

Elon Must Topple Lenoir Rhyne To Win Loop Title

Catamounts Break Elon Victory Mark 21 To 20

By TOM CORBITT
The fourth quarter passing of Freshman quarterback Jim Williams and the place kicking of Van Stayton turned Halloween into a nightmare for the Elon College Fighting Christians as Western Carolina came from twenty points behind to hand Elon its first defeat of the 1964 season by a 21-20 score in the fourth quarter at Cullowhee on Saturday night, October 31st.

Williams, who started the season as the Catamounts' third string quarterback, passed for one touchdown and ran for two more, setting up all three with his aerial acrobatics in the Catamount scoring spree in the final nine minutes.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	West Carolina
6	12
185	85
57	25
128	60
17	23
9	18
185	247
313	307
4	1
23	0
7	7
34.9	34.4
90	102
3	1
73	5

SCORE BY PERIODS

Elon	0	6	8	6	20
West Carolina	0	0	0	21	21

Elon Touchdowns — Gentry (66-run), Stewart (51-pass from Wheelless), Harrison (64-pass from Wheelless). **Extra Points —** Pruette 2 (pass from Wheelless). **West Carolina Touchdowns —** Holden (31-pass from Williams), Williams 2 (1-run, 1-run). **Extra Points —** Stayton 3 (placements).

The Fighting Christians, who entered the game with a 5-0 record for top honors in the Carolinas Conference and a number five ranking, tallied their first TD in the second quarter on the 66-yard run of freshman David Gentry. The conversion by Bobby Ferrell was wide and Elon led 6-0 at halftime.

Elon added a second touchdown late in the third quarter on a 51-yard swing pass from quarterback Ed Wheelless to Fred Stewart. Wheelless threw to Sonny Pruette for the two-point conversion and a 14-0 Christian spread. The final Christian scoring play came on a 63-yard bomb from Wheelless to end Rex Harrison with 12:25 remaining in the final quarter.

The Christians' cause was dealt a fatal blow by penalties, two touchdowns being nullified by whistles and falling flags. In the second quarter, Joe Dawson intercepted a Williams pass on the Elon 3-yard line and raced all the way behind a score of blockers, only to have

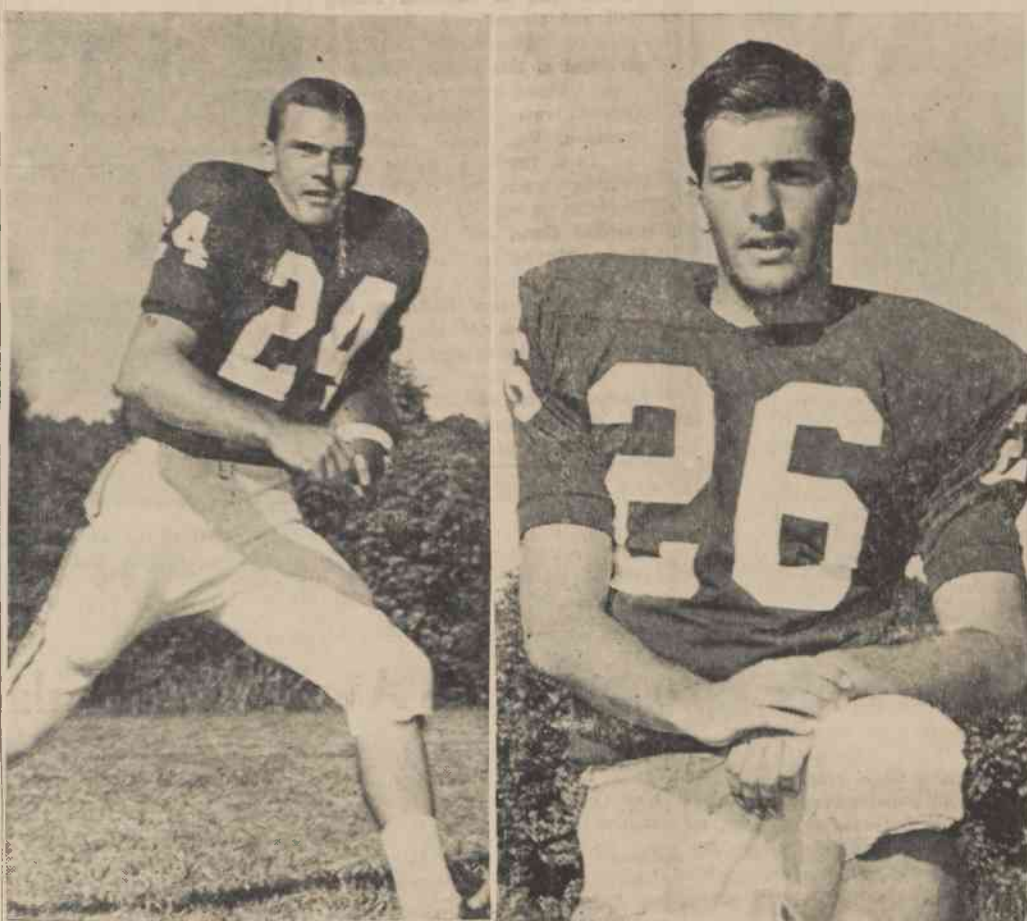
the play called back and the ball returned to Western Carolina. Following the Christians' final score, Williams dropped back and passed on first down from the Catamount thirty-three. Lamar Clark intercepted his safety-valve pass on the WCC thirty and raced all the way. A clipping penalty brought the ball back to the Catamount 41-yard line. The Christians were penalized a total of 73 yards for the evening, against 5 yards for Western Carolina.

With 10 minutes remaining in the game, Elon lost the ball on downs at the Catamount forty. An Elon personal foul gave WCC a first down at their own 47-yard line. On first down, Williams passed to Larry McDonald, who lateralled to tailback Ellis Johnson for a 23-yard gain and a WCC first down on the Elon thirty. On the next play Williams threw 30 yards for a touchdown to Leroy Holden. Van Stayton added the placement.

The Christians returned the kickoff to the twenty-six, but were penalized half the distance to the goal for a personal foul. On fourth down, Joe Dawson's punt went off

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SECONDARY DEFENDERS FOR COMANCHERO UNIT



High praise has gone to the famed Elon Comancheros, the Christian defensive unit, for its repeated goal line stands against enemy assaults this season, and many fans have watched with closest interest the bone-jarring tackles of the big Christian linemen. Not all of the credit, however, belongs to those big and tough linemen, for Elon has also had a crew of fine secondary defenders in the backfield. Two of the backfield stars of the Comancheros are pictured above in Sonny Pruette, junior safety man from Roanoke Rapids, and Ron Foresta, a freshman halfback from Brooklyn, N. Y. Third member of the backfield defensive trio, not shown here, is Lamar Clark, a junior halfback from Lexington, who has already intercepted five enemy passes this fall.



Spotlighting The Fighting Christians

By TOM CORBITT

"Home cooking" is a polite term for favoritism on the part of officials toward the home team during an athletic contest.

Had Elon defeated Western Carolina two weeks ago over in Cullowhee, the Elon coaching staff would have stated quite emphatically that in their opinion, the officiating in the Elon - Western Carolina game was characterized by qualities other than those which could be considered fair and impartial.

Now when a team loses a game, all excuses are taboo. Society tells us that we must accept our defeats gracefully, that we must be good sports. The "honorable competitor" is not beaten by poor officiating or bad breaks, he is beaten fairly and squarely by a better team.

Years from now, Elon College will look back on 1964 as the year when the Fighting Christians almost compiled a perfect 10-0 season. History will show that the Christians' only loss came as Western Carolina came from behind to

score 21 points in the fourth quarter and defeat Elon 21-20.

The statistics of the game will show that the two teams played a fairly even game, with both teams gaining total yardage over 300 yds. And then, if the observer happens to look further down the list to yards penalized, the statistics will show that Elon was penalized 73 yards and Western Carolina was penalized 5 yards.

The statistics will not say that Elon had two touchdowns nullified by penalties.

History will not show that late in the second quarter as Western Carolina drove deep into Elon territory, Joe Dawson intercepted a Jim Williams pass on the Elon three and raced all the way for a touchdown, only to have the entire play nullified and the ball returned to Western Carolina.

This might have seemed strange to future generations, for on the snap of the ball, a penalty marker was thrown for offensive holding by Western Carolina, and as Dawson raced downfield, another flag was thrown on the Western Carolina 46-yard line for clipping by Elon.

Now on such a play, future generations would probably tell us that on such a play, Elon would refuse the holding penalty to get the ball on the interception, and Western Carolina would accept the clipping penalty on the forty-six to nullify the touchdown and move the ball back to the Elon 39-yard line.

But, however archaic our present game of football may appear in the future, it would not be believed that the ball was given back to Western Carolina as the penalties "nullified each other." Also, future generations would not know that the game films revealed that Elon was not clipping after all.

Neither would future generations believe that as halfback David Gentry was tackled on a big pileup, a certain Western Carolina player down on the bottom of the pile starting biting Gentry's leg, and as Gentry tried to remove his leg from the mouth of the Catamount, Elon was penalized 15 yards for kicking (a personal foul).

And if the game films were

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Christians Face Bears In Final Home Contest

Elon Football

The Fighting Christians can clinch their first full Carolinas Conference grid championship in almost a quarter century if they can turn back a rapidly-improving Lenoir Rhyne grid squad at Burlington Memorial Stadium tomorrow night, but no victory over a Bruin eleven ever comes easy.

It is true that the Fighting Christian outfit rolled for an impressive 40 to 7 triumph over the Bears at Hickory last fall, but even that win required one of the most outstanding performances ever turned in by an Elon football squad, a performance which included a record-smashing individual effort by Ed Wheelless, Elon's strawberry-thatched quarterback.

The Christians moved to within one victory of clinching the 1964 Conference crown when they chalked a 29 to 6 victory over the Newberry Indians last weekend, but that same night saw the Lenoir Rhyne squad roll hot for a 27 to 3 victory over one of the finest of all Frederick grid teams.

The power of the Lenoir Rhyne threat against Elon's titular hopes looms the larger in view of that overwhelming victory over Frederick, for the Lions from Virginia Tidewater had previously trampled Emory and Henry 25 to 6, a far bigger score than Elon made against the Wasps. They also downed Newberry 27 to 6 and had defeated Catawba 17 to 14, chalking almost identical scores with Elon

- Elon 14, Emory and Henry 6.
 - Elon 15, Guilford 6.
 - Elon 28, Appalachian 7.
 - Elon 9, Camp Lejeune 7.
 - Elon 31, Carson-Newman 6.
 - Elon 22, Catawba 17.
 - Elon 20, West Carolina 21.
 - Elon 29, Newberry 6.
- (Remaining Games)
Nov. 14—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
Nov. 21—Frederick, away.

against the Newberry and Catawba squads.

The fact that Lenoir Rhyne won with such ease and by such a margin against Frederick indicates quite clearly that Elon will have to be at peak of form to turn back the Bears this weekend. The Bears also defeated Appalachian and Western Carolina in Conference battles, and Coach Hanley Painter's eleven are now in second place behind league-leading Elon in the conference title race and can keep in the championship running by defeating the Christians.

A bare victory over the Bears will clinch the Conference honors for Elon, but Coach Tucker's boys will have to roll impressively if they hope to move back up in the national NAIA ratings. However, most of the Elon fans will be happy with a win, let the score be what it may.

ELON HAS FINE FROSH GRIDDERS ON ROSTER

By TOM CORBITT

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As the 1964 football season moves toward its conclusion, it is more and more evident how much contribution Elon's freshman gridgers are making toward the success of the Fighting Christian eleven. The following player sketches are continuation of the series of such sketches which was started in last issue of the Maroon and Gold.

LEE JOHNSON — Hgt. 6-2, Wt. 185. Lee graduated from Asheboro High, Asheboro, N. C. in 1962. He spent last year at Carolina Military School. Johnson recently was switched to a guard position from center. In High School he was All-Conference, All State. He played in the East-West game and was elected MVP of his high school team. Needless to say, "he should be good."

MICKEY HUGHES — Hgt. 5-7, Wt. 175. **DICKEY HUGHES** — Hgt. 5-11, Wt. 175. The Hughes twins come to Elon from near-by Gra-

ham. Both were standouts at Graham High and Coach Tucker reports that both are making "a real effort."

CAREY METTS — Hgt. 6-1, Wt. 220. Metts rates among the most promising freshmen on the squad. He plays on the kickoff team, the kickoff return team, and the punt return team. His hometown is Greensboro and Carey played high school football at Greensboro Page. Carey was named to the first team of the Central 4-A Conference last year and received honorable mention on the All-State team. He also played in the North-South game.

BURGIN BEALE — Hgt. 6-2, Wt. 185. Burgin lettered in football, basketball and baseball at George Washington High, Danville, Va. He is an outstanding passer but was sidelined the first of the season with a shoulder separation.

PERRY WILLIAMS — Hgt. 5-11, Wt. 194. Perry rates as "very strong, with a bright future." He led the Oxford Orphanage of Oxford, N. C., to a 6-3 record and was All Eastern 3A Conference his junior and senior years and All East his senior year, playing in the North-South All-Star game.

GARY JORDAN — Hgt. 5-11, Wt. 210. Jordan lives outside Suffolk, Va., but played his football at nearby Holland High School. He was All District in his junior and senior years, All State his senior year, and was elected MVP of his team. Gary is very fast and should develop into an Elon All-Time great. Jordan plays on the kickoff receiving team and punting team.

DAVID GENTRY — Hgt. 5-7, Wt. 165. Gentry led Edneville High of Hendersonville, N. C., to an 8-2 record last season. He blossomed into the most promising freshman this season by scoring three touchdowns against Appalachian. David plays on the kickoff receiving team, the punt return team, and moved into the Christian starting offense against Catawba.

Gentry also brought quite a list of credits to Elon. He was All-Conference his sophomore and senior years and First Team All Western North Carolina his senior year. He was also named Player of the Year by the Hendersonville News.

David also played basketball, track, and baseball. He was All-Conference in all three sports last

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Five New Elon Records Set

This fine Christian grid squad of 1964 has already set five new individual season records for Elon's all-time annals, and fleet David Gentry, the limber-legged freshman from Hendersonville, has credit for four of them. The fifth new season mark is credited to Scott Crabtree, junior center from Durham.

The new records for Gentry include most kick-off returns and most combined returns of all kicks (both punts and kick-offs), along with new marks for most yards of returns of both kick-offs and combined kicks. The new mark for Crabtree is for most opponent's fumbles recovered in a season. The new marks follow, along with the old ones broken:

MOST KICK-OFF RETURNS: Gentry 14 — old mark 13, by Kerry Richards in 1956 and Willie Tart in 1963.

MOST COMBINED KICK RETURNS: Gentry 24 — old mark 23, by Willie Tart in 1962.

MOST YARDS KICK-OFF RETURNS: Gentry 402 — old mark 274 by John Platt in 1953.



DAVID GENTRY

MOST YARDS COMBINED KICK RETURNS: Gentry 495 — old mark 412 by Willie Tart in 1962.

MOST OPPONENTS FUMBLES: Crabtree 4 — old mark 3, by Glenn Varney and Chuck Maynard in 1954, Dean Yates in 1960 and John DalCin in 1961.

WORKING BEHIND SCENES FOR ELON GRIDDERS



Just as the stage crew of a great Broadway play, working unseen behind the curtains, contributes much to the success of the show, so does the managerial staff of a football team work unheralded and unsung behind the scenes to help make the grid show a success. The managerial and trainer staff for the Elon Christians this year is shown above. Left to right, they are Donald Weed, assistant trainer; Michael Babb, manager; Ralph Mizelle, manager; Jerry Holmes, manager; and Kenneth Harper, head manager and trainer.