



# THE ARMCHAIR ATHLETE

By  
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UP IN Emerson Whatley's room in North Dorm is an old armchair from which have spewed forth innumerable wise (and otherwise) observations, prophecies, and assertions concerning the realm of sports. We don't mean, of course, that the chair itself has done the talking—we're referring to the parade of actual and would-be athletes who have voiced their particular opinion on every sports topic from the big leagues to backyard baseball, while lounging comfortably in the chair's luxurious depths. "What's What" Whatley is leaving Elon soon, but, even if the chair goes with him, there will always be those "armchair athletes" around to give you "expert" views and predictions. We're one of them. That's why this column is titled the way it is—"THE ARMCHAIR ATHLETE." We hope it proves a worthy successor to "WHAT'S WHAT," and we hope you like it as much.

We hate to start off on a sour note, but that battle (both of them) at High Point was anything but sweet. When spectators start pouring onto a basketball court to beat up players who are their guests, then sports cease to be sports. High Point College has a blot on its name that, so far as Elon is concerned, will take a long time to rub off. We're sorry such things have to happen. It reminds us of another particular time we were ashamed we had to belong to the human race—in 1941, at the Yankee Stadium, when 25,000 football fans stood up and booed Jarrin' John Kimbrough and Tommy Harmon, two of the na-

tion's greatest pigskin toters, just because they scored only one touchdown between them and because their team had been held to a 7-7 tie by their opponents. Kimbrough and Harmon, (who since, in the service of their country, have proved themselves to be real men as well as great football players), had just stepped from a plane, after a thousand-mile flight, barely in time to play for their ungrateful audience.

The parallel between that occasion and the High Point disgrace is that Warren Burns, who received the worst treatment from the unsportsmanlike Panther fans, is also a veteran of the recent war, a man who fought the deadly Nazis to protect the very freedom of the hoodlums who assaulted him, ingrates who were probably too cowardly to come out from behind their mothers' apron strings at the sight of democracy in danger. We hope they're satisfied.

As luck would have it, the 32-30 loss at High Point wrecked Elon's chances for undisputed first place in the North State conference basketball race. Victories over Guilford, Appalachian, and Atlantic Christian, in the final three conference games, would give our Maroon and Gold boys a tie with Catawba for the championship; but even that couldn't allay the feeling here that the best team in the conference didn't come home on top by itself. In the heart of every true Elon roger, we do have the real champs right here, no matter what the record book may show.

# ELON RALLY NIPS GUILFORD

## Coach Adcox And The Burns' Castura, Taylor Spark Triumph



The North State Conference's best point-maker this basketball season was Elon's captain, Warren Burns, right, until Leonard of Guilford tossed in 28 points last Monday night at Appalachian. Burns is pictured with his wife, Judy, who graduated here in '43 and was assistant society editor of the Greensboro Daily News while her husband was overseas, and Coach Lacy Adcox. This photo was taken before Warren was injured at the High Point college gym last Saturday night when spectators started a free-for-all during a conference game.

It looked impossible, but Elon did it. Trailing by 17 points midway through the last half, Coach Lacy Adcox's fighting Elon Christians whirled back to capture a breathtaking 49-43 victory over Guilford College on Wednesday night, to remain in the running for a tie with Catawba for the North State conference basketball crown.

Before a packed house, the Christians rallied to run the Quakers right off their own floor, despite the fact that two of Elon's key men—high scoring Warren Burns and defensive star Joe Golombek—were missing from the lineup, Burns recuperating from injuries sustained in the recent brawl at High Point, and Golombek fighting a serious illness in a hospital in Greensboro.

For a time, it looked as if Guilford would avenge its earlier loss to the Maroon and Gold, as the Quakers ran up a 25-18 lead in the first half of the return match, and then proceeded to forge a 37-20 margin during the third period. But Elon came back just when things looked worst. Paced by "Slick Steve" Castura, Wayne Taylor, and Fred Register, the Christians chopped down their opponents' lead with amazing speed and soon trailed by only one point, 44-43. When Steve, who had just flipped in three brilliant long shots, dropped in a layup, Elon was in front—and there for good! Register and Taylor added criss, and that was just enough to withstand a last-minute Guilford counterattack.

Taylor led the Elon scoring with 13 points, while Castura and Register each netted ten. Leonard sank 14 for Guilford. An outstanding feature of the sensational victory was little Dick York's great defensive work.

The box:

ELON (49)						
Pos.—Player	Fg	Ft	F	Tp	Ftm	
F—Register	5	0	4	10	4	
F—Kernodle	0	1	1	1	1	
F—Harris	1	0	5	2	1	
F—Boynton	2	1	0	5	0	
F—York	0	0	0	0	0	
C—Cates	2	4	5	8	1	
G—Castura	4	2	3	10	0	
G—Taylor	6	1	3	13	3	
G—Anderson	0	0	1	0	0	
Totals	20	9	22	59	10	

GUILFORD (48)						
Pos.—Player	Fg	Ft	F	Tp	Ftm	
F—Leonard	6	2	4	14	3	
F—Chatham	1	2	2	4	2	
F—Christensen	2	1	3	5	0	
F—Arzonica	0	0	0	0	1	
C—Hansard	3	3	2	9	1	
G—Lawhorne	2	9	3	12	3	
G—Hirabayashi	2	0	3	4	2	
Totals	16	16	17	48	12	

# Girls' Sports

By BETTY BENTON

## ALL-STARS NAMED

The sports staff of the Maroon and Gold has chosen an All-Star basketball team, as we did after the completion of the volleyball season. These girls were chosen not only for their exceptional playing, but also for their dependability and sportsmanship: Margaret Rawls, Grace Ward, Jane Warren, Frances St. Clair, Mary Yarborough.

This year's basketball ladder is almost at an end. Only one game, between the Day Students and Ladies' Hall, remains to be played. This game will be played Monday, February 25 at 1:45. In the only game played since the last issue of the Maroon and Gold the Hubbards of La-

dies' Hall lost to East by a score of 18-7. This was due to the fast breaking and well placed shots of Grace Ward, who was high scorer with 10 points.

After we return from our ten-day holiday a new spring program will be inaugurated. This will include softball, bowling, shuffle board, and perhaps tennis and badminton. The schedule for this tournament will be announced in the first issue of the Maroon and Gold after the holidays.

Although there is one game remaining in the ladder, 3rd Floor West will undoubtedly be the winner of the basketball trophy. This team has won all of its games and defeated all the other teams participating in the tournament.

Elon promptly took the offensive. Two baskets by Burns and one by Roney Cates put the home team ahead, 18-16. Guilford climbed into the lead again a few minutes later, 23-22; but that was all, for Burns, Wayne Taylor, and Bobby Harris combined to roll up ten points in a row, and Elon had the game.

Burns was high scorer for the exciting scrap, netting 16 points—14 in the last half—but Leonard of Guilford gave him a close fight with a total of 15. Cates was second high for the winners with nine points. Hirabayashi—promptly dubbed "Hairbrush"—played a good defensive game for Guilford.

## MEN'S INTRAMURALS KNOTTED UP

The men's intramural basketball league is all knotted up in a three way tie for first place, as a result of games played during the past two weeks. In the two games played, the Gremlins topped the Jokers, 20-15, and the Bombardiers laced the Wolves, 26-14.

## CHRISTIANS TOP LENOIR-RHYNE 55-35

Chasing the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears back to Hickory with a 55-35 thorn in their paws, the Elon College varsity chucked up its fifth North State conference basketball win in seven starts on Saturday, February 9, when the Maroon and Gold cagers entertained their red-shirted rivals from the west in the local college gym. The game was virtually a repetition of the 55-35 Elon victory at Hickory earlier in the year.

That Coach Adcox used his substitutes generously in the repeat victory is evidenced by the fact that 31-year-old Bobby Harris, who started the game on the bench, went in and scored 10 points for the Christians—top individual feat for the evening. Bobby tossed out his 100th teammate, Honey Cates, who netted an even dozen points.

With Harris, Cates, and Steve Castura spearheading the attack, the home team lost little time in rolling up a sizeable lead on the hapless bears and by halftime the Christians held a comfortable 30-16 margin. They had little trouble thereafter, even with the five starting men parked on the sidelines most of the last twenty minutes. Captain Warren Burns, favoring an injured ankle, played only long enough to add seven points to his impressive conference total.

Outstanding for the Christians on defense were Joe Golombek and Wayne Taylor, while Bob stood out for the losers. Entzi and Miller led the scoring with eight points each.

The box:

ELON (55)						
Pos.—Player	Fg	Ft	F	Tp	Ftm	
F—Burns	3	1	4	7	1	
F—Register	1	3	1	5	3	
F—Harris	5	3	1	13	0	
F—Kernodle	2	0	2	4	1	
F—Anderson	0	0	5	0	0	
C—Cates	6	0	3	12	1	
C—Watkins	1	0	1	2	0	
G—Golombek	1	1	1	3	0	
G—Castura	3	0	2	6	0	
G—York	0	0	0	0	1	
G—Taylor	1	1	2	3	3	

G—Boynton	0	0	1	0	0
G—Wilson	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	23	9	25	55	10

## ALAMANCE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

LENOIR-RHYNE (35)						
Pos.—Player	Fg	Ft	F	Tp	Ftm	
F—Miller	3	2	1	8	2	
F—Walker	0	1	2	1	1	
F—Elliott	0	0	0	0	0	
F—Bost	2	1	4	5	2	
F—Michael	0	1	0	1	1	
F—Thompson	0	0	0	0	0	
C—Stafford	1	3	2	5	3	
G—Entzi	1	6	3	8	4	
G—Gibson	3	1	2	7	4	
Totals	10	15	14	35	17	

The annual Alamance County High School Championship basketball tournament will be held in the Elon College gymnasium next week, starting on Monday, February 25, and running to Friday, March 1. The tournament will be interrupted only on Wednesday night, when the College varsity finishes its 1945-46 season with a home game against Atlantic Christian College.

## Refreshment coming up



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