

Elon Wins Over-time Thriller From A.C.C.



THE ARMCHAIR ATHLETE

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For the first time since 1942, Elon has a baseball team! Well, at least it's got the makings. Thirty diamond prospects answered the call of Coach Lacy B. Adcox this week, and, by the time Ohio University invades the Elon ball park on April 1st, for the opening game of the season, a team shall have been whittled out which should do justice to Maroon and Gold teams of the past, and which should provide Elon fans with as many thrills as did the Christian basketball quintet in the recently concluded court season.

The full baseball schedule has not yet been completed; but if there are many games with opponents of the calibre of the Athens, Ohio, nine, against whom Elon will inaugurate the coming campaign, things aren't going to be easy by any means. Ohio University has boasted some great athletic teams in the past, most recent of which was its basketball team of three or four years ago, which went to the finals of the National Invitation tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Of course, Elon has a reputation of its own to uphold. Maroon and Gold teams have been conference winners many times, and have whipped such rivals as Michigan and Cornell.

Heading the list of 1946 prospects for the Christians are such

promising men as Johnny Clayton, former shortstop here before the war, and Jack Andrews, who pitched for a year with an outstanding Navy team.

Then there are prospects like Frank Roberts, third baseman for two years at Elon College; Bill Anderson, who twirled high school, semi-pro, and Army ball before coming to college; Jack Knight, who caught for Elon several years ago; Steve Castura, another backstop who played with the Christians before entering the Army; Woody Wilson, catcher-infielder, with Amgrian Legion and army experience; Jimmy McSwain, first base and pitcher, who played with the 5th Armored Division; L. A. Nance, Ed Griffin, James Parker, and Steve Walker, outfielders with baseball experience while in the service; Johnny Hill, second baseman on an Army nine; Ed Mulford, who played third base at Blue Ridge College, in Maryland.

Then there are others, who have played high school and amateur ball—Jack Holt, Bill Clayton, Dick York, Wayne Taylor, Ace Harrell, Dave Smith, Perry Ayscue, Chink Spivey, Oabe Bray, Dave McKinney, Bob Barrett, Jack Burch. There will probably be other prospects, too, before the first week's training is finished; but no matter what, it looks as if Coach Adcox has something to work with. Let's have a winning team, boys!

ELON BOWS TO EAGLES AT ASHEBORO, 56 TO 47

Vengeance was sweet for the McCrary Eagles on February 25, when the Asheboro quintet played host to the Maroon and Gold basketballers from Elon and repelled the invasion, 56-47. The win avenged McCrary's 42-37 loss to the Christians earlier in the year.

Despite a 27-point performance by Elon's star center, Roney Cates, the Eagles were in control from the start, zooming away to a 34-21 halftime lead. The Christians outscored their foes in the final half, but the midway margin was too great to overcome. Except for a basket by Tommy Boyenton in the fourth quarter, all of Elon's last-half scoring was done by Cates and Warren Burns. The latter made ten points during the game. Watts was outstanding for the victors with 14 points.

CHRISTIANS CONQUEROR LYNCHBURG, 48 to 49

Turning on the steam in the last half, Elon's Fighting Christians overpowered Lynchburg College, 58-49, on February 22, in a return basketball scrap at the Elon gym. Early in January the Christians had trimmed their Virginia rivals, 66-51, after leading all the way. This time, however, Lynchburg stuck it out until the third quarter. At halftime the score was knotted at 19-all, and in the early minutes of the third period at 28-all; but then Roney Cates dumped in seven straight points for the home team, and Elon was never again in danger.

Cates, although on the bench nearly half the game, led the scoring for both sides with 17 points. Captain Warren Burns was runner-up for the winners with eleven. Outstanding for Lynchburg were two brothers, Winston and Tosh Milam, who netted eleven and ten points, respectively.

Golombek Wins Most Valuable Player Award

TEAM CHOOSES PLAYER FOR ATHLETIC HONOR

Joe Golombek, guard on 1946 Elon five, was voted the McGee Fix most-valuable player award at Elon College yesterday.

His steady defensive work played a major role in Elon's victories. Toward the latter part of the season Golombek was stricken with ptomaine poisoning.

It was Elon's misfortune to lose Joe just at the time the team was trying to retain first place in the North State Conference.

Discharged in July, 1945, after spending four years and nine months in the service of the U. S. Army, (three years and nine months overseas) Golombek returned to the Elon campus to resume his studies.

Back in '38 and '39, Joe was one of Elon's Greats of the Gridiron where he played fullback, making All-State, All-Conference and Little All-American. Besides his football feats, Joe won the National Amateur Heavyweight Championship at New York's Madison Square Garden in 1939.

He entered the service in June, 1940 and was stationed at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attack occurred. Later Joe was attached to the 25th Division in the South Pacific. While in the Army, Golombek received the Unit Citation, American Defense, Asiatic Campaign ribbons, and three bronze stars.

In football, Joe was described in 1938 as "the fiercest line plunger and one of the most dangerous runners North Carolina has ever seen." The all-State backfield to which he was elected included Duke's all-American Eric Tipton, and Bob O'Mara, and a fellow named George Stirnweiss, whose fame as a pigskin toter for Carolina has recently been obscured by his feats as a member of the New York Yankees baseball team.

Golombek's basketball ability, for which his teammates voted him the McGee Fix award, is not of the spectacular, colorful variety. Although a

MOUNTAINEERS AVENGE LOSS TO ELON, 55-42

The Mountaineers of Appalachian State Teachers College rolled into the Elon gym on February 23, stayed long enough to avenge their earlier 51-50 defeat at the hands of the Fighting Christians, by virtue of a class 55-42 triumph over the Adcox men, and then retired to their mountain haunts all the way. This time, however, Lynchburg stuck it out until the third quarter. At halftime the score was knotted at 19-all, and in the early minutes of the third period at 28-all; but then Roney Cates dumped in seven straight points for the home team, and Elon was never again in danger.

Even with Roney Cates playing one of his best games for the Christians—he made 21 points—Appalachian dominated the home five completely. The Apps were ahead at halftime, 27-18, and Elon was never able to threaten. Brooks, with 17 points, led the flashy visitors to their victory.

The box:

APPALACHIAN (55)

Pos.—Player	Fg	Ft	F	Tp	Ftm
F—Collins	5	0	2	10	0
F—White	2	1	0	5	0
F—Wey	4	1	2	9	1
F—Fidler	0	0	2	0	0
C—Brooks	8	1	3	17	2
G—Hegaman	2	0	2	4	3
G—Hiatt	3	4	3	19	5
Totals	24	7	14	55	11

ELON (42)

Pos.—Player	Fg	Ft	F	Tp	Ftm
F—Burns	4	4	4	12	1
F—Harris	0	1	1	1	1
F—Kernodle	1	0	1	2	1
F—Register	0	0	2	0	1
C—Cates	9	3	1	21	4
C—Watkins	0	0	0	0	0
G—Castura	0	0	1	0	1
G—Boyenton	3	0	0	6	0
G—York	0	0	1	0	0
G—Taylor	0	0	3	0	0
Totals	17	8	14	42	9

Cates Ties League Mark In Final Game Of Year

Cates Paces Elon Scoring For Year

Finishing the season with a deluge of baskets—76 points in the last three games, to be exact—Roney Cates, Burlington's gift to the Elon College varsity basketball team, topped the individual scoring roster for the 1945-46 court campaign by netting a total of 361 points. He missed only one of the team's 25 games. Roney's total was second-highest recorded by an individual in the state this year. Only John Dillon of Carolina netted more points than the lanky Elon center.

Second in team scoring for the Christians—and third in the North State conference race behind Bunk Leonard of Guilford and the 6-foot-4 Cates—was Captain Warren Burns, who made 274 points in 22 games, and who might have taken conference honors except for his being injured at the crucial point in the year. Also making more than 100 points during the Elon campaign was Don Kernodle, Burns' co-starter at forward. Don tallied 120 markers in 24 games.

Complete team scoring tabulation follows:

Player	Games	Pts.
Cates	24	361
Burns	22	274
Kernodle	24	120
Golombek	19	80
Casura	25	78
Taylor	25	64
Register	21	56
Harris	20	37
Anderson	19	24
Boyenton	9	24
Mulford	9	14
Watkins	19	13
Wilson	6	7
York	14	6
Burlingame	5	1
Ayscue	1	0
Price	1	0
Neese	1	0
King	3	0
McClenny	5	0
McCauley	5	0
Thompson	5	0

scoring in a single contest fall to Ed Mulford of the Jokers, whose 22 points topped the 16 held jointly by himself and Link Howard. Al Valderrama, Bombardier center, equalled the old record during the tilt, and another Bombardier, Larry McCauley, registered double figures with 12 points. The Bombardiers led at halftime in the exciting scrap, 16-15.

Climaxing a season of basketball thrills and chills, Coach Lacy Adcox's gold-clad Elon cagers ended their 1945-46 schedule in breath-taking fashion on February 27, when they snatched a scary 55-49 overtime victory from Atlantic Christian College in the home gym. Led by Roney Cates, whose 28 points during the battle equalled the North State conference one-game individual record for the year, Elon came back from a ten-point deficit in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime, finally winning out and clinching third place in the struggle for conference honors.

For three-quarters of the game, A. C. C. kept the Christians buffaloed, forging a 24-18 halftime edge and increasing the margin to 40-30 as the minutes of the fourth period began ticking away. At that point, however, the home team suddenly found itself. Cates, Warren Burns, and Fred Register carved away at the A. C. C. lead, and Burns finally tied the score at 45-all two minutes before the end of the regulation time. Smith and Thorne made fouls for the visitors, but Wayne Taylor's last-minute goal again evened the count; and, when Smith missed two foul goal tries at the very end of the game, the score was still deadlocked—A. C. C. had lost its chance. In the extra period, Burns, Register and Cates quickly gave Elon a six-point lead, and the decision was on ice.

Smith, with 17 points was top man for the losers, while his teammate Chapin made 13 before fouling out. Elon finished its season with a record of 17 wins and eight losses. The Christians' conference record was eight wins, four defeats.

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ELON (55)					
Pos.—Player	Fg	Ft	F	Tp	Ftm
F—Burns	5	1	4	11	7
F—Register	2	1	2	5	0
F—Kernodle	2	0	0	4	2
F—Harris	0	0	2	0	2
C—Cates	14	0	3	28	2
C—Watkins	0	0	0	0	0
G—Castura	1	0	3	2	2
G—Boyenton	1	0	0	2	0
G—York	0	0	0	0	0
G—Taylor	1	1	4	3	2
Totals	26	3	18	55	17

A. C. C. (49)

Pos.—Player	Fg	Ft	F	Tp	Ftm
F—Chapin	6	1	5	13	4
F—Fussell	2	0	1	4	2
F—Bunn	0	0	1	0	0
C—Thorne	3	1	1	7	2
C—Davis	2	3	3	7	2
G—Smith	7	3	2	17	4
G—Goodwin	0	1	5	1	2
Totals	20	9	18	49	16

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