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## THOMAS AND MENSCH ARE BIG BOYS IN ELON FORWARD WALL



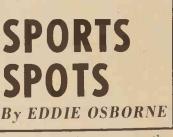


This Saturday the "New Look" Elon Christians travel to Hickory to battle the Lenoir Rhyne Bears, and Coach Wilson is prepping his very fine team with its "Fearsome Foursome" of backs and hard-hitting linemen for a rugged test against the experienced and powerful Bears

The Bears. The Bears currently hold first spot in the Carolinas Conference, but the Elon eleven is pressing close behind, and everybody will be giving their all for a win that could clinch title honors. Along with Elon's

Along with Elon's "Fearsome Foursome" backs, Elon can also show two other highly feared performers in Jimmy Waller and Richard Mc-George, noted through-out the Conference for their fine pass grabbing. The Lenoir Rhyne outfit is led by the passing of Jack Huss and the power running of Wayne Bell and Toby Morgan, and those boys are strong reasons why the Bruins have been floating on Cloud Nine as they set the pace in the Conference race. The word here, however, is that the Christians are going to plant a black cloud over the Bear's campus and dampen the enemy spir-Its.

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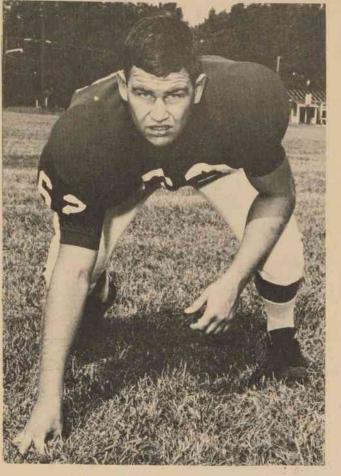


tian grid team on the gridiron, and since that time Elon has faced the Lenoir Rhyne Bears in thirty-eight games. In the long scries the Bears hold the edge in victories with 20 wins, but Elon has seen some bright moments. Several times the Elon

Several times the Elon elevens have chalked decisive victories by scores such as 39-0 in 1921, 48-6 in 1922, 26-6 in 1928, 20-7 in 1930, 20-0 in 1935 and 38 to 0 in 1936. There was a time, especially after World War II when times were not so rosy, and the Bears also rolled for top-heavy wins in the early 1950's, but modern Elon fans like to think back to two glorious wins in 1957 and 1963, that last one by a 40 to 7 score.

The game this weekend will put Elon's defensive team to its first test against a rival single-wing type of play, and the power-laden Bears will be a rugged test indeed. Always powerful, the Bears have several times rolled for heavy yardage against Elon.

In 1958 the Bears had 511 yards in total offense and that same year set the record for most first downs against Elon with 24 of the ten-yarders. However, that 1963 win for Elon netted the top aerial performance of the series, with Ed Wheless throwing five touchdown



Doug Thomas (left) and Frankie Mensch (right) have been big boys in the Elon forward wall during this 1967 grid season, big boys in size and big boys in performance. Thomas, a sophomore from Asheboro, is a younger brother of a former Christian captain and weighs 220 pounds on a 6-1 frame. Mensch, also a sophomore and a native of Siler City, stands 6-2 and tips the scales at 210 pounds. Thomas is a starter on offense and sees frequent service on defense, while Mensch has had most of his duty so far this fall with the defensive unit.

# Beale Passing Arm Is Big Elon Threat

The letters "B. B." stand for Burgin Beale, but they could just as well stand for "bread and butter" or "bacon and beans" in the Elon football picture for this 1967 season, for the riflearmed Danville boy has been both bread and butter and bacon and beans for the Christian gridders all this season.

The statistical figures bear witness to the tremendous part which Beale has played in Elon's football fortunes all season, for in Elon's first six games he completed 54 passes, including eight TD completions and another sensational throw which set up the winning field goat at Catawba, all of this despite the fact that the defense has expected passes and had 'red-dogged'' Beale all season.

That means that at least nine of Elon's scores have resulted directly from

passes against the Bears. After viewing these figures from past years and studying the ability of the rival teams this fall, the game tomorrow night should be the "Game of the Year" in the Carolinas Conference. Burgin Beale passes, and that's an average of one score in every six throws. Such an average surpasses even the 1-for-8 average which has been the boast of the undefeated N. C. State eleven.

Beale's touchdown passes have come from varying distances, with the shortest TD throw being for 8 yards and the longest for 73 yards. His throw which set up Perry Williams' winning field goal at Catawba was for 41 yards in the final 17 seconds of the game.

A quick rundown of the Beale scoring aerials shows three TD passes against Guilford, for 47 and 18 yards to McGeorge and 41 yards to Joe Rinaca, that last being in the final 51 seconds to win the game.

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<b>ELON FOOTBALL</b>			
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Elon,	20	W. Car., 20 Newberry 0	
(Remaining Games)			
Nov. 11Lenoir Rhyne (A)			

Nov. 18--Frederick (H)

## Beale Hits On Passes For 2 TD's

The Fighting Christians threw up the strongest defense of the year, and Burgin Beale's passing arm was in fine form as the Elon gridders turned back the Newberry Indians at Newberry 24 to 0 last Saturday night. The first shut-out win

The first shut-out win of the year kept the Christians in second spot in the Carolinas Conference, hot on the heels of the Lenoir Rhyne Bears, and it means that this week's clash with the Bears at Hickory will be for the Conference championship.

The Newberry battle was only four minutes old when Beale threw a 35yard TD pass to lanky Richard McGeorge, and Perry Williams kicked good to give Elon a 7-0 lead. Moments later Lloyd Kanipe tackled an Indian runner in the end zone for a safety and a 9-0 Elon margin.

Only moments before halftime the Burgin Beale "whip" was deadly again, and he lined a pass to Jim Waller for Elon's second TD from ten yards out, and Elon was ahead 15-0 at the break.

The homestanding Newberry gridders rallied slightly in the second half, but Perry Williams put Elon on the scoreboard again in the third quarter with a 38-yard field goal and an 18-0 lead at the three-quarter mark.

Coach Red Wilson was using subs freely in the closing minutes of the game, and James Ross, a freshman wingback sprinted into the end zone from five yards out to count the final touchdown of the night.

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SCORE BY PERIODS: Elon 7 8 3 6 -- 24 New. 0 0 0 0 0 -- 0 Elon Touchdowns; Mc-George (35-pass from Beale), Waller (10-pass from Beale, Ross (5-run). Extra Points: Williams 1 (kick). Field Goal--Williams (38 - yards). Safety -- Elon (tackle by Kanipe).

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Elon	Newberry
22 First D	owns 12
230 Yds. Ga	ain Rush 105
42 Yds. Lo	ost Rush 66
138 Net Yds	s. Rush. 39
20 Passes	Attempt. 12
125 Yds. Ga	in. Pass. 36
313 Total Y	ds. Off. 75
2 Opp. Pa	ass. Inter. 0
4 Number	Punts 5
27.3 Ave. Yo	ls. Punts 33.6
43 Runbac	ck all kicks 52
2 Fumble	
77 Yds. P	enalized 75