

Presbyterian Tops Elon 31-17

COACH RED WILSON WITH ELON'S CO-CAPTAINS FOR 1968 SEASON



First Period Again Fatal To Christians

First quarters can be fatal to Elon football fortunes, and the Fighting Christian gridgers may seek to have first quarters eliminated entirely after Presbyterian topped Elon 31 to 17 by virtue of a 21-point uprising in the opening period. It was the second consecutive game in which that first period had proven fatal, for the Apps also scored 21 points in the opener to down Elon the week before.

Two long punt returns and a home-run pass produced the Presbyterian TD's in that opening period, with Bob Hackle scoring from the two after a 30-yard runback and with Dan Eckstein dashing 58-yards with a punt for the second score. Bill Kirtland passed 45 yards to Hackle for the third TD, with kicks good each time.

The Christians hit the scoreboard in the first quarter with a 30-yard field goal by Grover Helsley to cut the score to 14-3 at one time, but PC led at the quarter 21 to 3, and a PC field goal boosted it to 24-3 before Elon scored its first touchdown on a 3-yard plunge by Burgin Beale to cut the halftime count to 24-10.

Elon drove 72 yards as the second half opened, with Burgin Beale passes netting 51 of the yards, and Beale himself dashed the final three for his second TD of the night. Helsley kicked good to cut the margin to 24-17, but The Blue Hose intercepted an Elon pass at the Elon twenty-nine, and on the next play Kirtland passed 29 to Eckstein for the 31-17 score.

Figure Facts

Elon	PC
20 First Downs	12
119 Yds. Gain Rush.	142
35 Yds. Lost Rushing	9
84 Net Yds. Rushing	133
47 Passes Attempted	19
20 Passes Completed	9
293 Yds. Gain Pass.	179
377 Total Yds. Off.	312
1 Opp Passes Int.	4
20 Runback Int. Pass	14
5 Number Punts	8
40.8 Ave. Yds. Punts	47.0
176 Runback all Kicks	139
1 Fumbles Lost	1
35 Yards Penalized	47
SCORE BY PERIODS:	
Elon	3 7 7 0 17
P.C.	21 3 7 0 31
Elon Touchdowns ---	
Beale	2 (3-run, 3-run).
Extra Points --	
Helsley	2 (kicks).
Field Goal -- Helsley (30 yards).	
Presbyterian Touchdowns -- Hackle 2 (2-run, 45-pass from Kirtland), Eckstein 2 (58-punt return, 29-pass from Kirtland).	
Extra Points-- Cruickshank 4 (kicks).	
Field Goal -- Cruickshank (28-yards).	

Elon Baseball Squad

By JOE TEAGUE

Coach Jerry Drake's Fighting Christian baseballers are in the midst of fall practice, with thirty-five players having reported and staging a stiff battle for starting positions on next spring's varsity nine.

Coach Drake declares himself well pleased with the determination, hustle and general attitudes of the players, who include ten letterman veterans from last spring.

Beginning his third year as head baseball coach at Elon, Coach Drake says, "We need improved defense, mainly plugging up leaky play in the infield during critical situations, and we are trying to find three starting pitchers and at the same time trying to improve our .194 squad batting average of last season during these fall practice sessions."

The Christian coach is especially well pleased with the fact that his Elon diamond squad has won three off-season practice

battles. The Christians have split two autumn games with the High Point Panthers, having defeated the Panthers 5 to 3 in the opener and dropped a 7 to 2 decision to the Pointers at High Point. The third game produced a 12 to 3 victory over a strong semi-pro outfit from South Boston, Va.

Dewey Capps, a letterman pitcher, got credit for the win over High Point, although Coach Drake used several moundsmen against the Pointers, including Roger Slaughter, Capps, Bob Caviness, Bill Bond, Don Oakes and Gary Brown. H. J. Newcomb had the heavy stick for Elon as he delivered a triple in the bottom of the fifth to drive in three runs.

The return engagement with the High Point nine was not so fortunate, with Elon dropping a 7 to 2 decision and getting only one hit off three Panther pitchers. Ron Brown, sophomore shortstop, got (Continued on page 4)

Coach Red Wilson, who directs the fortunes of the Elon College football squad as head coach, is pictured above with the two co-captains of this 1968 Fighting Christian grid squad. The captains are Lloyd Kanipe, of Charlotte, senior linebacker; and Wes Gilliam (standing), of Elon College, a senior defensive end. Kanipe was a co-captain last year and was honored with a repeat election for this fall. In addition to the two elected co-captains, there has been an appointed honorary co-captain for each of the early games on the schedule, with Burgin Beale and David Oliphant honored for the two opening games.

Elon To Host C-N Gridgers

The Fighting Christian gridgers face another tough test when they play host to the Carson-Newman Eagles from over Tennessee way in a battle at the Burlington Memorial Stadium at 8 o'clock Saturday night, for the Eagles have shown plenty of power in early tilts.

The Eagles trampled Catawba 34 to 14 and then trounced Western Carolina 28 to 7, and Christian supporters can remember that Western Carolina romped on Guilford 35 to 7. That means a tough game for Elon this weekend.

BREAKS ARM



Larry Raines, star defensive back, suffered a broken arm in the Appalachian game and is out of action for the rest of the 1968 season.