than 60 yards a game for the season's first six games.

Statistics compiled for the first six games of the 10-game campaign showed that Willie Tart, speedy senior halfback, was leading Elon rushing and total offense with 327 yards, gained on 62 rushes for an average of 5.3 yards each time he handled the ball.

Rushing has not been Tart's only threat, either, for he had grabbed three passes for 44 yards, had returned seven punts for 70 yards and had lugged back two kickoffs for 35 yards. A bit of arithmetic revealed that the speedy senior had moved the ball a combined total of 476 yards, well beyond the quarter-mile distance which he runs for the track team in the spring.

When Ed Wheless completed seven of fifteen tosses for 135 yards against Carson-Newman, he pushed his total aerial gains to 374 yards for the season, but he had been forced to take 60 yards in rushing losses when trapped on pass plays, and his total offense for the first six games of the year was only 314 yards, good for second spot in the total offense columns.

One of the big reasons why Ed Wheless has developed into a potent passing threat during the year has been the sticky fingers of big Dan Kelley, Christian end. Kelley grabbed 9 passes in the first six games for a total of 154 yards.

Right behind him in pass catching has been John Gozjack, his flanker mate, with 6 catches for 81 yards.

The complete figures for the Elon team and for the Christian individuals for the first six battles of the year, compiled prior to the contest with Catawba, are as follows:

Elon Loses A Friend

Elonites were saddened on October 2nd by the death of Mr. D. V. Andrew, father of Dewey and Howard Andrew, Elon cage stars. The memory of this truly benevolent man will live long in the minds of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

JOHNSON RETURNS TO ACTION



Clayton Johnson, one of the fastest halfbacks in the Carolinas Conference, has returned to action in recent games on the Elon schedule after being out with injuries through much of the Elon campaign. The former Graham High star, who was a starting halfback when the season began, has both speed and power, and few ball carriers in the Conference can turn the corner on wide plays better than he does.

Elon Football

- Elon 6, Frederick 7.
- Elon 14, Emory-Henry 15.
- Elon 28, Guilford 7
- Elon 16, Appalachian 13
- Elon 0, East Carolina 6
- Elon 7, Carson-Newman 6.
- Elon 7, Catawba 12.
- Nov. 2—West Carolina, home.
- Nov. 9—Newberry, away.
- Nov. 16—Lenoir Rhyne, away.

The Fighting Christian gridders, who face the tough Western Carolina Catawba in Elon's annual Homecoming Day battle in Burlington Stadium at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, are still very much in the race for the Carolinas Conference title in spite of last week's loss to Catawba.

However, that 12-7 defeat in Salisbury last Saturday turned tomorrow's battle with Western Carolina into a "must win" game for the Christians. In fact, it turned every battle left on the Elon schedule into a "must" contest.

The Appalachian eleven, having already finished its Conference play with a 4-1 record, can win the title only if Elon and Catawba both lose two tilts. The Christians and Indians are both showing one loss at this stage of the season, and neither can take another loss and still claim the title.

Right now, the Christians face a tougher road than does Catawba, or Elon must still face Western Carolina, Newberry and Lenoir

Rhyne. Catawba still has to play Guilford and Lenoir Rhyne. If neither Elon nor Catawba lose, then the two teams would tie for the crown, with Appalachian third.

All of which boils down to the fact that Elon must turn back the Catawba tomorrow, and anyone who thinks that will be easy should check that bare 21-20 win which Lenoir Rhyne chalked at Cullowhee last weekend. Fans who rated the

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Elon Eleven Ekes 7 To 6 Win At Carson-Newman

Nimble fingers and an alert eye for loose footballs proved the deciding factor when the Fighting Christians of Elon College used a pair of recovered fumbles — one after an Elon bobble and another following a Carson-Newman miscue — to defeat the Carson-Newman Eagles 7 to 6 at Jefferson City, Tenn., on Saturday afternoon, October 19th.

The Christians moved quickly following the first kick-off, hammering out an impressive 76-yard drive for the Elon score. It required the Christians only ten plays to move into pay dirt after Sonny Pruette had returned the first kick-off from his own five to the twenty-four.

There were two Elon fumbles during the drive, but the Christians recovered both of them, with the second recovery in the Carson-Newman end zone resulting in the Christian score. The first Elon bobble came at the Christian 35-yard marker and could have ended the threat right there, but Elon recovered and kept on moving.

There were four first-and-tens during the scoring journey, including a 12-yard pass from Ed Wheless to Dan Kelley and a 38-yard trek by Sonny Pruette which carried to the Eagles' 12-yard marker.

Big Fred Stewart picked up a pair of yards and then Willie Tart took off for the final ten yards, only to fumble the ball and see the pigskin squirt into the end zone. It was there that the Elon alertness and nimble fingers came into play, for Dan Kelley pounced on the loose ball to give Elon the touchdown. Bobby Ferrell, Elon's true-toe tackle, booted the extra point for the 7-0 lead.

That was Elon's only score, but the Christians threatened on several other occasions, only to have pesky penalties turn them back from touchdown land. The Elon score had come with 9:30 left in the first quarter, and Elon overcame a 15-

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Carson-Newman	
12	First Downs	11
179	Yards Gain Rushing	176
12	Yards Lost Rushing	13
167	Net Yards Rushing	163
15	Passes Attempted	6
7	Passes Completed	2
135	Yards Gain Passing	7
302	Total Gains Scrimmage	170
1	Opp. Passes Intercepted	1
0	Runback Interc. Passes	6
7	Number Of Punts	8
29.1	Ave. Yards Punts	35.4
86	Runback All Kicks	67
0	Fumbles Lost	1
92	Yards Penalties	5

Scorer By Periods:
Elon 7 0 0-7
Carson-Newman 0 0 0-6
Elon Touchdown — Kelley (recovered fumble in end zone after 10-yard gain by Tart). Extra Point — Ferrell (placement). Carson-Newman Touchdown — Worthington (1-run).

yard penalty to drive to the Eagle twenty for a field goal try that failed early in the second period. Later in that same quarter the Christians were on the enemy thirty-six, and Wheless tossed 34 yards to Kelley to the Carson-Newman eleven on the final play of the half.

There were two other occasions in the second half when the Elon gridders pounded and passed their way to the Carson-Newman thirty-five and thirty-three, only to have 15-yard penalties set the Maroon and Gold eleven back on its heels. Altogether, the Elon gridders were hit with 92 yards in penalties during the game, more penalty yardage than Elon had suffered in any two combined tilts this fall.

The Carson-Newman gridders, playing before a Homecoming crowd, failed to offer any sustained drive in the first half, but Jimmy (Continued On Page Four)

Spotlighting The Fighting Christians

By TOM CORBITT

Welcome Alumni

To our returning alumni and friends, may I say welcome home. You have established a fine tradition and it is my hope that through this Homecoming program you can see that we are building upon the foundation that you laid. Here's hoping your weekend is enjoyable, and, by the way, come back to see us more often.

Intellectual Atmosphere

As the Elon gridders boarded the bus for Carson-Newman, I noticed that most of them were carrying text books. But, once we got started, the boys broke out their comic books, and everyone read comics for five hours.

The intellectual tastes on my side of the bus ran mainly to "Superman" and "Batman," with Charlie Strigo, McDonald, Big John, Robinson, Willie Tart and Cameron Little among the group. Joe Dawson, Broadway, Scott Crabtree and Richard Thompson favored "War Combat," "Straight Arrow" and "Tim Holt."

Coach Tucker made some comment about some other kind of book but settled for "Donald Duck" and "Uncle Scrooge." On Friday night, however, the boys hurried over to the Carson-Newman Library to study, and you could just see the looks on the Carson-Newman students they met. Bet they were saying, "Gee, I'll bet they study a lot."

Carson-Newman College
A football visitor to the Carson-Newman campus gets some interesting impressions of the Tennessee college, which has about the same enrollment as Elon, although the campus itself is larger than ours, and they have some very impressive buildings, including eight new ones built in the past four years.

All the dorms are of colonial style, but the science building, student center, dining hall and athletic building are of modern architecture. There are four girls' dorms and two boys' dorms. One of the boys' dorms, being of the same vintage as our East Dorm, is much larger and is called "The Barn."

Brother, they have two nice swimming pools there. I will say his about that excuse me, JFK. I believe their boys' pool is larger than the Elon pool, but our pool is bigger than their girls' pool. The Elon squad stayed in the basement of the athletic building, which provided fine facilities and sleeping space for 40 persons. Each major sport has its own space, with separate provisions for PE classes.

It is interesting that the CN cage team, which downed Western Carolina 37-36 last year, rated sixth in the nation. The Stokeley Memorial Cafeteria was beautiful. Students pay for meals according to what they get. I found their food better than ours, but I paid 94 cents and \$1.03 for the two meals I got. We pay far less at Elon and get a greater quantity. They had milk and tea machines of the push-button type.

On the Friday evening we were there, the Carson-Newman football team was serving. They carried the girls' trays to the tables and courteously held the girls chairs for them. Taking one's tray up consisted of placing it on a moving belt.

The Carson-Newman library was smaller than Elon's and had fewer books. Socially the college did not impress me. The Baptist institution does not allow dancing, and fraternities are forbidden, although men have two societies. I was told that

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