

Beale Pitches 1-Hit Victory

Elon Downs Rensselaer In Shutout

Joe Byrtus, junior southpaw, went the route as Elon turned back the touring Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute team from upstate New York by a 6 to 0 count on the Elon field on March 26th.

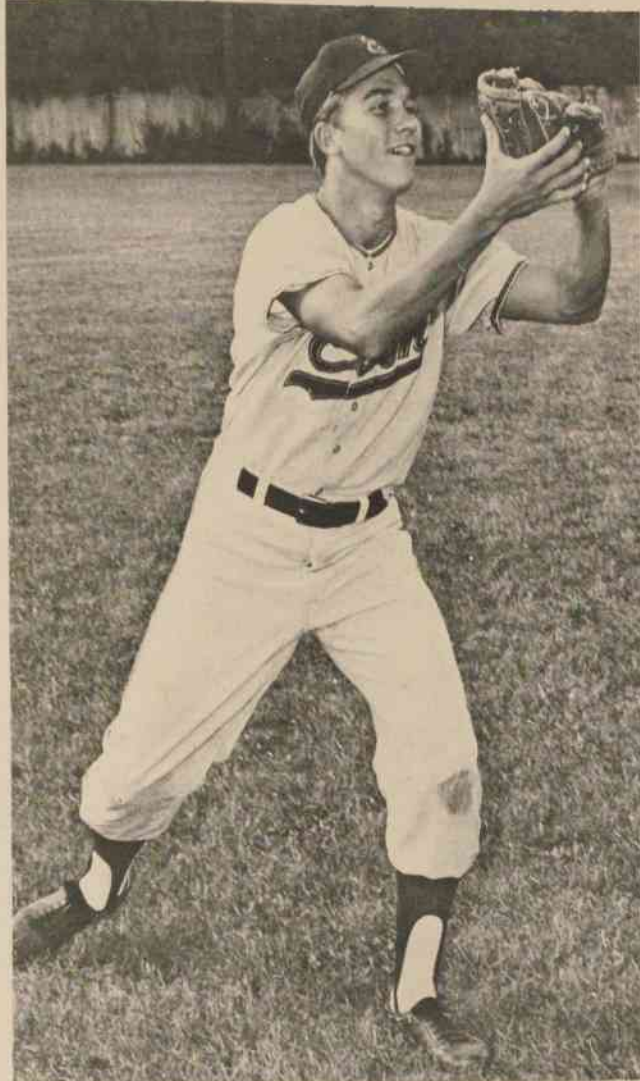
The Fighting Christians plated singleton runs in both the third and fourth innings. Using single hits in each rack to count the two markers. The Christians later scored two runs in both the sixth and seventh racks to put icing on the victory cake.

In addition to pitching the Christians to victory, Byrtus also led the Elon team in hitting with a pair of singles in three trips to the plate. Both Dempsey Herring and Bob Godfrey hammered doubles to feature the Elon attack.

The Score:
Rensselaer.. 0 R, 6 H, 2 E.
Elon.....6 R, 5 H, 2 E.
Watson, Mattichak (6), McKay (8) and Lee, Munch (8); Byrtus and Brady, Bulla (8). LP--Watson.

Overheard: "Once I thought that he was all the world to me, but I've learned a lot about geography since."

SMITH IS VETERAN OUTFIELDER



Richard Smith, a sophomore letterman from Greensboro, is one of a very fine crew of outfielders performing for Coach Jerry Drake's diamond squad this spring. He was a regular starter as a freshman last spring and has been one of a group of four boys seeing much duty in early battles this spring.

Turns Back Catawba '9' In 4-3 Tilt

Burgin Beale, Elon's big senior righthander, threw a one-hit pitching job in the face of the Catawba Indians and led the Elon Christians to a 4 to 3 victory over the Indian baseballers in a Carolinas Conference tilt here on March 22nd.

This brilliant baseball victory for Beale goes into the record books with the two football victories which the big Elon chunker pitched during the past two gridiron seasons, and the Indians will probably take time for a "Day of Jubilee" when Beale gets his diploma and degree at Elon this year.

The husky Elon righthander, who had already done relief duty in each of Elon's two previous games against Guilford and High Point, had Catawba at his mercy most of the afternoon, for he struck out nine and walked only two while having six innings of three-up and three-down pitching.

The Indians got one run on a pair of walks, an error and an infield out, but Elon retaliated with a brace of markers in the second on singles by Larry Collins and Dempsey Herring and a pair of Catawba errors to shoot Elon to the front by a 2-1 margin.

Beale made his only slip of the game when he grooved one to Catawba's Terry Copley in the sixth, and Copley rocketed the ball 400 feet over the far right field wall

BASEBALL

Elon 2, Guilford	7
Elon 5, High Point	6
Elon 4, Catawba	3
Elon 0, Campbell	5
Elon 6, Rensselaer	0
Elon 2, At. Chris.	1

(Remaining Games)

Mar. 29--High Point (A).
Mar. 30--W. Carolina (A).
Apr. 3 -- Pfeiffer (H).
Apr. 5 -- Maine (H).
Apr. 6 -- Guilford (A).
Apr. 8 -- Lenoir Rhyne (A).
Apr. 9--Appalachian (A).
Apr. 10--Ga. Southern (A).
Apr. 11--Ga. Southern (A).
Apr. 12--Oglethorpe (A).
Apr. 19--Newberry (H).
Apr. 20 -- Newberry (H).
Apr. 22 -- Campbell (A).
Apr. 24 -- Pembroke (H).
Apr. 26 -- Pfeiffer (A).
Apr. 30--Lenoir Rhyne (H).
May 1 -- At. Christian (A).
May 3 -- Catawba (A).
May 4 -- Appalachian (H).
May 7 -- Pembroke (A).

for a two-run homer. It was only the eighth time in the history of the Elon ball park that a collegian had cleared that section of the right field fence.

The Christians came right back in the bottom of the sixth to regain the lead and clinch the victory. Mike Spillane led off with a single, and John Austin was safe on a fielder's choice. Both men advanced on a sacrifice, and Larry Collins singled them home.

The scores:
Catawba...3 R, 1 H, 4 E.
Elon.....4 R, 5 H, 4 E.
Bailey and Reynolds; Beale and Brady. HR--Copley (Catawba).

Camels Top Elon Nine By 5 And 0

The Elon Christians could never solve the slants of Bobby Walker, Campbell College hurler, and the visiting Camels walked off with a 5 to 0 victory in a non-Conference diamond battle here Saturday afternoon, March 23rd.

Walker whiffed nine Elon batters as he let the Christians down with three well-scattered singles during the contest, which saw the Camels get to Elon's big John Austin for seven safeties during the tilt.

Bob Hager, Camel catcher, led off the fifth rack with a solo homer that started his team on the way to victory, and the Camels added pairs of runs in both the seventh and ninth, with Elon errors and wild pitches figuring heavily in the enemy scores in both innings.

The scores:
Campbell. 5 R, 7 H, 0 E.
Elon.....0 R, 3 H, 3 E.
Walker and Hager; Austin, Colenda (9) and Brady. LP--Austin.

Christians Win Tilt From A. C. Bulldogs

The Fighting Christian baseballers moved to an even keel in Conference and seasonal standings when they turned back the Atlantic Christian Bulldogs 6 to 1 here on March 27th, for it gave the Elon nine a 2-2 rating in Conference games and a 3-3 standing for the season.

Seven Cagers Given Letters

There were only seven letter winners during the Fighting Christian basketball season of 1967-68, according to a list just released by Coach Bill Miller. The small group of awards reflects the lack of depth on the squad.

The letter winners included forwards Richard McGeorge, Tommy Davis and Steve Caddell, center Henry Goedeck and guards Bobby Atkins, Tom McGee, and Noble Marshall. All except McGeorge had won letters in previous cage seasons, and only Atkins and Davis are seniors.

Bulldogs to five safeties, all of them bunched in two innings, meaning that he worked seven hitless frames.

The lanky Elon chunker was in trouble only in the second and seventh innings. In the second he allowed three hits and a walk, but he worked his way out of the hole with only one run.

The Elon team gave Capps a winning margin in the very first inning, for the Christians used three singles, two walks, a Bulldog error and a passed ball to plate five runs. That was all the Christians needed, but they added a sixth score in the seventh for trimming.

Joe Rinaca and Rick Smith, a pair of Elon outfielders, each hit twice to lead the Christian attack, with Larry Collins contributing a triple and Bob Godfrey a double to aid the cause. Chuck Fleet and Jerry Waddell each hit twice for the Bulldogs.

The score:
At. Christian..1R, 5H, 1E.
Elon.....6R, 8H, 2E.
Meneely, Baumgarner and Farrier; Capps and Brady.

Win Or Lose

By BOB WILLIAMS



The following is part of an article written by Ernie Howell entitled "The Game For All America," and it is one of the very few articles on baseball which hangs in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N. Y.

"Baseball is President Eisenhower tossing out the first ball of the season; and a pudgy school boy playing catch with his dad on a Mississippi farm."

"It's America, this baseball. A re-issued news reel of boyhood dreams. Dreams lost somewhere between boy and man. It's the Bronx cheer and the Baltimore farewell. The leftfield screen in Boston, the right field dump at Nashville's Sulphur Dell, the open stands in San Francisco, the dusty windswept diamond at Albuquerque. And a rock home plate and a chicken wire backstop anywhere."

"It's a wizened little man, shouting insults from the safety of his bleacher seat and a big smiling first baseman

tousling the hair of a youngster outside the player's gate."

"Baseball is a spirited race of man against man, reflex against reflex. A game of inches. Every skill is measured. Every heroic, every failing is seen and cheered or booed. And then becomes a statistic."

"In baseball democracy shines its clearest. Here the only race that matters is the race to the bag. The creed is the rule book. Color is something to distinguish one team's uniform from another."

"Baseball is the cool clear eyes of Rogers Hornsby, the flashing spikes of Ty Cobb, an overaged pixie named Rabbitt Maranville and Jackie Robinson testifying before a Congressional hearing."

"Baseball? It's just a game, as simple as a ball and bat. Yet, as complex as the American spirit it symbolizes. It's a sport, business --- and sometimes even religion."

"The holdout is baseball too. He wants 55 grand (Continued on page 4)

Spring is Here..