Elon Defeats Guilford, 28-21

COACHES AND CAPTAINS FOR FIGHTING CHRISTIAN GRIDDERS





SPORTS SPOTS

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The sports atmosphere at Elon this year is already filled with thrills and excitement, for football has again returned to the campus with the fall season, bringing a roar of cheers and band playing and accompanied by thrill-seeking spectators.

The "New Look" of the Fighting Christians, already evident in the annual Guilford game, is brought through the efforts of Head Coach Shirley "Red" Wilson. Coach Wilson comes to the Elon campus with a past record of many wins and is well known in both Winston-Salem and Fayetteville, where he coached highly successful high school teams.

In both cities he turned in many victories over a period of several years, grabbing off numerous championships. Coach Wilson was also head coach for the North Carolina Shrine Bowl squad, where he once more set the pattern of a good team and a win.

This year's football staff at Elon offers other great names and fine coaches who are bringing about the "New Look" in Elon football. "Choo Choo" Justice, is working with the backfield and of-

fers to Elon football players his long experience at Carolina and in playing pro football with the Washington Redskins.

Coach Mickey Brown is the line coach and comes with experience at East Carolina and with Coach Wilson at Fayetteville. Coach Jerry Tolley, also from East Carolina by way of Fayetteville, is working with the backs; and Coach Don Kelly, a Catawba graduate, comes from Winston-Salem Reynolds, to drill the Elon ends.

The Fighting Christian themselves also offer a definite "New Look," for there's full forty freshmen on the squad, which numbers twenty lettermen on its roster, with experienced men filling most of the starting posts!

The key position at center on the offensive team is filled by Lee Johnson. Flanking him and knocking heads at guards are Dickie Wilburn and Wes Gilliam, with Bill Gee and Doug Thomas at the tackles. Elon has two of the best ends in the Conference, with these positions filled by Richard McGeorge and Jimmy

Waller.

Joe Rinaca is at the wingback post, with Gary Jordan at fullback, Perry

The "New Look" Elon football leaders are pictured above, including five members of the coaching staff and the two co-captains. Kneeling in front are Co-Captains Lee Johnson (50) and Lloyd Kanipe (54), center and linebacker. Standing left to right are Assistant Coaches Jerry Tolley and Mickey Brown,

Head Coach Red Wilson, Student Assistant Coach Russell Cooper and Assistant Coach Don Kelly. The coaches are all new to the Elon grid situation this fall, but the co-captains are veterans of previous Christian campaigns.

Elon Battles Apps In Home Grid Tilt

The Elon Christians will be at home for their second straight grid battle on Saturday night, when

Williams at blocking back and Wright Anderson drawing the first start at tailback. Key men in the defense will be David Oliphant, Ron Foresta and Marty Bonnett in the backfield and rugged Lloyd Kanipe at a line-backer slot.

Everyone at Guilford was anxious to see the first game between Elon and Guilford last Saturday night, and Dr. Danieley even dreamed about the outcome of that game in advance. The fans are even more anxious to see this week's battle with the Appalachian Mountain-

The Elon players themselves like their "New Look" single-wing offense. Co-Captain Lloyd Kanipe feels that it is more of a spectator type offense, for fans can tell where the ball is and better understand the plays. Lloyd says the team has more spirit and pep than ever before.

the Appalachian Moun-

taineers come down out of high hill country for a Carolinas Conference tilt. The battle is set for 8 o'clock in Burlington Memorial Stadium.

The Mounties have been tabbed by the pre-season prophets as the favorites to grab the Conference title this year, and they have already gotten off to a winning start, so Coach Red Wilson and his boys will face a rugged test in this game.

Coach Carl Messere can field no less than 26 letter veterans in the App Black and Gold colors, and advance reports are that he will use his veterans in platoons to get full advantage of their experience.

The Elon gridders boast 20 lettermen of their own, and Coach Red Wilson has been working his outfit hard this week and aiming for an upset over the invading Mountaineers.

Christian Air Play Features

The Fighting Christians rode the passing arm of Burgin Beale to a highly pleasing 28 to 21 victory over the Guilford Quakers in the opening game of Elon's 1967 grid campaign, chalking a mild upset in Burlington Memorial Stadium last Saturday night before one of the largest crowds in Elon football annals.

The Christians came from behind twice in the battle after allowing Guilford to grab a 14-0 lead in the first seven minutes on touchdowns by Mike Hunt and Danny Wheeling. The first Elon score came on a 47-yard TD pass from Beale to Richard McGeorge, but the kick failed and Guilford led 14-ó at halftime.

Joe Rinaca ran the tying touchdown from the one in the third period, and Wright Anderson tossed to Jim Waller to tie the count at 14-all, but Guilford's Henry McKay sunned Elon seconds later when he took the kickoff and sprinted 91 yards to pay dirt to move the Quakers ahead 21 to 14.

It was then that the Christians showed their fight with two scores in the final quarter. An 18-yard Beale pass to Mc-George with a kick by Lloyd Kanipe tied the game at 21-all. Then, with less than two minutes left, Elon held Guilford at the Elon forty-five, and Beale completed three passes, the last for 41 yards to Joe Rinaca with 51 seconds left for the winning score. Kanipe kicked good for the final 28-21 win.

With Burgin Beale toping the Christians in total offense as he passed
and ran for a total of 231
yards, Marty Bonnett also grabbed the spotlight
with four interceptions of
Quaker passes.

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FIGURE FACTS

14 First Downs
14
109 Yds. Gain Rushing
14 Yds. Lost Rushing
95 Net Yards Rushing
167
32 Passes Attempted
12 Passes Completed
10
223 Yards Gain Passing
161
313 Total Yards Offens
328
4 Opp. Passes Interc
33 Runback Int. Passes
1

33 Runback Int. Passes 1 8 Number Punts 5 35.0 Ave. Yards Punts 0.0 149 Runback All Kicks 139 1 Fumbles Lost 1 35 Yards Penalized 55

SCORE BY PERIODS: Elon 0 6 8 14 -- 28 Guilford 7 7 7 0 --2

Elon Touchdowns -McGeorge 2 (47-pass
from Beale, 18-pass from
Beale); Rinaca 2 (1-run,
41-pass from Beale.)Elon
Extra Points -- Waller 2
(pass from Anderson),
Kanipe 2 (kicks). Guilford Touchdowns -- Hunt
(10-pass from Burchette),
Wheeling (15-run), MeKay (91-kickoff return).
Guilford Extra Points -Baird 3 (kicks).