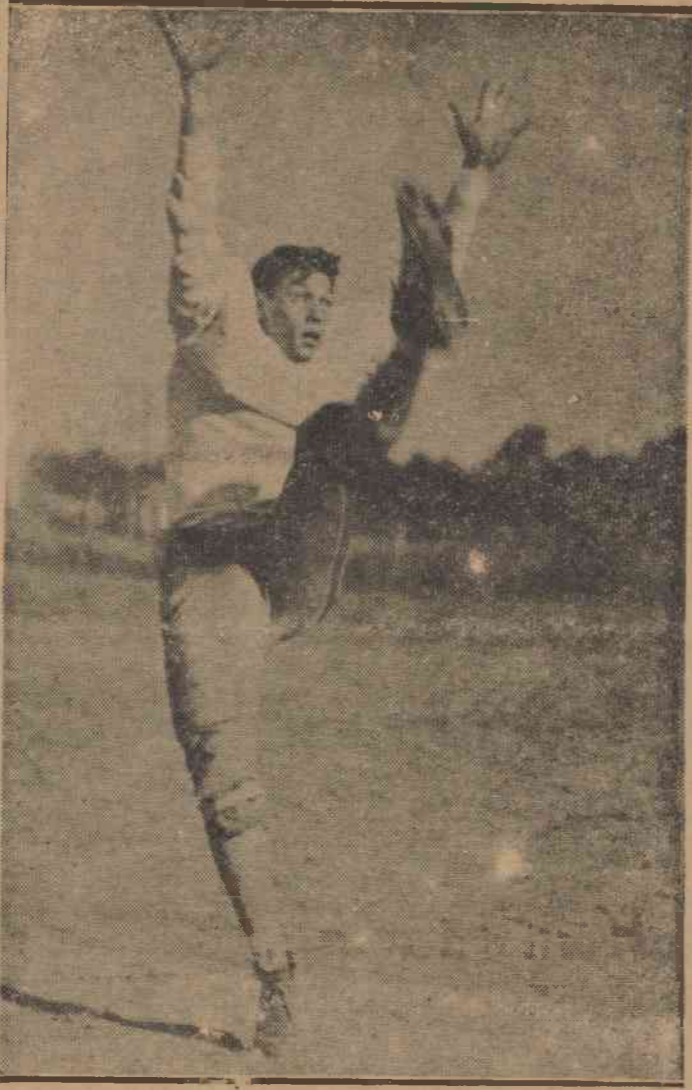


Basketball Prospects Good For Season

Basketball, king of winter sports, will soon be on the headlines of the sport pages throughout the country, and from the way things look now, Elon will be getting its share of those headlines. Coach "Horse" Hendrickson has a likely looking squad this year, packed with height, weight, and experience. Four of last year's five starters will be back for action this year. They are: Hunk Bradley, a mere 6 foot 5 in. 210 pound center; Lloyd Whitley, 6 foot 3 inches, who played so brilliantly in his freshman year last season; Ike Fesmire, who stands 4 inches over 6 feet; and Rec Cromlish, colorful long shot artist, who is only 6 ft. 2 inches, but if given a chance he might grow. James Abbitt and Ben "After All These Years" Lilien, are fighting it out for the opening berth, but are getting plenty of competition from a host of new comers. Others on the squad are: J. D. Odom, Roland Longest, and Nelson Blue, each of whom saw some service last year, and Claude Lawrence, Garland Causey, Joe Golombek, Amos Shelton, John Van "Wheel" Barrow, Nelson Richardson, Roger Flory, Joe Brennan, Tommy Gaylord, Cleve Campbell, Van Newman, and Bob Hamilton, all newcomers.

The regular schedule, which will open January 5 against Washington and Lee, will be preceded by a few warm up games with independent teams. One or these occurred on Friday, December 3, when the Elon team met the Duke team and defeated the Blue Devils 23-22. Two extra periods were necessary to play off a tie.

Honored For Brilliant Career



James "Jack Rabbit" Abbitt

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With Frank Donovan

Bud Noon's investigation and search to discover if Elon did not have the youngest coaching staff proved to be successful. Bud saw a column which appears in a New York paper that Loyola University of New Orleans had the youngest staff on record, so he forwarded the columnist some statistics as to the ages of our coaches, and brought the columnist's records up to date. The fact that Elon has the youngest staff appeared in the column a short time later. Nice work, Bud. Now how about finding out how old the fellows really are who are going to play with the House of

David team in the intramural basketball league?

Speaking of intramurals, there were so few who signed up for horse-shoe pitching that there was no tournament. The touch-football turn-out was pretty good, and so far the basketball is shaping up nicely. But there are plenty other sports in which everyone can participate, provided that there are enough interested persons. The cold weather will drive us all inside soon, so practice up on your table tennis (ping pong to you're guys), for a big tournament is to start shortly.

Post-Season Honors Go To Elon Players

By Frank Donovan

The 1937 football season may be all over as far as Elon is concerned, but its memories will linger on for quite a long time. The record of the team speaks for itself, but the achievements of several of the team members are something that can be talked about for years to come. James "Jack-Rabbit" Abbitt, the most brilliant star in Elon football history, was rewarded for his exceptional playing, by being elected on the All-State eleven. Abbitt, the choice of the leading sports writers of the state, made the second team due to the fact that some of the lesser writers of the state failed to see him in action, and chose men from larger schools. Big Hunk Bradley, brilliant end; and Al Mastro, called the greatest line-man in Elon history received honorable mention. The surprising fact is that Archie Israel, who outplayed every center he opposed this season, failed to receive any votes.

Five Christians were selected of the All North State team; Two on the second team and three on the third team, and that, my friends, is as near a clean sweep as there ever will be. This proves, beyond a doubt, that Elon had the strongest team in the conference, even though the Cannonade failed to win the title. Abbitt, the only unanimous choice, was named captain of this team. James Day, 200 pound tackle; Hunk Bradley, end; Archie Israel, center; and Al Mastro, guard, were the men chosen for the first team. All except Israel are repeaters, having been mentioned in previous years. Joe Golombek, 210 pound freshman fullback; and Captain Joe Caruso, sturdy and capable blocking back were second team selections. Amos Shelton, who did so nobly heaving touchdown passes; Ben Hurst, tackle; and Art Lea, light but flashy end, made the third outfit. Each of these men has at least one more season to go, and it is hoped they will fill the spots left vacant on the first team by those who will be graduated next spring. Archie Israel, captain-elect for 1938, still has another year to go, so Elon will have plenty of man power left for next year to gain just as many berths as this year.

Letters and sweaters were awarded at the annual football banquet to the following men: James Abbitt, John Beaver, Hal Bradley, Horace Brannon, Ben Bullock, Joe Caruso, Garland Causey, James Day, James Fritts, Joe Golombek, Rigden Grundman, Ben Hurst, Archie Israel, Vincent Kazlow, Art Lea, Walter Loughton, Al Mastro, Charles Pittman, Wellington Saecker, Amos Shelton, Hal Watts, Jack Wilkerson, and manager Bill Maness.

The following seniors received gold footballs: Caruso, Abbitt, Day, Mastro, Beaver, Bullock, Bradley and Maness.

The echoes of applause and admiration for Abbitt's great kicking, running, passing, and general football ability, did not only resound within the borders of North Carolina. In the recently released Associated Press All-American Team, Abbitt was given honorable mention. The Associated Press Team, which is considered final by the majority of football officials, has a nation-wide scope, and the honor to be mentioned on this squad must surely be deserved.

This is the last issue of the Maroon and Gold before the Christmas holidays. We'll be seeing you early in January. In the meantime good luck, happy holidays, and a very Merry Christmas to you. -- The Editors.

Basketball Practice

The first week of basketball practice at Elon has been completed and prospects for another championship team seem fairly good with the return of four of last year's first team regulars. Only Paul Roye, who turned professional during the summer is missing from the 1936-37 quintet. Those returning are Capt. Hal Bradley, center; Lloyd Whitley and Ike Fesmire, forwards; and Richard Cromlish, guard.

James Abbitt, of football fame, is the leading candidate to fill Roye's place at guard. Abbitt served as understudy last year, and proved to be a good defensive man. However, an injured shoulder, sustained during football season, may prove to be an interference during the early part of the season.

A total of 25 men have been taking part in practice this week. They include the five mentioned above and J. D. Odom, Roland Longest, Nelson Blue, John Pierce, Ben Lilien, Claude Lawrence, Garland Causey, Joe Golombek, Amos Shelton, John Van Barrow, Nelson Richardson, Roger Inman, Bruce Flory, Joe Brennan, Tommy Gaylord, Cleve Campbell, Van Newman, and Bob Hamilton.

In announcing the schedule, Coach Horace Hendrickson stated that a few pre-holiday games would be played with independent teams, but that the regular schedule would open January 5 with an extended northern tour. Twelve conference games have been scheduled. The schedule follows: January 5, Washington and Lee, there; January 6, V. M. I., there; January 7, Navy App., there; January 8, St. John, there; Jan. 10, George Washington, there; January 11, Randolph Macon, there; January 18, Guilford, there; January 20, Catawba, here; January 22, High Point, here; January 28, A. C. C., there; Jan. 31, Appalachian, here; February 3, A. C. C., here; February 5, High Point, there; February 10, Guilford, here; February 12, Catawba, there; February 17, Lenoir-Rhyne, here; February 21, Appalachian, there; February 22, Lenoir-Rhyne, there.

Intramural Basketball Season Begins Soon

The various intramural basketball squads on the campus have started practice and the majority of the games will probably be played before the Christmas holidays.

From indications shown in the workouts, the teams are going to be pretty good this year. The intramural basketball teams heretofore have shown some pretty good basketball, and have played some very interesting games. This year promises to keep up the tradition of former years.

Since there are no freshman squads here at Elon, many who would go out for those squads but who are not out for the varsity, will be playing on the various intramural teams on the campus.

There eleven teams, and each team must play every other team so it looks as if the schedule will be long and hard. The winners will have won the championship and medals after a schedule of tough competition.

The games will be played at night, giving the students a chance to see all of these intramural games.

The eleven teams which will be in the competition are as follows: Iota Tau Kappa, Sigma Phi Beta, Alpha Pi Delta, Kappa Psi Nu, East Dormitory, North Dormitory (two teams), Publishing House, Day Students, Faculty, House of David.

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I. T. K. Emerges As Champion of Touch Football League

The I. T. K. fraternity won the school touch football championship by winning over the Sigma Phi Betas to the score of 26 to 0 in their second game. In the first game these two teams battled to a scoreless tie, but the offense of the I. T. K.'s was working much better in the second game and they went over the opposition in a very effective manner.

All the games on the schedule were rougher than the rules permit, but no serious casualties took place. The worst injuries were sprained ankles, and sore hips; only two or three were knocked out during the entire schedule.

In the first game between the winners and the Sigma Phi's, the I. T. K. boys would frequently get the ball down to the goal line but the defense of the Sigma Phi's never permitted them to reach the pay-dirt.

In the second game they went down the field rapidly with running plays and a wide assortment of passes, which repeatedly carried them across the goal-line.

Whitley, Fuller, Lilien and Fowler were the chief backfield stars for the I. T. K.'s.

WRESTLING SQUAD NEEDS RECRUITS

Coach "Mo" Power reports that the turnout of the Varsity Wrestling Team this year has not been so hot. Coach Power has tentative matches booked with Appalachian, Duke, and State, and he can get plenty more if enough men turn out. There is not going to be a varsity wrestling team this year unless enough men respond to the call for candidates. To have a complete team, there have to be two men for each weight, which makes sixteen altogether. So far, only thirteen have signified their intention to join the squad, and are gradually getting into shape in the newly renovated wrestling room in the basement of the gymnasium. Jimmie Wilburn, Art Lea, and Rigdon Grundman, are the only veterans who have turned out, so there are still plenty of positions open for those who wish to support a varsity team and earn a varsity letter. It's a great sport, plenty of fun, and above all, it puts you in fine shape. So, what say? Let's have some more real grunt and groan-er out real soon, and have a varsity team of which we can be mighty proud.