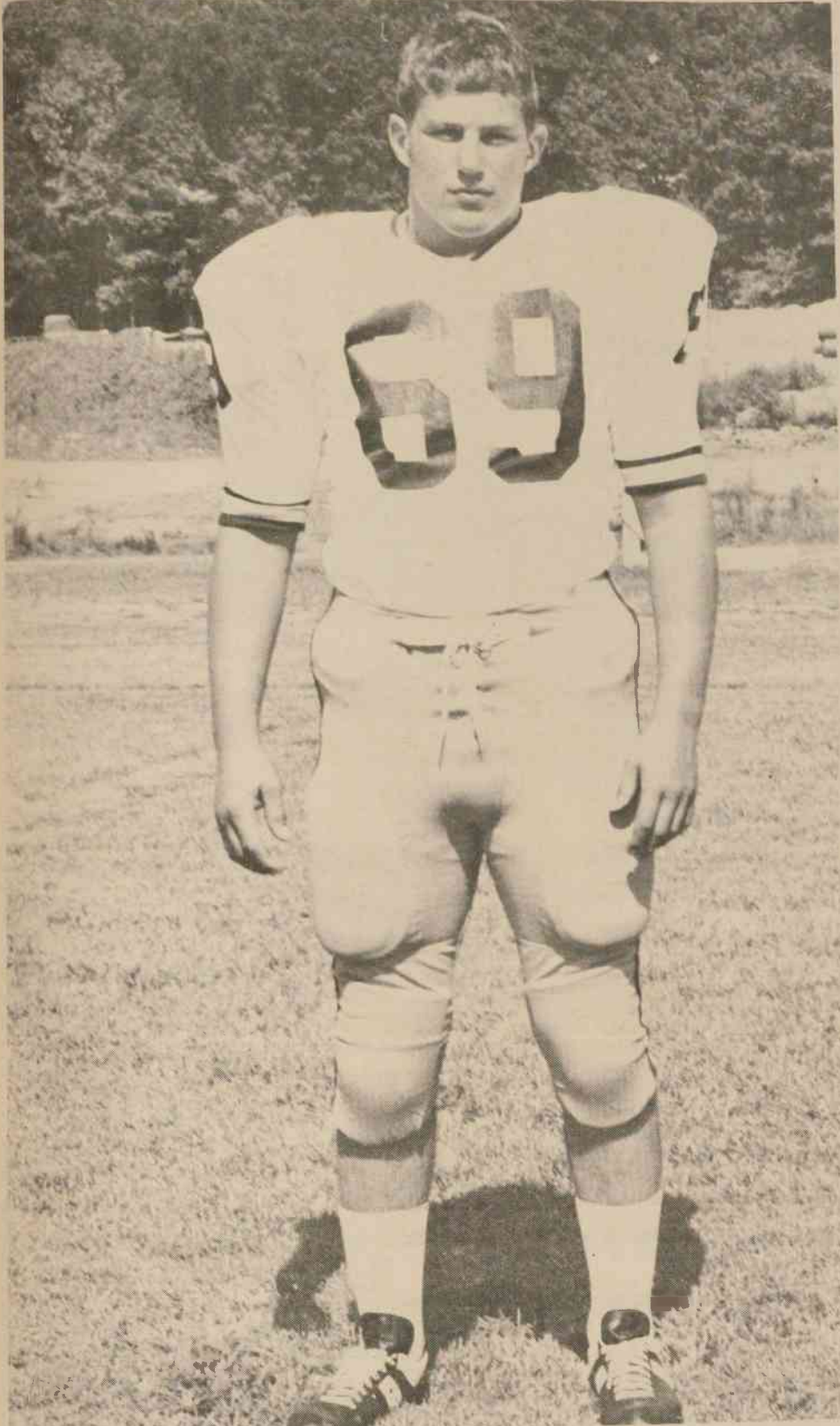


Newberry Topples Elon, 24-15

FIGHTING CHRISTIAN DEFENSIVE STAR RATES HIGH



John Romano, a big and rugged defensive end from Virginia Beach, Va., who won high honors for his defensive play as a freshman last fall, was picked in advance this season as one of the likely standout players in the Carolinas Conference. Romano got off to a slow start in his sophomore season, but the big and hard-nosed defender has begun to hit his stride in late-season Elon games, and he will be high for All-Conference honors on defense when the annual All-Conference squads are selected.

Elon Fumbles Cost Touchdowns In Tilt

By BILL WALKER

The NewberryIndians grabbed off six Elon fumbles as they completely dominated a muddy and cold battle with the Elon Christians last Saturday night, winning a 24 to 15 victory before a small crowd that braved rain and snow to view the game that featured Elon's Parent's weekend observance.

The loss, which dropped Elon back to a 3-5 season mark in wins and losses, also dropped Elon into sixth spot in the seven-team Carolinas Conference race and left Elon desperately needing to upset the Lenoir Rhyne Bears in the final game of the season this Saturday night.

For the second time this season, the Christians fumbled the two first kickoffs deep in Elon territory, and within three minutes the Indians of Newberry had scored two touchdowns. Both extra points were missed to leave the Indians leading 12 to 0, but Elon could never recover from this early Newberry surge.

A bad snap from center on a Newberry punting attempt gave Elon its first score, as a wave of Elon linemen tackled Roger Hazel in the end zone for a safety and the 12-2 score.

Tom Jernigan had a good return on the ensuing kickoff, and moments later Burgin Beale hit Jim Waller in the end zone for a touchdown, with Grover Helsley kicking good to cut the Newberry lead to 12-9. However, Newberry used a pass interception to set a third Indian TD which gave the visitors an 18-9 lead at half-time.

The Newberry gridders hit the scoreboard again in the third quarter, after Johnny Harbin threw seven yards to Bill Gray. The kick was wild again,

but the Indians held a commanding 24 to 9 edge. Beale climaxed an Elon drive when he plunged in from the one for Elon's final score in the 24-15 loss.

The rain turned to snow in the second half, and the weather held both teams to a minimum on offense. Emery Moore ran well for Elon, with Beale again topping 100 yards in passing. George Taylor led the Newberry attack.

FIGURE FACTS

Elon	Newberry
12 First Downs	11
160 Yds. Gain Rush	174
15 Yds. Lost Rush	16
145 Net Yds. Rush	158
27 Passes Attempted	7
9 Passes Completed	3
108 Yds. Gain. Pass.	53
253 Total Yds. Off.	204
0 Opp. Passes Interc.	0
0 Runback Int. Passes	0
4 Number Punts	7
31.5 Ave. Yds. Punts	39.0
87 Runback All Kicks	43
6 Fumbles Lost	1
15 Yards Penalized	45

SCORE BY PERIODS:

Elon	9	0	6	0	--15
Newberry	18	0	6	0	--24
Elon Touchdowns	--				
Waller (6-pass from Beale), Beale (1-run).					
Extra Points -- Helsley 1 (kick). Safety -- Elon tackled Newberry kicker in end zone. Newberry Touchdowns -- Welchel (1-run), Taylor (1-run), Gray (18 pass from Welchel), Nash (7-pass from Harbin.)					

Elon Football

Elon 66,	Concord 12.
Elon 21,	Guilford, 10.
Elon 26,	Appalachian 70.
Elon 17,	Presbyterian 31.
Elon 7,	Car.-Newman 28.
Elon 26,	Catawba 32.
Elon 35,	W. Carolina 30.
Elon 15,	Newberry 24.
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Beale Tops Justice Records

Justice in North Carolina football is a thing of the past!

Burgin Beale made sure of that situation when he completed 22 of 44 passes for a total of 346 yards in Elon's 35 to 30 victory over the Western Carolina Catamounts at Cullowhee on Saturday night, November 2nd, the old "BB" -- that can stand for Burgin Beale or "Busting Bomber," whichever you like best-- topped all the supposedly immortal records of Carolina's Charlie Justice with his tremendous performance against the Catamounts.

Way back in the late 'Forties when Charlie Justice was winning immortal fame as the offensive ace of the Carolina Tar Heels, and when he was winning All-American honors three times, the great Choo Choo ran and passed the ball for 5,176 yards. That record was supposed to stand forever, and Justice was accorded a permanent pedestal among the heroes of Hall of Valhalla, the hall where the immortals of the gridiron are enshrined.

However, those grid worshippers of a score of years ago reckoned

without the rifle-armed accuracy of Burgin Beale,



BURGIN BEALE

Elon's great passer, who defies the "red dogs" and the "blitzes" of enemy defenders to stick the ball right into the paws of such receivers as Richard McGeorge, Jim Waller and Joe Rinaca as they wing their way on Mercury heels far down field.

The 5,176 yards that were won by the running and passing wizardry of ChooChoo Justice twenty and more years ago are strictly out of date, for Elon's Burgin Beale has overcome all the red-dogs and all the blitzes to pass his way for a total of 5,232 yards in aerial offense and to add

enough yards on the ground to push his total offense to 5,251 yards. That last figure is exactly 75 yards more than Justice could accumulate in combined rushing and passing for the Tar Heels, and that is why there is no Justice in the list of North Carolina gridiron immortals today.

As Burgin Beale topped the all-time Justice total offense records, and remember that Justice like Beale played four full seasons, the Elon passing ace moved his all-time career passing yardage to more than 1,100 yards (Continued on Page 4)