

RETROSPECTION OF FOOTBALL SEASON SHOWS AN IMPROVEMENT OF TEAM OVER LAST YEAR

Season Ends With Thanksgiving Game With Guilford. Statistics Do Not Show An Enviably Record---But Team Shows Steady Improvement

The winning of the Thanksgiving game against the Trinity star Neal with Guilford College closed the Elon football season very satisfactorily from the students' standpoint, as well as from the standpoint of the players themselves and the college athletic authorities.

A retrospection of the season just past shows a much steadier, well generated team than the year before. Those who have been here since the installation of football on the Elon campus have seen the team steadily improve each year. This year constituted the heaviest schedule the team has had, both in the number of games played and in the strength of the opposing teams.

Statistics on the season as a whole, college games only, show that Elon scored 60 points while her opponents scored 89, and this in the face of the fact that strong teams such as Davidson and Wofford were met; that two games were won, two drawn out to a scoreless tie, and four games lost, two by a very small margin. While this record is not an enviable one in the matter of the number of games won and lost, it does show that our team is playing consistent football and is getting the fundamentals of the game well in hand.

Captain E. S. Johnson has piloted his team well throughout the season. His steady playing in the back-field, his words of encouragement to his team-mates, and his optimism at all times and under all circumstances has had a telling influence in the morale of the team. The way the men stood behind him shows the high esteem and affection in which he was held by the whole team, and it is with regret to the students that the football season closes his career as an Elon representative on the athletic teams. In the sports of basket ball and base ball he will be seen in the role of assistant coach.

Captain elect James S. Cameron, for the 1922 season, is also a man worthy of this distinction. While he has been with the team only one year he has proved his ability as a football player, and his ability in the art of handling men on the gridiron that entitles him to next year's captaincy. His work at left guard has been admirable, and very few teams have driven their smashes through this wing of the line.

L. J. Perry has generated the team on the playing field practically throughout the entire season. His thorough knowledge of the game, his cool head even at the most exciting moments of play, and his keen observation of the weak places on the opponents team has enabled him to run those plays which would count for the best gains. His stellar work has been in the intercepting of forward passes, his consistent ground gaining through the line, and his ability to hurl the pigskin 30 yards or more over the opponents heads into the waiting arms of the Elon ends.

One of the team's most valuable assets was in Frank Allston, a new man on the team, who held down the position of center. Allston probably played the most consistent game of any man on the team. Though his position did not permit stellar playing of the grandstand type, he could not help but break into the limelight by his ability to get through the interference and down the runner behind the line of scrimmage, or to break up a punt of forward pass, which he did several times.

H. E. White, playing left tackle, was a dependable man throughout the season, and strengthened his end of the line considerably. He held this strategic point with credit to himself and the team.

John Smith was another "old reliable" in the line. His position was right tackle, and he played his best

With his determination and grit further laurels await him on the gridiron in coming years.

J. B. Newman did his bit in the back-field. His flashy end runs took the ball over the goal line in the Thanksgiving Day game. Vim and snap characterized his plays and it was a joy to the fan to see him in action.

McAdams and Fix did their turns in the back-field, as did Farley, Underwood, and Stonger, and had their opportunities to show the football stuff they were made of.

Kirkland, the Durham lad, broke into the Varsity at the Trinity game, and held down a regular place for the remainder of the season, right guard.

D. S. Perry, following in the footsteps of his "big brother," early in the season secured himself a regular birth on the Varsity at right end of the line, and wrapped his arms around many forward passes that netted good gains.

Clark and Flynn held down the left end of the line. Clark hit his man hard, and Flynn ran good interference.

Whitesell, Fessmire, and Gorman had their chances in the line, and showed up well on every occasion.

Other members of the squad who participated in part of the games were: Surratt, Parkerson, Walker, McCormick, Hainer, Braxton, Harrod, Rudd, Cannon, Clem, N. G. Newman, High, Hooks, Woodie, Hiatt, Kennedy, and Kemp.

The following men participated in the required number of games to be recognized as entitled to the Varsity "E" in foot ball, and were awarded the letter or star as the case might be in each individual case: Johnson, J. B. Newman, L. J. Perry, McAdams, Fix, Gorman, Farley, Clark, Flynn, D. S. Perry, Smith, White, Caremon, Kirkland, Whitesell, Fessmire, Allston, Stoner and Underwood.

Last, but by no means least, credit is due any success that the team may have achieved this season to Coach Corbo. His untiring efforts, patience, and consistent training of the football material have whipped it into something that really looks like a gridiron machine. Better team work, a more efficient interference, and a better co-ordination of each unit of the team has been noticed this season.

PRELIMINARY CONTEST FOR ELON DEBATING TEAM HELD

On Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock the preliminary contest for the Elon-Lenoir debate was held. The final debate will be held during the spring term and from the well-fought battle between Elon's youthful orators it looks as if Lenoir must offer a hard fight in order to win.

The speakers for this contest were Messrs. Rainey, Hainer, Self, Patrick, Price, Scholz and Misses Austin and Suits. The affirmative of the question which is, "Resolved: That the government should own and operate the railroads" was upheld by Messrs. Rainey and Hainer and Miss Austin. The negative was very ably discussed by the other speakers. The result of the judges' decision was announced in chapel Wednesday. Messrs. Rainey, Self and Patrick and Miss Austin are the debaters who won the honor of representing the college in the debate.

FIELD SECRETARY WILSON OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HERE

Frank P. Wilson, the field secretary for the all south Christian Endeavor convention visited Elon last week-end. The religious organizations met in the auditorium, but the time was given over to Professor

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT DEBATED BY SOCIETY

Interesting And Varied Numbers Appear On The Philologistian Program

The program given in the Phi hall last Monday evening was very interesting as it showed well the improvement some of the new men are making.

The first number was an oration by W. T. Scott. In his subject, "The Power of Ambition," Mr. Scott showed the advantages to be gained in adversity by the ambitious youth. He said that the boy of today is the hope of the country for tomorrow and that the ambitious youth had the sky for a limit in this age of opportunities. "Is the ambition of the boy of the 20th century dead?" Mr. Scott asked.

H. G. Self gave a talk on the importance of good society work. He declared that the society could succeed only as the members made progress, and that it was the duty of every member to do his best in developing himself and making the society a continued success.

"Why I come to college," was the subject on which R. C. Self spoke. Although his remarks were couched in humorous phrases, Mr. Self gave some important reasons that influenced him in deciding to get a college education. Mr. Shaw followed with a sketch of the life of Mark Twain. John Smith gave an account of the chapel exercise in Reidsville. The exercise he said was held in a freight depot when the football men stopped in that town on their way to play Lynchburg. Following this Marshal Johnson gave to the society an interesting description of Biltmore's health resort, and the country surrounding Biltmore. The paper of A. B. Williams, in which he traced the construction of the Panama canal from its beginning to the time it was completed contained much information. Leon Williams then spoke on the value of public speaking. Mr. Williams stressed the importance of public speaking by declaring that it was an indispensable art in the leadership of men. The humorous number given by W. W. Woody, took the shape of a class prophecy for the sophomores, the time being 1942. There were no protesting looks on the part of the sophomores present until Mr. Woody condemned some of them to confirmed celebrity.

The query "Resolved, that capital punishment should be abolished," was the question for debate. D. S. Perry and M. L. Patrick upheld the affirmative side of the question and argued that the aim of punishment was to reform a man and not to kill him because he was a social misfit, and that capital punishment was gradually being abolished by the leading countries of the world. The negative, defended by Curtis Price and W. B. Terrell, contended that the safety of human society demanded the retention of the death penalty, and that wherever capital punishment has been abolished it has later been re-installed. The decision committee awarded the decision to the affirmative unanimously.

W. T. Scott was given the best oratorically, M. L. Patrick best on the affirmative, and W. B. Terrell best on the negative.

Lindeman, and Mr. Wilson was given the chapel service on Monday morning.

Mr. Wilson met with the executives of the organization especially with the Christian Endeavor cabinet, and some new plans and inspiration was the result.

In the short talk which Mr. Wilson made at the chapel service, he varied from his usual theme of Christian Endeavor, and dealt with some of the real college problems in an inspirational way.

BASKET BALL PRACTICE BEGINS-GOOD PROSPECTS

Many Old Men Back On Floor --Perry Captain--Heavy Schedule Arranged

Now that the football season has closed interest on the Hill turns toward the sport of basket ball, and the hearty response to the call for candidates indicates a good season ahead.

Varsity practice began Wednesday. Thirty-five candidates reported for practice, and in this number is much new material. Of course, the first days of practice are no indication to the season ahead, but they do show that the majority of the men are in fit condition to begin training and that the men of last year's squad have not lost their skill on the floor.

The loss of E. S. Johnson, forward, and B. B. Johnson, center, from the team this year leaves vacancies that will be hard to fill.

However, Newman is back with the squad again this year, as is also L. Perry, Fix, McAdams, and Andrews of last year's regulars, who will in all probability constitute the backbone of this season's team.

R. Brown, C. P. Farmer, and L. Atkinson who have been with the team in former years are back in the Maroon and Gold uniform, and will push somebody for places on the varsity.

H. White, Barker, Kennedy, Walker, Barber, Harrod, Penny, O. Atkinson, Malette, Fessmire, Underwood and Whitesell who were substitutes last year are back to win for themselves a regular place this year.

Much interest in the game is being shown by the new men. Some of the best material among the new men seem to be: Kirkland, Flynn, S. Perry, Allston, Lefler, and others.

Captain Perry says he sees no reason why Elon should not have a team this year that will eclipse the record of last year's team, and one that will be in the championship class.

A schedule of some twenty games has been arranged. School opens after Christmas on January 4th, and the basket ball season opens on the 10th with the Durham Y. M. C. A. on the home court. The collegiate season proper opens on the 20th with N. C. State at Raleigh, and closes on February 24th with Wake Forest at Elon.

During the season the team will make a trip through Virginia, playing University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, V. M. I., and other equally strong teams.

The schedule is not fully completed as yet, but is given below as it now stands:

Jan. 10 Durham Y. M. C. A. at Elon.
Jan. 12 Winston-Salem Y. M. C. A., at Elon.
Jan. 14 Winston-Salem Y. M. C. A., at Winston-Salem.
Jan. 17 Durham Y. M. C. A., at Durham.
Jan. 20 N. C. State at Raleigh.
Jan. 21 Wake Forest at Wake Forest.
Jan. 23 Lynchburg Elks at Lynchburg.
Jan. 24 Washington and Lee at Lexington.
Jan. 25 V. M. I., at Lexington.
Jan. 26 University of Virginia at Charlottesville.
Jan. 27 (Pending.)
Jan. 28 University of Richmond at Richmond.
Jan. 31 Guilford at Guilford.
Feb. 2 N. C. State at Elon.
Feb. 6 Trinity at Raleigh (Pending.)
Feb. 9 Guilford at Elon.
Feb. 10 Davidson at Elon.
Feb. 15 Davidson at Davidson.
Feb. 24 Wake Forest at Elon.

Gunter: "Where does moonshine come from?"

Mountain Woody: "That is a secret still."

JIMMY CAMERON ELECTED FOOTBALL CAPTAIN 1922

Former Kiski Student To Lead Maroon and Gold Squad Next Year

J. L. Cameron was elected to the captaincy of the Elon football team at a meeting of the team last Wednesday afternoon. Cameron comes from one of America's best preparatory schools. Kiski is the school from which the University of Pittsburgh draws most of her recruits for her athletic teams.

From this excellent Pittsburgh preparatory school Mr. Cameron came to Elon well trained to take his place in the first ranks of the Athletics. He has thrown himself into the life of the college in such a way as to win for himself a large place in the hearts of the student-body. He has done great work for Elon on the Gridiron this year. Not a game has been played without him, and his ward came Wednesday afternoon at the meeting of the team when he was elected captain of the 1922 football team.

Cameron has a fine physique, and combines his great athletic ability with other admirable qualities. He has the knack of leadership which means so much to athletic teams. He understands the game in its every phase, and it is believed that he will lead the 1922 football team to victory.

WITH THE PEOPLE

Miss Irene Stephens, an ex-member of the class '23 spent Thanksgiving on the Hill. She is teaching at the M. P. Home, near High Point this year, but will be back to graduate with '23.

Miss Mary Beasley, sister of Raymond Beasley, was a visitor on the Hill last Thursday.

Mrs. A. M. Moring was here for the Junior-Senior debate, the game with Guilford and the Philologistian play.

The dormitory misses Mrs. Wheeler this year. Memories of her chaperoned by her were brought back when she appeared Thanksgiving to visit her daughter, Miss Kay Wheeler.

After the fun of the Phi holidays Misses Mary Lee Foster, Mary Williams, Margaret Rowland and Claren Lincoln visited Miss K. Strader at her home in Greensboro.

Mr. L. R. Sides '20 was a visitor here during the holidays—he brought his sister.

Miss Florine Farmer was Charlotte for the week-end.

Miss Elsie Owen, who was in school at Elon in 1919-20, has returned for a short visit.

It's a shame we can't record the names of everyone present at the Junior-Senior debate, the Philologistian play and the ball game, but we know there was a big crowd, and we were glad to have them.

Miss Bess Nicholson is quite fortunate in having her sister, Pauline Nicholson, a '21, visit her often.

Miss Lucy Eldridge, '21, who is now traveling in the interest of the Christian church was on the Hill several times recently visiting Miss Minnie Edge.

Misses Hazel Rosemond and Simmons came for the ball game against Guilford.

E. C. White spent a few days at his home, Waverly, Va., last week.

Marshall Johnson (to barber) "Give me a nickel's worth of tonic."

Barber: "That small amount won't do your hair any good."

Johnson: "Yes, but the hair spring in my watch has dandruff in it."