

Elon Baseballers Top New England Nine In Two Battles

Christian Scratch Sheet

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In a February issue of the Maroon and Gold there was a column on athletics in the small college. This article made an attempt to bring out the shortcomings in many of the aspects of small college athletics, but it did not provide any solution to these shortcomings.

In the following issue of the paper, on March 2nd, I made a "half-way decent" (so I am told) attempt to defend athletics. As I expected, the March 16th issue contained a reaction to my reaction.

This made good reading and I enjoyed it. I do not feel that my first article dealing with athletics needs any rebuttal, so I will try to discuss the subsequent rebuttal to my article in a manner that might be pleasing even to Socrates.

Item I: The February 18th article concerning small college athletics made four accusations. First, the author stated that there is too much emphasis on athletics in college. Secondly, the article stated that many coaches have too much control over athletes. In the author's third accusation, he insinuated that a coach should not be able to take an athlete out of one sport to practice another sport. Lastly, the article reported that in many small colleges there is friction between the athletic committee and the coaches.

Item II: On March 2nd, I expressed my feelings on small college athletics with reference to the February 18th article. In this column I discussed the so-called over-emphasis of athletics in the small college and the scholarships connected with this emphasis, the control of college coaches over their athletes, the prejudices between professors and athletes, and some achievements made by former athletes in fields other than sports.

Item III: The Maroon and Gold of March 16th contained a column that was subtitled "Reaction and Rationalism". I had made the statement in my column that if Elon had 70 scholarships instead of 35, it would show an improvement in sports. The author of the "R and R" column compared this statement with one of his own. He said that if everybody had a million dollars, they could all buy a Cadillac.

Personally, I do not see anything wrong with everybody being able to afford a Cadillac (I guess the author does not believe in L.B.J.'s Great Society). He went on to say that money is more needed for a science building. Well, I guarantee that if everybody had one million dollars, there would be a new science building.

Elon Net Squad Showing Improvement This Season

The Elon College tennis team, with almost completely new players this spring, is showing great improvement over the Christian net outfits of recent years, for the Christian racket wielders have already won more games and more sets in four meets played this spring than they have won in any one season in recent years.

The Christian tennis squad last year dropped seven straight decisions and managed to win only two individual matches out of forty-nine played. Thus far this spring, the Elon netters have not managed a team victory, but they have shown steady improvement and have increased their individual match victories in each succeeding team match played.

The tennis team opened the season by dropping a 9 to 0 decision to the powerful Carolina Freshmen, a yearling crew which is packed with stars destined to move up to a Carolina varsity that has

The author of this column next went on to defend himself on a matter of which he was not accused of, i.e., he stated that he never said that any athlete was stupid or incompetent. All I said in my column, which he was answering, was that there are many athletes who did well in other areas aside from sports.

In commenting on coach control and professor control, the author reacted in a way which I expected. He said, concerning intellectual control, "Would you rather be a Socrates for a second or an amoeba for an hour?" Even though I doubt that these intellectual giants are in the Socrates mold, I will say that an amoeba accomplishes more vital processes in one hour than Socrates or any other human can accomplish in one day or even one year.

Next, the author asks me why should the recruiting coach have "supreme" control over the athlete that he has recruited. He asks whether this is professionalism. He then asks whether I would recommend a coach saying "all I want my players to do is make D's, and the rest of the time is mine."

First, I will say that I do not know of any school that gives the coach supreme power over his recruit. As far as the term professionalism is applied here, I cannot agree. In small colleges especially, there are very few benefits an athlete can receive that would bring about professionalism.

In reference to his question about the coaches concern with his athletes making only D's, I think this is ridiculous. Most athletes who make only D's will not be in school very long, due to failure to maintain the "C" average, and an athlete not in school cannot help his coach very much.

As the author of "R and R" put it, just for kicks, I did not mention whether Bill Bradley went to school on an athletic scholarship. All I said was that Bill Bradley was an excellent athlete and an excellent student. Bill Bradley did help sports, and sports helped Bill Bradley.

Sport Shorts
Former Elon All-American Jesse Branson is being brought up by the Philadelphia 76-ers for the National Basketball Association play-offs. Jesse played five games with the 76-ers before being sent down to the Trenton Colonials in the Eastern Professional Basketball League. I hope that Jesse will get a n opportunity to show his ability in these play-offs.

now won more than twenty straight victories and has dominated Atlantic Coast Conference tennis for years.

In the second team match against the strong Wake Forest varsity, the Christians went down 8 to 1, with Don Weed and Henri Descheemaker grabbing a thrilling doubles victory in three sets by scores of 6-3, 11-13, 6-3. In that match the Deacons managed to win only one set by a 6-0 margin as the Elon boys won a total of 58 games out of the nine matches.

Against the N.C. State Freshmen, also another powerful yearling squad, the Christians went down 7 to 2, but once more Elon showed improvement with Mike Meacham winning his singles match and joining with Sandy Carrington to win a doubles decision.

In this match the Christians won 56 individual games and forced the

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CHRISTIAN VETERAN AT SHOT



Comar Shields, a veteran shortstop from Blairs, Va., is one of the key figures in an Elon College infield combination which has proved to be a fine defensive group in early Christian gamethisseason. Shields has been a regular at short for the past two years and promises to be one of the finest infielders in the Carolinas Conference this year. He batted .231 last season.

MINOR SPORTS

GOLF SCHEDULE

Elon 13, ACC 11.

(Remaining Meets)

- Mar. 28—Guilford, away.
- Mar. 31—Pfeiffer, away.
- Apr. 4—Pfeiffer, home.
- Apr. 6—Wilmington, away.
- Apr. 15—Catawba, away.
- Apr. 19—High Point, away.
- Apr. 21—Appalachian, home.
- Apr. 25—High Point, home.
- Apr. 28—Catawba, home.
- May 3—Appalachian, away.
- May 6—Guilford, home.
- May 9—Wilmington, home.
- May 13—A. C. C., away.
- May 16-17 — Conference Tournament at Boone.

TRACK SCHEDULE

Elon 42, Catawba 92.

(Remaining Meets)

- Mar. 30—Wofford and Brevard, away.
- Apr. 5—High Point and Guilford, away.
- Apr. 21—Washington and Lee, away.
- Apr. 23—Davidson Relays at away.
- Apr. 26—Catawba, away.
- Apr. 28—Campbell, away.
- Apr. 30—Atlantic Christian, away.
- May 3—Guilford, away.
- May 9—NAIA District Meet, at Wofford.
- May 14—Conference Meet at Boone.

TENNIS SCHEDULE

Elon 0, Carolina Frosh 9.
Elon 1, Wake Forest 8.
Elon 2, State Frosh 7.
Elon 3, ACC 4.

(Remaining Meets)

- Mar. 28—Guilford, away.
- Apr. 1—Guilford, home.
- Apr. 4—Appalachian, home.
- Apr. 14—Pfeiffer, home.
- Apr. 15—Pfeiffer, away.
- Apr. 18—UNC (Chapel Hill), away.
- Apr. 23—Ferrum, home.
- Apr. 25—High Point, away.
- Apr. 28—High Point, home.
- May 7—Ferrum, away.
- May 13-14—NAIA District, at High Point.
- May 16-17—Conference Meet, at Boone.

Christians Are Winners By 1-0 And 5-1 Scores

WITH 76-ERS

The Fighting Christian nine gave a winning flavor to Elon's early diamond campaign when Coach Jack Sanford's outfit turned back the Williams College outfit from Williamstown, Mass., by scores of 1 to 0 and 5 to 1 in a pair of battles played on the Elon field on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of last week.

The Christians used errorless fielding in grabbing their 1 to 0 win in the first game, while getting only a single hit, but the Elon batters came through with ten safeties to post the more decisive 5 to 1 win in the second contest.

ELON 1, WILLIAMS 0

The Elon Christians could get only one hit off the slants of two Williams College hurlers here on Wednesday, March 23rd, but the Christians held the visiting New Englanders away from the plate and then used four walks and a sacrifice to plate a score in the ninth that gave Elon a 1 to 0 win in the first of a two-game series.

Lowell Davis and Larry Ashby combined for a fine one-hit mound job for the Ephies, but six walks in the late innings kept the visitors in a jam, and Ashby gave up four of those passes in the bottom of the ninth and allowed a sacrifice by Ronnie Fitch as Elon counted the winning marker.

Jack Burtische and Burgin Beale paired in a steady pitching performance for the Christians, allowing the Williams nine only six hits scattered over six of the nine innings. The two Christian mounds-men combined for eight strikeouts and allowed only four scattered walks.

The Christians turned in an errorless job in the field behind the pitching of Burtische and Beale, with the Elon infield contributing a pair of double plays that cut off scoring chances for the visitors in the fourth and sixth racks.

The line score:

	R	H	E
Williams	0	0	0
Elon	1	1	0

WP—Beale. LP—Ashby.

ELON 5, WILLIAMS 1

With Herbie Johnson and Sam Moon combining in a five-hit pitching job, the Fighting Christian baseballers turned back the Williams College Ephies 5 to 1 on Thursday, March 24th, giving Elon her second win over the Massachusetts outfit.

Johnson, who was warming up for a scheduled Conference start against Guilford on Monday, fanned an even dozen Williams batters in his seven-inning stint on the mound, whiffing three of the Ephies in one inning and striking out two men in three other racks. He walked four, but never more than one in an inning.

The Christian batters, who had managed only a single safety while defeating Williams 1 to 0 the day before, got to two visiting pitchers for ten hits in this second game, with Robbie Ellis smacking three for four and Tom Hauser getting two for four to pace the Elon attack.

The Christians got singleton runs in both the first and third innings. (Continued on Page Four)



Jesse Branson, twice an All-American while playing basketball at Elon College, has just been recalled to the Philadelphia 76-ers for the post-season play-offs in the professional National Basketball loop as the Quaker City club moved to fill its active roster for the titular series. Branson, who was drafted by the Philadelphia NBA outfit after finishing his Elon playing days a year ago, was farmed out for minor-league play earlier this season after playing a few early-season battles with the 76-ers.

Apps Use Elon Miscues To Grab 4 To 3 Battle

The Appalachian Mountaineers capitalized on untimely errors by the Elon Christians to grab a 4 to 3 win over the Elon baseballers in the first Carolinas Conference battle of the Christian season played on the Elon field last Saturday afternoon, March 26th.

The Christians had pulled out front with a solo run in the third inning when Comar Shields singled, stole second and scored on an App miscue; but the Mountaineers went ahead by a 2-1 margin with a pair of counters in the fifth on two singles, two Elon errors and a base on balls.

Elon bounced back with another solo score in the bottom of the fifth and tied the count at 2-2 when H. L. Robinson walked, stole second and came home on Marshall Montgomery's single, but the Christians went down in order in the next two racks and then saw the Mountaineers plate two runs in the eighth on a walk, two singles and another Elon error.

There was a threat by Elon in the last of the eighth when Tom Hauser and Joe Byrtus both singled after two were out, but the rally died when the next man was out in a play on the bases. The final Elon counter came in the ninth

Baseball Schedule

Elon 0, Pembroke 5.
Elon 1, Williams 0.
Elon 5, Williams 1.
Elon 4, Campbell 9.
Elon 3, Appalachian 4.

(Remaining Games)

- Mar. 28—Guilford, home.
- Mar. 29—High Point, away.
- Apr. 2—Newberry (DH), home.
- Apr. 4—Appalachian, away.
- Apr. 5—Pfeiffer, home.
- Apr. 11—Wilmington, away.
- Apr. 12—Wilmington, away.
- Apr. 13—A.C.C., home.
- Apr. 15—West Carolina, away.
- Apr. 16—West Carolina, away.
- Apr. 18—High Point, home.
- Apr. 19—Catawba, away.
- Apr. 21—Campbell, away.
- Apr. 22—Pembroke, away.
- Apr. 25—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Apr. 28—Guilford, away.
- Apr. 29—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- May 2—Catawba, home.
- May 3—Pfeiffer, away.
- May 5—A.C.C., away.
- May 7—Presbyterian (DH), Home.

First Virginia Girls Cagers Grab Campus Title In WAA Loop Race

The First Virginia basketball squad, composed of girls living on the first floor of Virginia Dorm, grabbed the campus championship in girls' basketball for the 1966 season, emerging as winner from a field of six teams that entered the competition.

The final standings showed the First Virginia team on top, followed by the Day Students and New Dorm girls in a tie for second, with Pi Kappa Tau fourth, West Dorm fifth and the combined Second-Third Virginia squad sixth. The individual scoring leaders in the girls' cage play included Del

Lineberry, of the Day Students; Brenda Williams, of New Dorm; Edna Hall, of First Virginia; Ronda Cecil, of West Dorm; Gail Summers, of Pi Kappa Tau; Sandra Myatt, of West Dorm; Gladys Wilson, of New Dorm; Ellen Fritts, of New Dorm; Loraine Totten, of Day Students; Bernice Page, of Day Students; Betsy Jones, of Pi Kappa Tau and Mary Coolidge, of Pi Kappa Tau.

With the girls' basketball played off the schedule, the girls of the Women's Athletic Association will now turn their attention to two intercollegiate play days that are

scheduled within the next month, one of them in tennis at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on April 16th and the other a volley ball program at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on April 23rd.

In announcing these two play days, Mrs. Jeanne Griffin, who directs the women's physical education program at Elon, stated this week that Elon will be represented by two singles players and one doubles team at the tennis play day at Carolina. The Elon All-Campus Volley ball team will participate at Greensboro.

Errors Cost Elon Defeat By Campbell

Erratic fielding and inability to hit behind the runners proved costly as the Elon Christians dropped a 9 to 4 decision to the Campbell College baseball squad here on Friday, March 25th, with the loss dropping the Elon nine to an even 2-2 record in wins and losses.

Each team tallied singleton runs in the first inning, but the visiting Camels moved ahead with another solo score in the fourth and then added three runs on two hits and three Elon miscues in the top of the fifth. That rally was enough to ice the victory for the Camels, but they later scored once in the eighth and twice in the ninth.

Paul Amundsen and Perry Williams divided the pitching chores for the Christians and allowed the Camels only seven hits, but they gave up eight bases on balls and suffered from seven Elon fielding errors and a balk. The Camels used four pitchers during the fray, and they also allowed seven hits and gave up nine bases on balls, but they held the Christians away from the plate in all except three racks.

Comar Shields and Marshall Montgomery each hit twice for the Christians, while Larry Caudle, Van Wood and Ed Adams each garnered a pair of safeties for the winners.

The line score:
R H E
Campbell 100 131 012-9 7 2
Elon 100 010 200-4 7 7
Curtis, Stevenson (6), Walker (7), Forehand (9) and Hagar; Amundsen, Williams (6) and Newsome. WP—Curtis. LP—Amundsen.