

Christian Football Squad Is One of Strongest in History

Victory Over V. M. I. Indicates Exciting Season

Elon Gridders Shaping Up

15 Monogram-men Return

Cocher Raises Hope

Heavy Schedule

Elon College will this year offer to its opponents one of the strongest teams in the history of the school. The large squad of forty-three men is swiftly getting into the fine condition necessary for a successful football team. For years Elon has had the reputation of having the best football team in the North-State Conference, and the team this year promises to be the best yet as it develops under the capable coaching of "Hoise" Hendrickson and Assistant Coach Power.

The scrimmage with Duke last Saturday showed the weak points in the Elon team with the result that these have been ironed out, and V. M. I. will probably have a much tougher team to battle today than they have anticipated. With fifteen letter-men back who served with last year's championship team, the prospects of another championship team are of the best. Coach Hendrickson stated: "In view of the fact of a new regime, the spirit is wonderful and the boys are taking to the new system as well as is to be expected. The squad and the coaching staff are working hard for each game as it comes on the schedule, and their hopes are centered on retaining the fine record Elon College has had in the past."

There is some speculation as to whether the team will 'click' under the new coaching system, but from the attitude shown on the practice field and on the campus they are making fast headway toward what, from the looks of the squad, is a good understanding between the coach and the men.

The team will be under the generalship of Captain Joe Caruso, at quarter-back position, who is beginning his fourth year as a member of the Elon team. Other seniors who will probably be at strategic points on the team are: Abbitt, Beaver, Bradley, Mastro, and Day.

There has also been some valuable material added to the squad

New Coaches

Hendrickson and Powers Have Great Records

Hendrickson, Duke alumnus and head coach of the Elon Christians, all-Southern quarter-back, this fall begins his first season as

A native of Lima, Ohio, he came to Duke in 1936 from preparatory schools in Deaver Falls, Pa., and Ohio. He gave outstanding performances on the freshmen squads, especially in football, and upon joining the varsity in 1931 continued the brilliant record started the year before. He played for three years on the varsity team, making both the all-Southern and all-Dixie teams, and was a frequent nominee for All-American honors. His performances in basket-ball as guard and in baseball at third base were almost on a par with his stellar performances on the gridiron. In his last year on the Duke team he was the key man of the football team which suffered but one defeat, that being at the hands of Georgia-Tech.

After making a name as one of the greatest athletes of Duke University, upon his graduation in 1933 he took over the backfield coaching position of the Duke freshmen squad under Herschel Caldwell. Since then that freshmen team has met with unusually good success.

Wallace Wade, Duke head coach, gives the highest praise to this quiet, efficient, and courteous man of the Elon Christians. Wade once stated that Hendrickson was one of the greatest athletes he ever coached, a man who has a natural inclination for work, and one who will undoubtedly go far as a coach.

The Elon coach is only twenty-seven and is at the threshold of what promises to be long and

this year for the first time, and with the more seasoned veterans forming the vanguard the recruits should form a valuable part of the squad.

It is evident that the squad has a splendid spirit and is working hard for the school. The administration and student body are all cooperating with the squad and are behind them in every way possible.

successful coaching career at Elon College.

In his position as head of the coaching staff, he has Thomas W. Power, another Duke graduate and an all-Southern guard, to assist in football, to coach boxing and wrestling, and to supervise intramural athletics. Power is originally of Rosemont, Pa. After prep school he entered Duke in the fall of 1933. Besides an outstanding guard on the gridiron, he also excelled at wrestling and track.

Since coach Hendrickson has taken charge there have been some long needed repairs and improvements made in the basement of the gymnasium. The visitors' room has been remodeled, the dressing room and stock room reconditioned, the training quarters for boxing and wrestling rewalled, the showers have been enlarged, and the whole basement cleaned and painted.

An extensive intramural program has been planned for the year, and will start in the near future.

It is felt that Coach Hendrickson is giving of his best to Elon, and the alumni, administration, and student-body seem to be wholeheartedly behind him.

Caruso Leads To Victory



Captain Caruso

RAMBLING

Hello again! Once more this column will "ramble" through the sports fields and see what is being done by those fellows wearing Elon sweat-shirts and jerseys. But say, you are to get a break this year. This column is going to be done by different hands from time to time, just to break up the monotony. Variety is the spice of life they say, so why not start off here?

Having a new coaching staff means a great deal of work on the part of the players as well as the coaches themselves. The footballers have to learn new systems and signals, and the coaches have to study the players to determine just how they fit into plans. This year's squad has a good first team with plenty of speed, power, and experience, and, provided there are no injuries, we should have a successful season. The line is composed entirely of letter-men from last year, and the backfield contains three letter-men. Which makes it almost a veteran outfit.

The end positions will be held down by "Hunk" Bradley and Art Lea, who made the first touchdown against Duke in the recent scrimmage game at Durham. Hall

Watts will be held in reserve. Three men will share the tackle berths: Jim Day, Ben Hurst, and Jim Hauselt. The guards will be Al Mastro and "Jaybird" Fritts. Johnnie Beaver will also see plenty of action because of his blocking ability. Archie Israel, after a summer of hard work filling the ice boxes in Waterbury, will be expected to play 60 minutes of football. Archie is in condition to do this, moreover. This fact was proven last Saturday when Archie was in on almost every tackle made.

James Abbitt will be the key man in the backfield attack, doing most of the running and practically all the kicking. Little need be said about his punting, but his running has improved a great deal this year. This ability was shown against Duke when he ran back a kick for sixty yards through the entire Blue Devil team. Captain Joe Caruso and Amos Shelton will be the blocking backs, with Amos doing most of the passing also. The other running position is still wide open. Vince Kazlow, Joe Golembek, and Charlie Pitman will have to fight it out, which will make it all the more interesting.

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