

Elon Gridders Gain 1964 Conference Championship

Christians Clinch Crown In 7-7 Tie With Bears



Elon Football

The Elon College football squad had to prove its right to the Fighting Christian name by coming from behind to tie the Lenoir Rhyne Bears 7 to 7 in Burlington Stadium on Saturday night, November 14th, scoring in the final moments of the first half for the tie that clinched for Elon her first Conference grid title in twenty-three years.

- 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.
- Elon 7, Lenoir Rhyne 7.
- Elon 48, Frederick 7.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Lenoir Rhyne
11	12
150	145
23	50
127	95
18	17
8	8
75	85
202	180
2	1
5	21
8	6
39.0	37.5
43	126
0	1
45	63

SCORE BY PERIODS:

Elon	0	7	0	0	7
Lenoir Rhyne	7	0	0	0	7

Elon Touchdown — Stewart (5-run). Extra Point — Ferrell (placement). Lenoir Rhyne Touchdown — Vivian (3-run). Extra Point — Joyner (placement).

The Christians won the title, but the titular finale did not go according to plan, for the fired-up Bears drove for a touchdown the first time they got the ball, hammering their way for 67 yards in barely 15 plays after receiving an Elon punt.

The key play of this scoring march was a fourth down pass from Tom Brown to Jerry Rhodes for 16 yards to the Elon five, with Eric Vivian catching the pass from here in two carries. Ed Joyner kicked good.

and Lenoir Rhyne was ahead 7 to 0 with 5:25 left in the first quarter. Neither team could mount a sustained drive in the remainder of the half, but the Christians recovered a Mike Campbell fumble at the Lenoir Rhyne sixteen as the second period was running out. From the sixteen Elon moved the ball to paydirt in just five plays, with Fred Stewart hammering around end from the five for the score. Bobby Ferrell kicked good for the 7-7 tie and the 1964 Conference title.

As far as the scoring went, that was the ball game, for the tremendous punting by Elon's Joe Dawson and Lenoir Rhyne's Wayne Bell sent both teams back deep into their own territory time after time during the game. Neither boy averaged 40 yards due to one bad punt each, but both were really putting a toe into the ball the rest of the day.

The Christians got their only outstanding drive underway late in the game after halting Lenoir Rhyne at the Elon twelve and seeing a Bruin field goal try go wild. Starting from their own twenty, the Christians elected to go for a score instead of holding the tie, and they marched to the Bear four.

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Spotlighting The Fighting Christians

By TOM CORBITT



The Elon College 1964 football season is now a matter for the record books, for the Fighting Christians compiled an 8-1-1 record, the best ten-game season record in the history of the college. This record gave the Christians the undisputed championship of the Carolinas Conference, an honor which has evaded the college for the last 23 years.

Elon dominated the Greensboro Daily News 1964 Carolinas Conference All-Star Team, placing six players on the 22-man team. On the Daily News All-State team, one Fighting Christian is listed and another received honorable mention.

In a truly remarkable "Cinderella story," for the first time in the history of the college, an Elon player was drafted by the National Football League, and the selection came on the fifth round of the selections.

In team and individual statistics, the Christians dominated the conference, and, after supposedly losing a bowl bid with a 7-7 tie against Lenoir Rhyne, the Christians came back to defeat Frederick 48-7 in the final game and closed the season in a blaze of glory.

Yet, despite this record, it has been said in some circles that in 1964 the Christians were a disappointment. It has been said that the team lacked spirit. Supporters of this theory tell us that the team was never really "up" for any of the games. Others have said that there was friction on the team. Another belief is that several of the players did not play as best they could.

At the beginning of the season, it was felt by many that Elon was destined for a bowl game. Thus the loss to Western Carolina and the tie with Lenoir Rhyne were disappointments. It may be that our hopes and aspirations were set too high and were unobtainable.

It is more likely, however, that these accusations are untrue or at least involve theories that deal with intangibles which can never be proved. It is even more likely that such statements are unwarranted and based on purely personal prejudices.

And it is a fact that the proponents of such views are the reason behind the common belief that Elon lacks school spirit. Proponents of such slurs falsely attribute this lack of spirit to the performance of the team.

These Saturday night and Monday morning quarterbacks and disgruntled members of the college community are incongruous with the record of other schools in the area of school spirit. Notable examples are the students of Wake Forest and Guilford, which sup-

ported their teams through long losing years.

These members of the Elon College community are of the belief that Elon should consider their support, not only in athletics but in all phases of education, a privilege. Of such was the silent multitude of 6,500 at the Lenoir Rhyne game.

It is this disgruntled element that forces us to continually stop and evaluate athletic programs. Among these people, success is measured in the absolute quality of the "win." These negative thinkers reject the statement "it is not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game." These undesirables attempt to make college athletics a do-or-die proposition and a business.

The critics, the underminers and the pessimists will always exist at Elon and in society. Their derogatory remarks will continue to distract from that which is praiseworthy. But in 1964 these voices from the lowest depths shall inherit the wind, for in 1964 the record of Elon's championship football squad will speak for itself.

ANDREW GOES UP FOR BASKET



Howard Andrew, elongated Elon center and forward, is pictured above as he went up for a bucket in the season opener with the Wofford Terriers on the Elon floor on Tuesday night, December 1st. The battle which netted a 65-64 squeaker for Elon was a real cliff-hanger all the way, and Andrew chipped in nine points toward the Christian win.

The Fighting Christian football squad, which won for Elon her first unshared Conference grid championship since 1941 while posting a very fine 8-1-1 record for the 1964 grid campaign, is pictured above. Those pictured, left to right by rows follows: FRONT ROW — Ralph Mizelle, manager; Gary Jordan, David Gentry, Tom Brown, Clayton Johnson, H. L. Robinson, Tyrone McDuffie, David Oliphant, Walter Lucke, Mickey Hughes, Dickey Hughes, Jerry Hogge and Bill Mason. SECOND ROW — Ken Harper, trainer and manager; Carey Metts, Bobby Ferrell, Ron Foresta, Lamar Clark, Ray Wilson, Randy Warren, Zack Broadway, Sonny Pruette, Spencer Davis, Stewart McDonald, Perry Williams, Eddie Hinkle and Joe Dawson. TAIL END ROW — Jerry Holmes, manager; Alex Burnette, Joe Robinson, Burgin Beale, Scott Crabtree, Ed Wheless, Morris Thomas, Lee Johnson, Tommy Mitchell, Pete Jarvis, Richard Williamson, Darrell Morgan, Charles Allgood, Gene Brewer and Coach George Tucker. BACK ROW — Doug Amick, Fred Stewart, Gary Rowe, Mike Ray, A. W. McGee, Frankie Briley, Dale Ward, Rex Harrison, Richard Lee, Mackie Green, Gene Higgins, Gary Karriker, Larry Smith, Coach Alan White and Coach Gary Matlocks.

Elon Defeats Wofford By 65 To 64

Richard Such laid up the clutch basket with barely 1:13 on the clock as the Fighting Christian cagers opened their 1964-65 basketball campaign with a nerve-tingling 65 to 64 victory over the Wofford Terriers on the Elon floor on Tuesday night, December 1st.

The Christians had trailed by ten points with less than seven minutes left in the game, but Coach Miller's boys put on a full court press that effectively halted the Terrier scoring and gave Elon a chance to narrow

the gap and set the stage for Such's winning basket.

High-jumping Jesse Branson spearheaded the Christians' scoring attack with 22 points, hitting 12 of 13 from the charity stripe. Such was the only other Christian in double figures.

Hot-handed George Lyons of Wofford took scoring honors, however, canning 12 field goals and four of five free throws for 23 points. He racked up 17 the first half while the Terriers marched

to a 36-34 halftime advantage. Buddy Hayes added 19 tallies for the losers.

At 31-61 with 6:50 left in the game, Elon applied the full court press and the Terriers could not cope with the pressure. The Christians scored only five points during the remaining time while Elon was piling in 14 points.

Such got the winning basket with a layup, but the Terriers took several more shots before conceding. They fired twice in the last 15 seconds.

The line-ups:
Pos.—Elon (65) Wofford (64)
F—Branson (22) Crabtree (9)
F—Such (10) Lyons (23)
C—Andrew (9) Pagram (6)
G—A. Davis (8) Hayes (11)
G—Winfrey (8) Broome (9)
Half-time: Wofford 35, Elon 34
Elon sub — Atkins 8, Wofford sub — Lemmons.

Wheless Paces Attack In 48-7 Frederick Win

The Elon College Christians, champions of the Carolinas Conference, proved their championship class in no uncertain style as they demolished the Frederick Lions by both air and land and posted an overwhelming 48 to 7 victory over the Tidewater outfit in the final game of Elon's 1964 campaign at Frederick on Saturday, November 21st.

Ed Wheless, the red-head with the Atomic Arm, wound up his Elon career in style as blazing as his hair when he completed 16 of 34 passes for 275 yards, with four of his tosses going for touchdowns. One of his TD throws was an 89 yard bit of collaboration with speedy David Gentry, a play which set a new Elon record for the longest pass play in Christian history.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Frederick
21	4
214	91
50	45
164	46
36	16
18	3
283	11
347	57
0	4
0	66
3	8
34.3	34.9
48	122
0	4
45	63

SCORE BY PERIODS:

Elon	13	21	7	7	48
Frederick	0	0	7	0	7

Elon Touchdowns — Gentry 3 (7-pass from Wheless, 6-run, 89-pass from Wheless), Stewart 2 (13-pass from Wheless, 8-pass from Wheless), Amick (3-run), Pruette (27-run with fumble). Extra Points — Ferrell 6 (placement). Frederick Touchdown — Putnam (11-run). Extra Point — Kollowski (placement).

David Gentry, the fleet little freshman halfback, had another great day as he personally scored three of Elon's seven touchdowns. In addition to his 89-yard TD pass from Wheless, Gentry also took a 7-yard scoring aerial and ran over from the six to climax another Elon scoring drive.

Fred Stewart, the big 220-pounder who teams with the tiny Gentry at the starting halfback posts for the Christians, also had a fine day as he closed out the season Stewart

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Falcons Upset Elon Quintet

The Christian cagers were off to a hot start but cooled to a marked degree in later stages of the game as they dropped a 68 to 66 decision

to the Pfeiffer Falcons in a Carolinas Conference battle here on Saturday night, December 5th. The upset loss to the Falcons set Elon off to a bad start on its bid for Conference honors for the new campaign.

Jesse Branson, Elon's All-American forward, dumped in the first bucket seconds after the first whistle and Howard Andrew and Art Davis joined Branson in building an 18-10 Elon margin in the first ten minutes of the game, but the eager Falcons brought the Christian romp to a halt as Johnnie Miller and Larry Lentz collaborated in a Pfeiffer rally which netted 13 points before Elon got another field goal.

The best Elon could offer during the Falcon sweep was a pair of singleton free throws, and Pfeiffer was ahead 23 to 20 with only five minutes left in the half. The Falcons went on to post a 31-26 edge as the first half ended.

The Christians came back with a gallant effort early in the final half, with Bobby Atkins and Dave Winfrey joining Branson in pulling Elon to a brief lead at 40-39 in the first five minutes after intermission, but the Maroon and Gold cagers could not hold the edge. Pfeiffer quickly tied the count and moved to the front to lead by seven at 46-49, and Coach Francis Essoc's boys staved off a belated Elon bid to win the decision.

The Elon cagers put four men in double figures, with Bobby Atkins topping the point column with 16 counters, trailed by Jesse Branson with 15, Howard Andrew with 14 and Dave Winfrey with 10 markers. Danny Carver led the winning Falcons with 19, followed by Larry Lentz with 16 and Johnnie Miller with 13 points.

The line-ups:
Pos. Elon (66) Pfeiffer (68)
F—Branson (15) Lawson (5)
F—Such (4) Williford (6)
C—Andrew (14) Carver (19)
G—Davis (7) Wynne (9)
G—Winfrey (10) Miller (16)
Half-time: Pfeiffer 31, Elon 28.
Elon sub — Atkins 16, Pfeiffer sub — 16.

THEY LEAD CHRISTIAN CAGERS



The leaders of the Fighting Christian cagers, who have already started their bid for honors in the new 1964-65 basketball campaign, are pictured above. They are Dave Winfrey, left, a senior guard from Louisville, Ky., and Jesse Branson, a towering senior forward, who hails from right here in Alamance County. Branson won All-American honors last season and went on to the finals of the Olympic trials in New York City as a representative of the NAIA colleges. Both Winfrey and Branson are now starting their fourth seasons in Maroon and Gold uniforms, and fans are pulling for them to make their final campaign their best one.