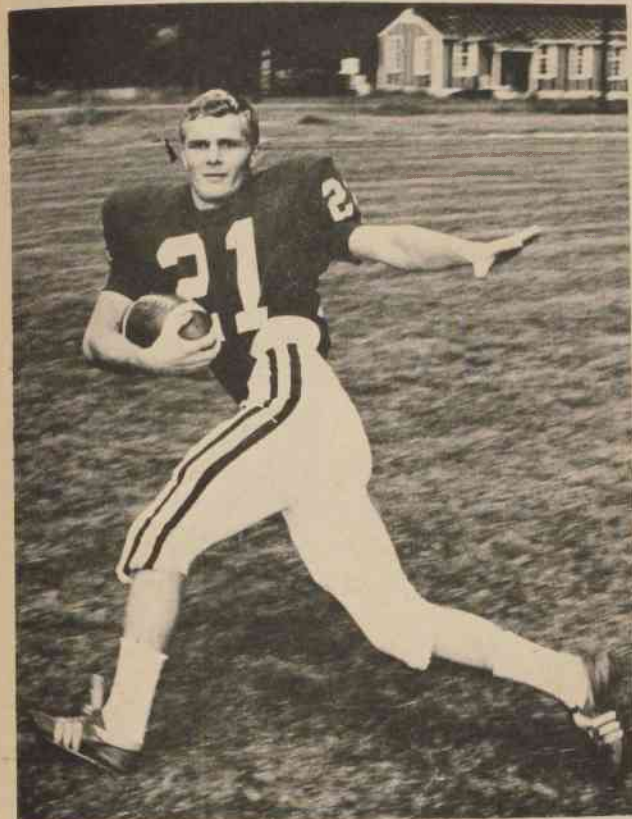


Elon Loses C-N Battle, 28-7

OLIPHANT AND BONNETT ARE STANDOUTS FOR ELON DEFENSE TEAM

Eagle Aerial Scores Top
Elon Eleven

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Key figures in the Elon College defensive picture are David Oliphant (Number 21) and Marty Bonnett (Number 10), pictured above, who have long been regulars in the Fighting Christians' defensive backfield. Oliphant, who at times has hit opposing players with all the force of a wild elephant, has been a defensive starter for three years; and Bonnett, who has an eagle-eye for enemy passes, is now in his third season as a defensive backfield man. Both boys hold Elon all-time records. Oliphant holds several all-time Christian marks for kick returns, and Bonnett last fall set an all-time Elon mark for most pass interceptions in a single game.

The Eagles of Carson-Newman College, forsook the swampy mire of Burlington Memorial Stadium last Saturday night and rode the air waves to four rain-soaked touchdowns that gave the Tennessee team a 28 to 7 win over the Fighting Christian gridders.

Dale Rutherford, very fine Eagle quarterback, refused to let rain and mud deter his passing game as he threw four scoring passes to his lanky ends, split end Tom Jones taking three scoring aeriels and tight end Greg McCall grabbing the other.

The Elon eleven moved to an early lead when Ronnie O'Brien took a Carson-Newman punt and raced 55 yards for a touchdown after 4:30 of the game was gone. Grover Helsley kicked good for an Elon 7-0 lead.

Late in that first quarter, however, the Eagles evened the count when Rutherford threw an 18-yarder to Jones, with David Pitt kicking good. Barely one minute into the third period Rutherford tossed a 42-yard Jones pass over the Elon secondary for the 14-7 lead.

Late in the third period the Eagle quarterback completed a 52-yarder to Jones and in the fourth period a 33-yard toss to Greg McCall, with Pitt kicking good each time for the final 28-7 margin.

The only bright spots in the Elon play came in the sporadic passing of Burgin Beale, who completed 13 of 33 passes for 134 yards. Beale had to overcome the soggy weather and a hard-charging Eagle line in his passing.

Elon Is Now Given New NAIA Listing

The alignment of colleges in District 26 of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, which was formerly designated as the Carolinas district, has been completely reorganized, and Elon is assigned within a completely new group of colleges.

This was revealed in a recent announcement which stated that District 26 is now arranged on a completely new geographic basis, which has removed such traditional NAIA opponents as Western Carolina and Appalachian from the same NAIA district with Elon. Also missing will be such NAIA opponents as Newberry, Presbyterian and Erskine.

The announcement of the new district assignments was made by A.O. Duer, executive secretary of the NAIA, who stated that the new alignment of districts affects more than 100 NAIA institutions from Texas to Virginia. He declared that the new alignment is completely geographic and that it will disregard racial lines completely.

"These changes, effective for the 1968-69 competitive year, follow many years of careful planning and are now a reality in which we can all take deep pride. As in the past, all leaders in these new districts will have equal opportunity to share in planning and administering district qualifying events and other functions of the district. Conference affiliations will not be affected.

"The NAIA Executive Committee, which adopt-

ed this program after receiving a recommendation from its National Research Committee, deeply appreciates the cooperation of our members in the eight geographic districts which are affected by this program. It will provide equality of opportunity for each athlete and team for our national championships, which in turn are qualifying events for Pan American and Olympic Trials," added Duer.

Dr. Charles Morris, athletic director at High Point College, has been appointed Chairman of District 26 by NAIA President, Dr. Eldon W. Graber of Bluffton College (Ohio). C. E. Gaines, athletic director at Winston-Salem State College, has been appointed Vice Chairman of District 26. Both appointments are for the period of one year, and the normal elective process will take place after that time.

The new District 26 will now include all members in North Carolina between Route 221 and U. S. 1. District 6 will include all NAIA member institutions in Western Virginia, those in North Carolina located West of Route 221, and institutions in South Carolina. District 29 will include members in Eastern Virginia and those in North Carolina East of U. S. 1. The College of Charleston, the Eastern-most school in South Carolina, has been placed in District 29 so that the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference will have five members in that District.

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Elon Eleven Meets Indians In Contest

The Elon Christians and the Catawba Indians will renew an ancient rivalry in Burlington Memorial Stadium on Saturday afternoon for the benefit of Elon's large group of Homecoming Day alumni, with the Elon gridders seeking to continue the series of thrilling Homecoming wins over the Indians.

Two years ago the Christians rolled for a 39 to 36 victory over the Catawba gridders in a battle at this same Burlington Stadium, with Burgin Beale running for one touchdown and passing for two others in the thrilling victory.

Last fall the Christians topped the Indians 31 to 29 in an equally thrilling battle at Salisbury, when Elon's Perry Williams booted a late field goal to give the Elon eleven the victory after one of the most thrilling offensive battles of the season.

The Elon - Catawba rivalry dates back to 1928, with the Christians holding a two-game advantage in the overall series, Elon showing 16 wins against 14 for Catawba and with two games having ended in ties.

Several of the games have been among the most thrilling in Elon grid annals, including the 1960 Homecoming tilt here at Elon when George Wooten, Elon's Little All-American quarterback, (Continued on Page 4)

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Don Crews, who was the top sprinter on the Elon track squad last spring and one of the finest threats at wingback for the Fighting Christian grid squad this fall, has been sidelined for the remainder of this 1968 football season due to a hip dislocation. His speed will be sorely missed by the Elon eleven.

Figure Facts

Elon	C-N
14 First Downs	11
101 Yards Gain Rush	100
76 Yards Lost Rush	23
25 Net Yards Rush	77
34 Passes Attempted	28
13 Passes Completed	18
134 Yards Gain Pass	259
159 Total Yds. Off.	336
1 Opp. Passes Interc.	2
46 Runback Int. Passes	25
12 Number Punts	10
31.4 Ave. Yds. Punts	35.8
101 Runback All Kicks	73
0 Fumbles Lost	2
55 Yards Penalized	100

SCORE BY PERIODS:

Elon	7	0	0	0	- 7
C-N	7	0	14	7	- 28
Elon Touchdown -- O'Brien (55-yard punt return). Extra Point -- Helsley (Kick). Carson-Newman Touchdowns -- Jones 3 (18-pass from Rutherford 42-pass from Rutherford), McCall (33-pass from Rutherford). Extra Points -- Pitt 4 (kicks).					