

Early Season Contests Insure Close Conference Race

Rambling

With YOCK MALLOY

LOOKING BACK

With the pigskin safely tucked away, the basketballs once more hold the spotlight here at Elon. The boys are out for sweet revenge, because the last time they won the championship was in 1937, three long years ago. During the intervening seasons they have lost two crowns by a total of one-and-a-half games.

In 1937 Elon ran over High Point to win the title, but the following year the Panthers reversed the tables, and nosed out our Christians by one full game. Last season the Mountaineers from Appalachian shaded the Cannonade by a half a game.

CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

The final league standings at the end of the current season will not be the deciding factor in the crowning of the champion. For the North State Conference has adopted the policy of the Southern Conference, and will hold the first in a series of annual tournaments. This affair will be staged in the High Point College gymnasium, and will commence February 20.

SECTIONAL FAVORITES

Starting in the East, the section we believe will produce the national champion, we pick Duquesne . . . Traveling northward to the New England States, we foresee Rhode Island's high-scoring aggregation carrying away the honors . . . In our nearby Southern Conference it will be Duke's senior team nosing out George Glamack and his Carolina teammates . . . In the Southeastern League it looks like Kentucky in a runaway race . . . In the Big Nine a three-team race between Purdue, Indiana, and Illinois is foreseen, with the Boiler-makers being the big noise . . . Moving southward to the Lone Star State and the Southwestern Conference, Rice seems to be the cream of the crop with Texas not far behind . . . Far out on the West Coast, Santa Clara is in a class of her own.

DID YOU KNOW

That basketball is the biggest drawing sport in the country, leading all other sports by 2 to 1 . . . That the average crowd attending the collegiate double-headers in Madison Square Garden is 15,000 . . . That Carolina lost to both Fordham and St. Joseph by the identical score of 42-41 . . . That Appalachian has three regulars back from its championship team of last year . . . That High Point, Appalachian, and Elon were rated by "Look" as being as good as the Southern Conference's best . . . That Pecos Finley, the star of last year's Bearded team, is now an officer in Uncle Sam's army . . . That we think you knew all the time. Did you?

Claytor and Abernathy Share Duties As Elon Basketball Managers

A great deal of credit is to be extended to the Elon basketball managers. This year the duties are being shared by Tal Abernathy and Bill Claytor. These boys have worked very diligently in helping Coach Hendrickson get the team in shape for the current season.

They give needed assistance to the players when they are injured and keep check on each player's equipment. When the team goes on a trip, the managers have many worries in keeping up with the players, making sure they get their meals, and arranging for sleeping quarters.

These managers also have to act as scorekeepers and time keeper at all games.

Realizing that they put a lot of work and time to the job it is not hard to see what their share is in helping make our basketball team a success. Almost every player will admit that many times he would be lost if he didn't have Tal or Bill to call

CRUISING with CRUTCHFIELD

All I Know is what I read in the newspapers . . . One story recently told of three changes in football rules made by coaches of the nation, one that any player can be substituted as often as a coach wishes, one that a fourth down pass over the goal line is counted as a pass grounded on the playing field and one that a ball handed forward behind the line of scrimmage is not a forward pass . . .

The first change was designed to help small schools such as Elon while the other two were planned to help the offense of all teams, and indirectly to add to the spectator's enjoyment of the game . . . The free substitution rule ought to help any team and may in many instances change the outcome of games by the strategic use of star players which was sometimes impossible under the old rule . . .

In another column the tale of the end of the road for Glenn Cunningham as a runner . . . The experts still talk of a four minute mile, but some believe the Kansas star to be just about as near perfection as a miler will ever get . . . Cunningham's life is an inspiration for any youth . . . The story of how he overcame what seemed to be insurmountable obstacles to become one of the world's greatest runners is almost unbelievable . . . The scars of fire that made it necessary for him to go through unusual limbering up exercises before every race could not keep him from doing what he wanted to do . . . Doctors once said he

Competition Will Be Great Among Teams in Intramural Basketball

Intramural basketball got under way last Tuesday night. This year the schedule is divided into two six team sections. The winner of each section will meet in the play off for the championship.

There is expected to be some very strong competition in the intramural loop this year with such teams as last year's I. T. K. championship team which has practically the same team, with such men as Longest, Daher, Born, Rogers, Causey and Yonkoski. Alpha Phi is expected to have a very strong ball club with Foushee, R. Inman, G. Inman, Lawrence, Clapp, and Powers. Sigma Phi is also expected to have a strong ball club with such men as Shaw, Palantonio, Thompson, Cominaki, and Boone. We are also expecting to have some keen competition from the dormitories

would never walk again . . . Still reading . . . How John Kimbrough demands \$37,000 to play one year of pro football so he can buy the ranch of his dreams . . . Must be some ranch . . . Tommy Harmon also is listening to the voice of cash and predictions are that he won't be able to say no . . . Maybe he'll buy himself a radio station so he can do all the announcing he wants to . . . The fabulous tale of how George Glamack never looks to see where he is shooting . . . which sounds like a press agent's pipe dream to us . . . or maybe it's just another way of getting notice . . . Among the obits . . . Other

Christians Defeated In An Overtime Tilt

High Point "Y" Quintet Wins Over Elon Team, 54 to 53

Elon College basketball team met its first defeat of the season when a strong High Point "Y" team handed them a one point set back last Saturday night.

The winners were paced by Nelson Blue, a former Elon athlete and Hartley, the ex-Guilford ace. A late rally by the "Y" cagers enabled them to gain a tie at the end of the regular game, then they out scored the Christians by one point in the overtime period.

The offensive stars for Coach Hendrickson's team were Captain John Henry Pearce with 14 points, Jack Gardiner with 12 and W. L. Hobson, who gathered 11 markers.

It was a hard and closely fought game, with many personal fouls being called on each team

schools joining in the demand that football be abolished or cleaned up . . . Which is coupled with the rumor that Guilford of our North State conference is said to be mulling over the idea of pulling out to join Tennessee and Virginia small colleges in a "strictly amateur" loop . . . An idea which might work out best for all concerned . . . Although somewhat sad, it's laughable this way coaches are avoiding the job as head coach at Ohio State . . . They know it's certain death sooner or later . . .

Straying to the comic section . . . more tales of the antics of Frank Kovacs on the tennis courts . . . and of the resulting criticism from some sources . . .

Difficult Schedule Cuts Basketball Team's Vacation Short

Although classes did not start until January 2, Coach Horace Hendrickson invited thirteen candidates from this year's squad to report for basketball practice December 13. The Christians face a tough schedule the remainder of the season with most of the opponents being conference and fast semi-pro outfits.

In Coach Horace Hendrickson we think that the Christians have the smartest basketball coach in the state, and with experienced men back from last year's team they should and will give a good account of themselves, although the loss of last year's Captain Lloyd Whitley and the ball-hawking ace, Link Manzi, will be greatly felt.

The only thing certain about the Conference race this year is that competition will be as keen as ever. Appalachian, defending champions, are again the favorites with Elon and High Point running a close second. Again W. C. T. C. will be the "dark horse".

The boys who are now working out under Coach Hendrickson are Captain John Henry Pearce, Jack Gardner, Spec Towns, W. L. Hobson, Ed Potter, Max Zyvith, Ray Tessa, Doug Moss, Johnny Clayton, Tal Bean, Yock Malloy, Warren Burns, and Chuck Lentz.

which we can't understand . . . If an athlete can mix humor with his work, o. k. . . and last, reflecting on some of the tricks of the Whiskered Wizards here last Monday night . . . which we think proves our point of mixing ability as entertainers with ability as athletes . . . do you?



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