

# Spring Sports

by Gary Spitler, Sports Editor



## Elon College to host 1976 NAIA national tournament here June 1-4

by Joe Chandler

Elon College will join with Alamance Country Club in Burlington to host the 1976 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national championship golf tournament which is to be held June 1 through June 4. This year will mark the first time that the tournament has been hosted in North Carolina and is the 25th in NAIA history.

Thirty-two teams from all over the country as well as 32 district medalists will participate in the event. Elon represented District 26 in the NAIA tournament last year in South Dakota and finished seventh.

Head golf coach Bill Morningstar has named six of

his linksmen who are candidates to participate in the event. They are Chuck Scott, David Braxton, Chuck Waters, Bill Overton, Bill Burton, and David Graham. Five of the six candidates plus one alternate will participate in the championship event.

The Fighting Christian golfers captured the Carolinas Conference golf championship held April 26 and 27 at Sepona Country Club in Lexington, N. C. Elon took the championship by a whopping 33 stroke margin over second place finisher High Point. The Elon linksters also took second place in the District 26 tournament finishing only one stroke behind champion Gardner-Webb. In that event Elon linkster Chuck Waters

lost a sudden death playoff after tying Rodney Morrow of Gardner-Webb for medalist honors with a two-day total of 147.

The Elon golfers defeated Atlantic Christian 310 to 334 in a match held April 12 at Indian Valley Golf Club in Burlington. David Graham led the Christians with a 75 in that event.

Elon took top honors again the following day at Cyprus Lake when Campbell, Methodist, and Greensboro all bowed in defeat to the Fighting Christians. Bill Burton and David Braxton led the Elon contingent with a 71 and 72 respectively. The team scores were Elon 374, Campbell 384, Methodist 399, and Greensboro 421.

Guilford College was the next opponent to fall to the Fighting Christian golfers. The Elon linksmen posted a devastating 34-stroke victory over the Quaker golfers in the match held April 14 at Bel Aire Country Club. Blair Moyer and Bill Overton led the Christians with a 72 and 73 respectively.

The Elon golfers ended their season with a record of 18-2. This tally upped their record for the past three years to an impressive 58-7.

Five Elon golfers have received honors for their performance this season. Chuck Waters and Chuck Scott were named to the all-District 26 team. David Braxton, David Overton, and Bill Burton along with Waters and Scott were named to the all-Carolinas Conference team.

## Elon finishes 15-14

## Summer league baseball begins June 6 at Fairchild

by Gary Spitler

The Fighting Christian baseball team ended their 1976 campaign on a losing note falling 7-6 to Guilford and 12-4 to Liberty Baptist. Compiling a 15-14 season record, the Christians battled with the bats and pitching to compile a .299 batting average and 3.56 ERA.

Elon finished seventh in the Carolinas Conference with a 3-7 mark. High Point, Guilford, Pfeiffer, and Catawba advanced to the 1976 CC tournament May 6-8. Guilford won this year's title, which was the first CC title for the Quakers since the new double-elimination tournament went into effect.

Elon's season was not all lost, however; Doug Williams, a senior, set two records this season. The new stolen bases record stands at 54 for a career set by Williams this season. The old record was set by Carroll Reid during the 1950's. The other record broken this season by Williams was career home runs which he holds with 18 to his credit. The old record was held by Bill Dunn who played for the Christians during the 1972-74 years.

Outfielder Chuck Lindsay tied for fourth in single season stolen bases with 16. He tied with Carroll Reid (1953) and Mel Claiborne (1968).

Catcher Tommy Vaughn led in home runs for the Christians this season with six. He tied for third in single season home runs with Scott Quakenbush (1950), Gil Watts (1959), and Mike Little (1960).

Junior Charlie Gamble blistered the bats this season, collecting 37 of 87 for a .425 average. In addition, Gamble finished first in batting averages in the Carolina's Conference. Tommy Vaughn finished second in the batting department, slamming a .356. Chuck Lindsay followed with a .327 and Doug Williams with a .326.

Pitching was strong on this season's ball club. Gary Neugent (3-1) finished the season with the lowest ERA of 1.67, pitching 37 1/2 innings, giving up 7 earned runs, walking 13, and fanning 28. Junior Lou Williams (3-4) followed with a 2.49 ERA, pitching 43 1/2 innings, giving up 12 earned runs, walking 28, and striking out 53. Danny Gonnella (2-1) finished next with a 3.11 ERA, followed by Ronnie Johnson (3-1) with a 3.12, Randy Robertson (3-3) with a 4.26, and Mike Springton (1-1) with a 8.49. The Elon pitching crew gave up 209 total hits, 164 runs, 88 earned runs, walked 139, and fanned 190. The ERA for the entire pitching staff ended at 3.56.

Coach Bobby Jones and Assistant Coach David Batts strove to make the '76 season a winning one for the Elon batsmen. Even though the Christians finished with a 15-14 slate, it does not represent the type of game which the entire squad played.

So, that's baseball for the 1976 regular season. For the first time, Elon will have a summer league in which the Fighting Christians will be competing against eight other schools. The 1976 summer league season opens June 6 at Fairchild Park at 7:30 p.m. against the Carolina Tarheels.

### 1975-1976 Final Carolinas Conference (Regular Season) Standings

	(Conf.)	(Overall)
1. High Point	8-3	30-9
2. Guilford	8-4	20-14
3. Pfeiffer	6-6	13-14
*4. Mars Hill	3-4	6-17
5. Catawba	5-7	17-15
6. A. Christian	4-6	18-18
7. Elon College	3-7	15-14

\*Not eligible for championship



Action at recent tournament held by APO.

## APO raises money for charity

Hank Faber walked away with top honors at the 1976 Elon putt-putt tournament, sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. He won the singles competition in the 36-hole event with a fine 63 and then teamed with Roger Dollins to win the doubles competition with a score of 129.

The funds raised in the tournament were donated to the Autistic Children's Fund. Trophies and prizes were awarded to the winners. Party-three people participated in the tournament. Top scores in the competition were:

Hank Faber 63	Steve Blume 69	Hank Faber -- Roger Dollins 129
Roger Dollins 66	Wilson Shelton 70	Don Daves -- Rusty Smith 137
Tom Kurtz 66	David Graham 70	Tony Brewer -- Casey Woodruff 139
Susan Jones 67	Keith Hunt 70	Tom Kurtz -- Ronnie Stroud 142
Don Daves 67	Rusty Smith 70	Nancy Kimrey -- Susan Jones 144
Tony Brewer 68	Fred Pearce 70	Wilson Shelton -- Mike Thompson 147
		Bob Nazlian -- Bryan Dalton 147
		Robbie Moore -- Myron Moore 149
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## Elon taps High Point record

## Fighting Christian Cindermen set new CC record and place third

by Joe Chandler

The Elon Fighting Christian cindermen placed third and made their best showing in more than ten years in the Carolinas Conference track meet held May 4 in Salisbury. The Christians set a new conference record in the 440-relays and finished third behind Catawba and High Point.

The relay event was covered in a time of 42.6 seconds by Elon's top four sprinters David Dodd, Harold Carver, Kenny Washington, and Randall Shelby. The new record of 42.6 seconds erased the old mark of 42.7 seconds set by High Point in 1970.

The 440 relay record will also go down as an Elon first. Roxie Bratton set the only other track record broken by the Elon cindermen this spring when he posted a time of :09.7 seconds in the 100-yard dash.

"Our depth in the sprinting

events really showed in the relays," said Coach Clayton Johnson of his runners. "Kenny had taken third in the 100-yard dash (:09.91) and second in the 220 (:22.3), and Harold had placed fifth in the 100 and fourth in the 220, so they all had a real workout before the relays."

Jim Riddle also placed first for Elon in the javelin throw with a toss of 117 feet, 3 inches. Larry Scott placed second in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet after tying Guilford's Tim Kent and then losing because of total misses.

Third place finishers were Don McLaughlin in the broad jump and Jeff MacKenzie in the javelin throw. Danny Patterson in the shot-put, Shelby in the javelin throw, and Carver, all took fourth-place honors.

Shag Johnson in the shot, Thomas Moore in the high jump, Carver in the 100-yard dash, David Dodd in the 440

hurdles, and Preston Ruth in the three mile run all placed fifth in the conference meet.

### Sports editor note

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### ELON COLLEGE BASEBALL 1976 SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 6	UNC—Chapel Hill	H—7:30
June 7	Campbell	A—7:30
June 8	Appalachian	H—7:30
June 10	East Carolina	A—7:30
June 11	Methodist	H—7:30
June 12	East Carolina	††—H—6:00
June 13	Atlantic Christian	A—7:30
June 17	Appalachian	A—3:00
June 18	UNC—Chapel Hill	††—H—6:00
June 19	Louisburg	A—4:00
June 23	Appalachian	††—H—5:00
June 24	Atlantic Christian	H—7:30
June 26	Louisburg	H—7:30
June 27	Methodist	A—4:00
July 1	UNC—Chapel Hill	A—7:30
July 2	Campbell	H—7:30
July 3	Atlantic Christian	A—7:30
July 4	Louisburg	††—A—2:00
July 5	All-Star Game	TBA
July 6	Methodist	††—H—6:00
July 9	East Carolina	H—7:30
July 10	Campbell	††—A—6:00
July 14	Louisburg	H—7:30
July 16	Atlantic Christian	††—H—6:00
July 17	Methodist	A—4:00
July 18	UNC—Wilmington	A—4:00
July 20	Appalachian	A—3:00
July 21	Campbell	H—7:30
July 24	East Carolina	A—7:30
July 25	UNC—Wilmington	††—A—2:00
July 31	UNC—Chapel Hill	A—7:30

Home Games at Fairchild Park, Burlington  
Coach: Bobby Jones †† Doubleheader  
Sports Information: Melvin Shreve

### 1976 G.E.O. Individual Scores

Rank	Name	Gross	Calloway
1	D. Daves	71	68.5
2	G. Gupton	72	69.5
3	B. Clark	73	70.5
4	R. Smith	76	71
4	M. Moore	76	71
6	R. Moore	77	71
7	Dr. A. White	78	72
7	D. Moon	78	72
9	E. Wood	79	73
9	M. Thompson	79	74
9	T. Kurtz	79	73
12	P. Beeson	80	73
12	D. Smithers	80	74
12	J. Darden	80	73
15	D. Johnson	82	71
15	Craig Stanley	82	71
15	Dana Younts	82	72.5
15	D. Mundy	82	71.5
19	T. Harman	83	74
19	Mike Brown	83	74
21	Steve Carter	84	72.5
21	D. Sams	84	74.5
23	Dr. C. White	85	76
23	S. Dunlap	85	74
25	C. Martin	88	76
26	J. Kincaid	89	77
27	Charles Carter	91	75
27	R. Shelton	91	74
27	D. Cuttrel	91	73
30	Dr. D. Bragg	92	76
31	D. Umphlett	93	74.5
41	G. Gehlbach	93	76
33	Prof. Francis	94	73
34	Joe Chandler	97	76
35	Coach Wilson	102	77.5
36	Terry Morris	108	74