



# Spring Sports

by Gary Spittler, Sports Editor

## Elon College diamonders battle Pembroke State March 20 at Fairchild

**By Gary Spittler**  
The Elon College Fighting Christian baseball team has upped their record to 2-2 after their first two opening season matches. The batmen won their first of the double headers against West Virginia Tech 11-2 but fell short in the second game after being plagued by errors and miscues. They lost 12-11. In the contests last Sunday, the

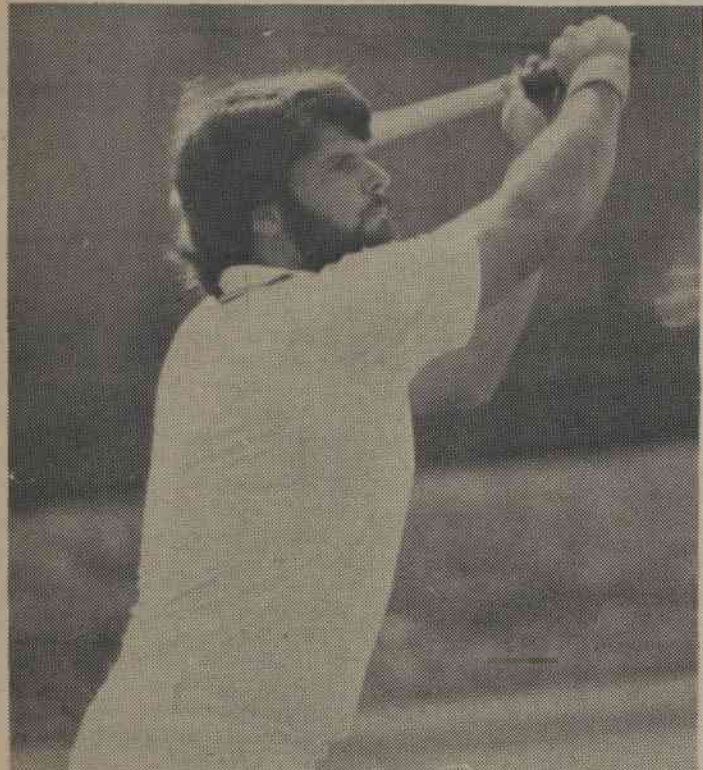
Christians won one and lost one to the Appalachian State mountaineers to compile a 2-2 overall record after their two opening games. On Tuesday the Christians traveled to Methodist College and as of press time that score was not available.

The first home run of the 1976 season was scored by outfielder Phil Baskerville, a freshman from Greensboro. The

winning pitcher for Elon's second game, Sunday and the first game of the season was Lou Williams while the losing pitcher was Randy Stoker. Elon won 6-2. In the first game, which Elon lost 14-4, they did not seem to show the team work as they did in the second. The Christians chipped in a total of 11 runs in the first contest and held the opposing team to only two. In the second game the Christians failed to hold them defensively thus accounting for West Virginia's 12-11 victory.

Coach Bobby Jones had mixed feelings about his opening game with West Virginia Tech. "I was real pleased with the pitching of Lou Williams and Randy Robertson in the first game, but I thought that our defense fell apart in the second game, giving the victory to them."

The Christians will return home on March 20 against Pembroke State University for a double header. Game time is 1:00 p.m. at Fairchild Stadium in Burlington. Elon now holds a 2-2 overall record.



Elon's number one tennis star, Glenn Smith, slams a two-handed shot back to a U WVa. player in the opening match of the season. (Joe Chandler Photo)

## Fighting Christian tennis squad evens overall record to 1-1 with 9-0 victory and 5-4 defeat

**By Tom Graupmann**  
With the match hanging in the balance in the final doubles set, the Fighting Christians tennis team was toppled by West Virginia Tech 5-4, but downed the Burlington Racquet Club 9-0 in an exhibition match last week. West Virginia Tech took the match; however, earlier the match was tied one set each. In singles competition, Elon's number one ranked Glenn Smith failed to muster an attack

and was downed. Collins Terry, Bob Strange, and Mike Deluise tallied wins in singles matches and accounted for the majority of the team's points. All but one of the nine matches went the time of three sets. In the match with the Burlington Club, Elon was never threatened in its 9-0 victory. Elon's regular season will start March 19 at home against arch-rival Guilford College.

### SPORTS SHORTS

—a city ordinance prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages on city property is in effect at Fairchild Stadium during the baseball season. Violators are subject to arrest.

—Seniors Brad Ballou and Thomas Moore were named as two among the ten most outstanding basketball players in the Carolinas conference. These players were named by the CC coaches. Moore also claimed all-district honors.

—Teddy Ireland and Sandra Partridge were named to the all-tournament team of the CC after the season finished. Elon finished third in the tournament behind High Point and Pfeiffer.

—Anyone interested in participating in an intramural wrestling tournament should sign up in the intramural office or call Ext. 398. All classifications are open.

—Registration for a pool tournament is in progress until March 12. Sign up on 2nd floor of the Student Center for the tourney which will be held March 15-19 which will find the finalists going against Jack White, the trick shot artist on March 22.

—Danny Bass and Gene Mills have moved on the NAIA National Wrestling Championships after having claimed district and area titles.

—Anyone having any sports news should send it to Box 5349, to the attention of Gary Spittler, sports editor. Letters to the editor as well as suggestions are welcome.



Sophomore guard Duke Madsen corners a UNC-W ball handler in the last home game of the '76 season. The Christians closed their season with a 12-10 slate, and then moved into tourney play. Elon closed the year in the semi-finals of the CC tourney to end with a 13-11 record. (Joe Chandler Photo)

## Christian golfers win opener over High Point

**By Joe Chandler**  
The Elon College golf team, under head coach Bill Morningstar and assistant coach Dr. Charles Harris, has begun preparations for the 1976 season.

The 15-member squad was chosen from a group of golfers who played a total of 20 qualifying rounds, the players with the best average scores making the squad. Ten qualifying rounds were played at Alamance Country Club and ten rounds were played at the Indian Valley Golf Course.

The 15-member squad was then divided into two teams, a maroon team which plays in all the matches and a gold team which plays in all the tournaments.

The six golfers who comprise the gold team are David Braxton, Bill Burton, David Graham, David Overton, Charles Waters, and Chuck Scott. Their average qualifying scores from the number one man to the number six man ranged from 73.7 to 75.8.

The maroon team is comprised of Danny Arnold, Rick Firebaugh, Charles Carlisle, Ray Dodson, Mac Jones, Blair Moyer, William

Overton, James Scott, and Otis Shelton. All of the golf team members averaged below 80 for the 20 qualifying rounds.

The gold team will play in the Pinehurst Invitational Golf Tournament at Pinehurst, N.C. on March 8, 9, and 10. The field for this tournament will include defending .NCAA champions Wake Forest, University of Florida, Georgia Southern, University of Virginia, Duke, N.C. State, and UNC. The maroon team will play on the dates in the North Carolina Collegiate Tournament at the Pawtucket Country Club in Charlotte. And on March 11 the maroon team will play Hampton-Sydney College and Greensboro College at the Greensfolly Country Club in South Boston, Va.

Head coach Bill Morningstar commented, "I feel that this is the best golf team I have had since I have been here at Elon, and I feel like we should have a real good year."

The Christians won their opening match over High Point by 11 strokes in a tri-team meet last Friday. Elon's Bill Britton won medalist honors while David Braxton and Danny Arnold turned in fine scores.

### — Notice —

Now that spring is near, you'll probably look for something to do on these warm days.

Why not give Putt-Putt a try? It's a great game to get into, and it makes for keen competition among friends.

You'll also want to get into shape for the upcoming Putt-Putt Tournament sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. The date is Thursday, April 22. Watch for details in the next issue of the Pendulum.



An enthusiastic and warm crowd gathered for the first match of the 1976 tennis season. (Joe Chandler Photo)

### SPORTS CLIPBOARD

March		
11 Golf vs. Hampden Sydney and Greensboro	Away	1:00 p.m.
18 Golf vs. High Point and Towson State	Away	1:00 p.m.
19-21 Elon in Camp Lejeune Golf Tournament	Away	
19 Tennis vs. Guilford	Home	2:00 p.m.
20 Baseball vs. Pembroke State (DH)	Home	1:00 p.m.
21 Baseball vs. Atlantic Christian (DH)	Away	1:00 p.m.
22 Golf vs. Campbell and Atlantic Christian	Away	12:30 p.m.
23 Golf vs. Guilford and Catawba	Home	1:30 p.m.
23 Tennis vs. Greensboro College	Home	2:00 p.m.
23 Baseball vs. Franklin and Marshall College	Home	1:00 p.m.
25 Tennis vs. UNC-G	Away	3:30 p.m.
25 Baseball vs. North Carolina A & T	Home	3:00 p.m.