

ELON'S 1942 BASEBALL EDITION



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As the school year nears its end and graduation days loom ahead, our thoughts tend to dwell upon those of our group who will be singing their swan song come May 19. They will hang up their football togs, pack away the basketballs, and exchange their spikes for sheepskins (they hope).

Ordinarily we think of diplomas in terms of long, laborious hours of study and hard classroom work. But not for these boys. For them it has been all these things coupled with three-hour scrimmages, all-afternoon workouts, and lengthy evening skull practices. For the former, a sheepskin is their due recognition. For the latter, however, we often fail to bestow any honor whatever other than a little backslapping and ballyhoo at the Catawba games.

To you, Seniors, we pay tribute. On the gridiron it was the ever-dependable Co-Captains Jack Boone and Bernie Daher along with such line stalwarts as "Reb" Shaw, Charlie Donato, and "Geechy" Bryan who led Elon to its first North State Conference Crown in four years. Then on the cage court W. L. Hobson showed the way and supplied the punch to a basketball team hampered by the loss of players to the army. Molly Craft, Bernie Daher, and the same W. L. Hobson will be performing before an Elon audience for the last time as Elon diamondmen in our final game May 5.

To these boys we bid a fond farewell and affectionate adieu. It is with a mingled feeling of regret for your departure and happiness for your success that we watch you leave us.

Along with these goes another who had become a part of Elon. Coach Brunansky has a Selective Service Classification and is now on deferment. Ironically enough, Coach Brunansky came to Elon at the same time that our present crop of seniors entered. Now they make their departure as a group.

Brunansky took over as Assistant Coach to Horace Hendrickson in 1938. He continued in this capacity until February of this year when he was elevated to the position of Head Coach at the time of Hendrickson's resignation.

Since this has turned into a column of good-bys and cheerios, we can think of no more appropriate time for we, ourselves, to put in our bit. With this issue we bid you farewell from the Sports Department of the Maroon and Gold. Through the months that we have been in the Sports Chair we have endeavored in an unbiased manner to stimulate athletics, both intramural and intercollegiate, on the Elon campus. This task has been the work of several. It definitely has not been an "I" organization. It was the work of "We", and your Sports Ed would like to say aside to this Staff that we are deeply grateful for your cooperation. With this we pass along the torch to our successor.

Christians Topped by L.R. In 14-Inning Contest

The Lenoir Rhyne baseball nine maintained its undefeated status in the North State Conference Tuesday, April 14, by edging out the Fighting Christians of Elon College 6 to 4 in a 14-inning contest.

This game gave the Mountain Bears their fifth straight victory against no defeats. However, the triumph proved costly for the winners because second baseman Lail broke his right leg sliding into third in the fifth. This defeat marked the first conference loss of the season for the Christians.

Molly Craft, dean of Elon pitching staff, yielded eleven hits in going the full distance. Two Lenoir Rhyne Pitchers saw action—Ballard and McCall—the latter was credited with the win.

Lenoir Rhyne counted twice in the opening round; Elon took the lead in the second with four runs and added its final tally in the fourth. The Bears deadlocked the score in the fifth with three runs. After this frame it was goose eggs until the 14th.

Starting pitcher Ballard, shortstop Rudisill and leftfielder Bost led the Bears at the plate with

Elon Netters Take One and Drop Two

In three matches during the last two weeks, the Elon tennis team has divided two conference meets and dropped a decision to N. C. State.

On April 15 the Elon Netters trimmed the strong Catawba Indians 4-3. Billy Johnston, Jimmy Lightbourne and Bobby Johnston won the third set of their doubles match to sew up the meet.

Two days later Lenoir Rhyne took our boys into camp for a 6-1 setback. Jimmy Lightbourne bested Conrad in the number two singles for Elon's only win.

Tuesday, April 21 found our Netters furnishing the competition for N. C. State. Again Jimmy Lightbourne grabbed his singles and then paired with Billy Johnston for a doubles win as Elon went down in defeat, 5-2.

In these three matches the work of Coach Westhafer's boys is to be commended, especially that of Jimmy Lightbourne, who won all his matches.

two hits each. Craft and Hobson collected two hits apiece for Elon; one of the former's blows was a circuit clout.

Intramural Roundup

SIGMA PHI EDGES OUT KAPPA PSI 5-4

In the closest game in the Intramural Softball League, the Sigma Phi charges nipped a last inning rally to protect a one run lead and nose out a hard fighting team of Kappa Psi's, 5-4, on April 15. Kappa Psi drew first blood by scoring the first two markers in the first stanza and one in the second. In the third Sigma Phi bunched three of their four hits to score three runs and tie up the ball game. Sigma Phi got two more in the fifth and Kappa Psi got one in the sixth to end the scoring.

In the last inning Kappa Psi put a man on second and third with none out to set the stage for a triple play by Ernie Johns of basketball fame. Johns, Sigma Phi short stop, took a line drive from Watts and stepped on third behind Atkins and then tagged Berry as he tried to make third for an unassisted tripple play.

KAPPA PSI TOPS SIGMA PHI 8-5

In the second of the series of softball games between Sigma Phi and Kappa Psi Nu, the Kappa Psi's evened the count on the local diamond Wednesday afternoon with an 8-5 victory over Sigma Phi behind the steady pitching of Lewis Nance.

Kappa Psi opened early with three runs in the second frame. Sigma Phi jumped into the lead in the fifth with a four-run splurge, but the Kappa Psi's hopped back into the lead in the last of the fifth and then added a couple more tallies in the sixth to put the game on ice.

Boone gave up thirteen safeties, including a circuit clout by Watts in the fourth, while Nance was touched for only nine. Edwards, Berry, Perry, Lee, and Watts each collected two hits for Kappa Psi. Leading hitter of the afternoon was Johns, Sigma Phi shortstop, who slammed out a triple, double, and single in three appearances at the plate.

NANCE PITCHES THREE HITTER FOR 6-1 WIN

Nance's three-hit pitching coupled with the hard hitting of his teammates spelled defeat in no uncertain manner for the I. T. K. softballers on Thursday afternoon as the spirited Kappa Psi Nu team punched out a decisive 6-1 win. Until the final frame when I. T. K. bunched two of their trio of safeties for the lone tally, Nance was never in great danger.

Phillips for the losers pitched effectively in the pinches, but errors at crucial moments nullified his efforts.

Featuring in Kappa Psi's slugging spree were Utt and Perry with two bingles each, and Atkins with a fourth inning homer with none on. Whitaker, Marvin Phillips, and Kravitz accounted for the three I. T. K. singles.

Batteries: I. T. K., Phillips and Burns; Kappa Psi: Nance and Watts.

Diamond Season Nears End

Molly Craft's two-hit pitching lifted the Christian Cannonade back into the thick of the fight in the North State Conference race in an eleven inning affair on the Guilford diamond Wednesday. Elon topped the Quakers 3-2 as Craft whiffed seventeen men.

It was a pitcher's duel all the way as Craft hooked up with James Parker. Craft got the better of Parker in the eleventh frame by bringing in Robbins from third on a fielder's choice.

Each team scored in the initial round. Hobson slammed out a double to score Latta for the Elon tally while the Quakers counted on a fielder's choice. The Christians went ahead in the second as Beaudy scored from second on Latta's single, but Guilford again knotted the score in the third on Robbin's overthrow of first.

From the third on Craft and Parker hooked up in a tight mound duel until the eleventh when Craft won his own ball game.

Craft issued only three bases on balls with three safeties.

Indians Scalp Locals By 12 To 6 Margin

On their last trip here for some time, the Catawba base ball squad handed the local team a 12-6 defeat last Thursday. The Indians were in front all the way as they scored four runs in the second frame and kept the lead from then on.

Coach Brunansky used three pitchers in an effort to silence Catawba batters but they blasted them for sixteen bingles. Georgian, Lisk and Gaddy got three bingles each while Robbins and Hobson were best for Elon with three and two hits respectively.

Johnny Zeissner started on the mound for Elon and was doing nicely until an Elon error caused four unearned runs for Catawba. He was relieved by Withers who in turn gave way to Austin Brown. Captain Clayton Gaddy pitched most of the way for Catawba but Lefty Lisk finished for the Indians.

Mountaineers Edge Out Elon by 11-9 Score

Belus Snawley's seventh-inning triple with the bases loaded put the Appalachian Mountaineers on the road to a 11-9 North State conference victory over the Elon Christians here Saturday, April 18. Snawley's blow broke a 4 to 4 deadlock. The winners tallied for three more runs in the following round and scored their final run in the last frame. The Christians threatened desperately to overtake the lead in the ninth when they rallied for four runs.

Claude Comer was the Christians starting hurler, but he was wild and retired in favor of Austin Brown in the second, who was relieved by Johnny Zeissner in the eighth.

Appalachian jumped out in front with two runs in the initial round and scored its next two runs in the fifth. Elon registered once in the second and three times in the fifth to tie the score until the seventh.

NAVY ANNOUNCEMENT TO COLLEGE FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES 17^{THRU} 19

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