

Christians Face Panthers This Afternoon At High Point

Rambling

With YOCK MALLOY

With three Conference games behind them, the Elon College sluggers now look forward to next week's games with Wake Forest, Catawba, and Duke. These three teams add up to one of the busiest week's in Christian baseball history.

The Deamon Deacons of Wake Forest will open the week on Tuesday, when they bring here a team that is capable of putting on a brilliant exhibition. The boys from Deacontown have a lot of potential power stored up in their bats, and if they ever start letting loose, the Christians had better look out.

Those of us who were here last year well remember when those Deacons let loose in Greensboro to lead the Christians by a score of 6-0 in the fourth inning, before the Cannonade took a toe-hold. Well, with an exception of a few, it's those same Deacons who will be here Tuesday and they will be out for revenge.

CHRISTIANS OUT FOR REVENGE

On Wednesday and Thursday the Indians from Catawba will be here, and this time it will be our turn for revenge. We all remember that time last year when the Cannonade was riding high, wide, and handsome on a 19 game winning streak. The Indians came here determined to end the above mentioned streak, and when the game was over the determination of the Indians showed on the scoreboard to the tune of 8-3.

The entire case of the Cannonade will have "That" look in their eyes during these two crucial games and after many a base hit the old timers will be saying, "that was for last year."

But this is far from saying that they will be going up against a group of spiritless boys. The gang from Salisbury have shown in the past and will show in the future a true fighting spirit. And they will be just as anxious to upset the Christians again.

RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY

As for Saturday, that will be a good day for the weather man to predict rain. For two years the Christians have been trying to get together with the Blue Devils of Duke, and in these attempts they have been rained out every time. The nearest the boys have come to playing anything that looked like a game was two years ago in Burlington, when the Christians were leading the Durham crew in the third inning by a 7-3 score.

This year everybody is hoping for a clear day, so, for the sake of everyone concerned, we'll pray for old Sol to be beaming brightly on Comer Field come Saturday. And with his help we should have a swell ball game; what with Coach Hendrickson trying to match wits with the old master, Jack Coombs, how could we have anything else.

That just about sums up the coming week, so we are asking all you students to be our there and lend a helping hand to the team. They need it.

SLUGGER GOES UP



Pictured above is Emo Showfety, slugging first baseman on last year's Cannonade. Emo has left for the training camp of the Greensboro Red Sox of the Piedmont League, and will be given a tryout at the club's expense.

CRUISING With Crutchfield

Baseball is practically here once more. The major league teams are winding up their Grapefruit seasons and are beginning their homeward journeys; minor league teams have gone into training, and collegiate clubs already have opened or will open soon their important conference chases.

Locally, the North State season is in full swing, and the first Big Five tilt is scheduled this afternoon with Duke playing at Davidson.

Whether you realize it or not, Elon is right in the midst of the heaviest part of its schedule. The Christians opened their year during the past week with four straight games, and then face four more in a row next week, including two with Big Five clubs.

Wake Forest on Tuesday, Catawba, Wednesday and Thursday and Duke Friday offers one of the toughest stretches Elon will face all year.

Perennial Problem. That perennial problem of picking champions before the season is played which sports writers take on themselves annually without being asked is not far off.

Most predictions are based on records of last year, and performances in the Grapefruit league. On that basis, Cleveland and New York have a lead in the American league and Brooklyn, Cincinnati and St. Louis should rank as favorites in the National league. The Yankees lately as well as the Dodgers have looked good in training.

These five clubs, in our mind, will get most of the first place choices of the experts.

Elon Star Gets Chance.

Emo Showfety, the slugging first baseman of last year's Christians, is getting a tryout with the Red Sox farm. Some give Emo a good chance to stick in class B ball, while others are doubtful. However, it is a known fact that he was regarded by major league scouts who saw him play during the past two years as an outstanding prospect. They liked his speed, his arm and his work at the plate. Admittedly he has some weaknesses, but most of them thought these faults could be corrected.

If hitting is the weakness, Emo has a great chance to overcome his faults. At Greensboro he will be playing under Heinie Manush, one of the game's greatest hitters. Here he will get the advice and benefit of an expert.

If size, speed and power count, Emo should be a great star some day.

Tennis Goes Commercial.

Another collegiate sport has gone commercial. Tennis, usually played on college campuses for the fun of it, has become big business at Rollins college in Winter Park, Fla.

Recruiting in a big way was done last fall, and this spring the little school has several nationally known stars playing on its freshman team.

No matter how much you dislike the idea of taking the game away from the amateurs, you have to admit that Rollins is not bashful in letting the public know its ideas and intentions as well as its practices.

However, we would like to see

Elon At Full Strength For Game With Pointers

Manager Shaw Announces '41 Net Schedule

The 1941 edition of the Elon College tennis team swung into action last Monday when they faced William and Mary, Norfolk Division in their first official match and carried away a 5-2 decision. Jimmy Lightbourne, Captain-Coach, won his match in straight sets, and was joined in victory by Bobby Johnston, John Barney, and Billy Johnston; while the doubles team of Billy Johnston and Jimmy Lightbourne were victorious.

As yet, the completed squad has not been announced. The playoff, which will determine the final make-up of the squad hasn't been held, and Coach Lightbourne is expecting great things of several new candidates for the squad. Numbered among these candidates are Kenny Herbert, Bob Lee and Cecil Henderson. In addition the squad has been strengthened considerably by the return of Ray Cessna, who is expected to play No. 2 position.

The victory over W. & M. was doubly gratifying, not only as it was the first victory of the season, but also because despite a lack of practice the Christian netters defeated a team which had already won three of five matches played. Unexpected strength was shown by Bobby Johnston, a freshman playing his first match and Louis Adair who put up a hard fight before losing 7-5, 7-5.

This year's club hopes to surpass last year's record when the Cannonade finished second to Guilford in a North State Conference race. The squad is burning to avenge last year's defeats by Guilford, and has high hopes of duplicating the victory they scored over the Quakers this fall in a practice match.

Tennis has always been a popular sport at Elon, as evidenced by the crowds always waiting to use the courts. The attendance at the William and Mary match, while fairly large, was not as great as had been hoped for. In the past Elon net squads have travelled far and wide and made quite an enviable name for themselves.

This year, the southern trip has been postponed and the team travels up north. They play, amongst others, Richmond, V. P. I., N. C. State, American U., and Westchester State Teachers College. However, five matches still remain here at home, and the squad sincerely hopes that the students will continue supporting the team by attending the matches. Below we list the remaining games on the schedule issued by Manager "Reb" Shaw:

- April 5—Trinity, home
- April 7—N. C. State, away.
- April 9—Catawba, here
- April 11—Guilford, away
- April 16—Loyola, here
- April 19—E. C. T. C., away
- April 21—Atlantic Chris., away
- April 25—Guilford, away
- April 29—Randolph Macon, away

April 28—W. and M.-V. P. I. away.

- April 30—U. of Richmond, away (pending)
- May 1—Loyola, away
- May 2—West Chester Teachers away.
- May 3—American U., away
- May 5—V. P. I., away (pending)
- May 6—Lynchburg, away
- May 13—N. C. State, here

one sport kept open for free competition from college student bodies.

Which causes us to wonder if Elon's lack of tennis courts might not be tied in with the lack of financial returns from that sport.

Hoss Hendrickson Undecided As To Pitching Choice

The Christians of Elon College meet the Panthers of High Point today at High Point, to open the away season for 1941. The Cannonade is not expecting much trouble from the Pointers, but a tilt with the Panthers can mean trouble in any sport.

Coach Hendrickson has not yet announced his pitching choice for today's game, but the rest of the lineup is expected to be: Potter catching, Tomanchek at first, Hobson at second, Clayton at short, Daher at third, Yonkoski in left field, Gardner in center and either Roberts or Massey covering right.

Nance, Moran and Stasulli are the main threats of the High Point club, and these boys can really clout the apple when they get started.

CHRISTIANS DROP WARMUP GAME TO HANES KNITTERS

In a practice game last Saturday, the Elon baseball team suffered an 8-7 setback at the hands of the Hanes Knitters. The game was played under weather conditions that would have been better suited for football.

Coach Hendrickson divided the pitching chores between Craft, Rogers and Captain Longest. All gave a good account of themselves under the circumstances.

The Elon Sluggers were held well in check, with no member of the line-up getting more than one safety. The two headache positions were taken care of by Joe Tomanchek at first and Frank Roberts in right field. But Coach Hendrickson has said nothing definite as to these positions as yet.

Baseball Schedule

- April 2—Lenoir Rhyne*
- April 3—High Point*
- April 4—Lenoir Rhyne*
- April 5—High Point*
- April 8—Wake Forest*
- April 9—Catawba*
- April 10—Catawba*
- April 12—Duke*
- April 14—Guilford—Greensboro
- April 17—Appalachian*
- April 18—Appalachian*
- April 22—Guilford
- April 23—Duke
- April 25—Lenoir Rhyne
- April 26—Lenoir Rhyne
- April 28—Guilford*
- April 30—Wake Forest (tent.)
- May 2—Catawba
- May 3—Catawba
- May 8—E. C. T. C.
- May 9—A. C. C.
- May 10—A. C. C.

*Denotes Home game. All Home games begin at 3:15 p. m.

Quickies

BASEBALL: Well the old National past time is just about under way for another season. The Major league teams are ending up their spring training and are ready for the opening day on the 16th of April.

The Washington Post carried a write up about "Buck" Newsome, in which it said that he wore twenty dollar silk shirts, smoked dollar cigars and drove a custom built car. Buck is riding on the top now so he may be taking advantage of it in a big way. He still says that he is as good as any pitcher in baseball today. Del Baker, manager of the Tigers, (continued on page 4)