

ELON SCORES TWO UPSET VICTORIES

Maroon and Gold

Sports

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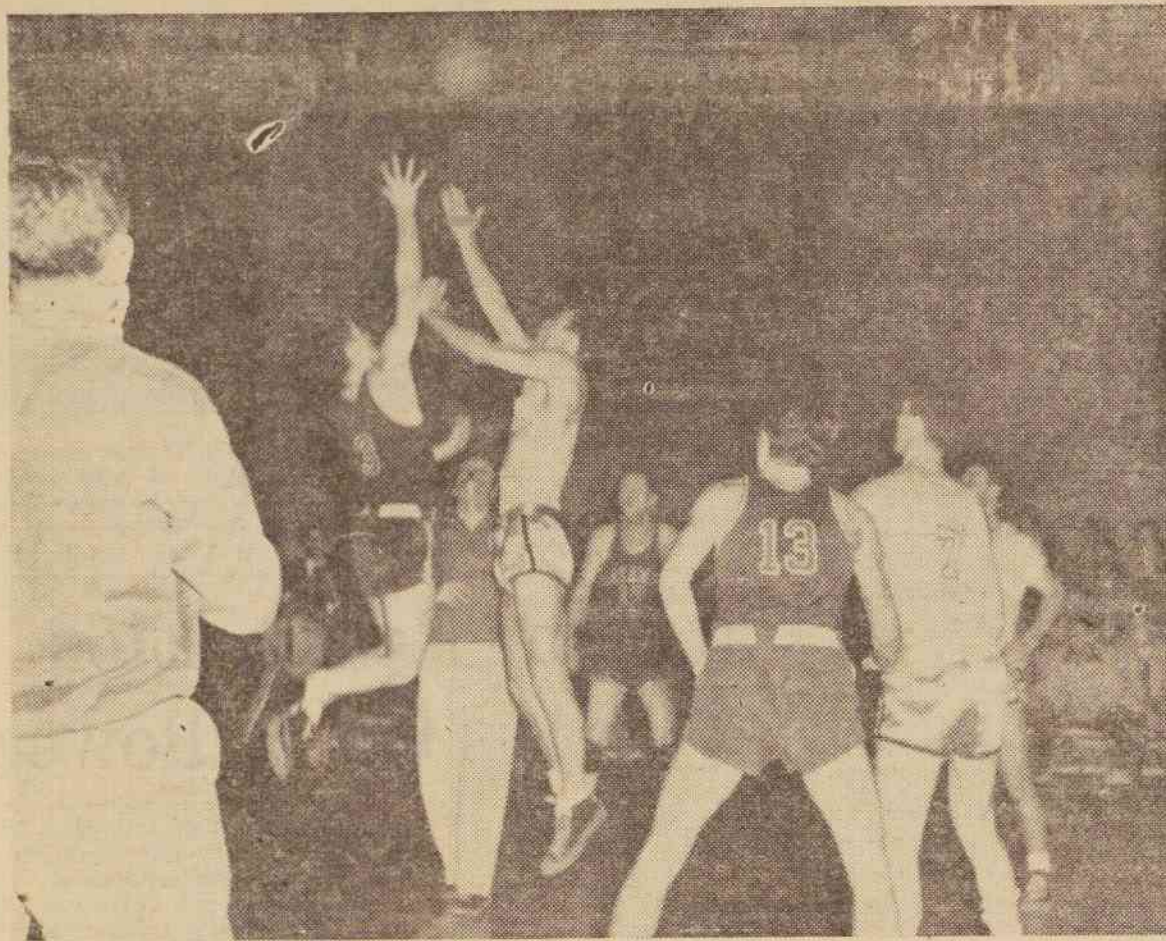
Everybody is proud of our basketball team these days; after a poor start the club is really playing ball. Three straight conference victories over Atlantic Christian, Appalachian, and Catawba brought the season's record to eight wins and seven losses and the subsequent loss to High Point was nothing to fret about. The High Point game convinced us that Elon can beat the Panthers when they play here, and there isn't much difference in the quality of the two teams. That says plenty for Elon, for the Panthers dropped a heart-breaker to North Carolina's Tar Heels by a 44-41 count. Thus, it appears to us that North State conference teams are only a shade below the teams of the Southern Conference. We'd bet money our boys could take Wake Forest any day in the week.

The three exciting victories each had a different set of heroes. In the Atlantic Christian game, the amazing Roney Cates tossed in 36 points to break his own collegiate record; and in the Appalachian game Leon Pope and Lou Savini saved the day with brilliant performances. Ed Drew swung the tide in the Catawba game, as Cates and Burns also hit well. Throughout, Joe Golombek was in there getting those rebounds. In the words of Virgil Yow, ace Hanes coach: "Joe is a mighty good man to have on your side." Six more games remain, in which we hope to see Cates go well over the 300 mark; and we see no reason for any more conference losses. By defeating High Point, Lenoir Rhyne, and Atlantic Christian once, and Guilford twice, the Christians can finish with a conference record of nine wins and three defeats—not bad!

The intramurals continue to be well contested. At one time last week eight teams tied for first place. Some of the real thrillers: South Dorm 21, Club House 20; Vets Court 26, South Dorm 25; Club House 22, Kappa Psi 20; Kappa Psi 40, Vets Court 37; Mooney 36, Oak Lodge 32; Club House 28, Vets Court 26. That just shows how close and exciting the games have been, everyone of them decided in the last few seconds. However, unless the referees get a little tougher, the league could deteriorate into a farce, for a couple of games this week were "football games."

Yank Dickson of Sigma Phi, is one lad we definitely have on our all-star team. He is always all over the court—and how! Jack "Belly" Burch is another lad who's a cinch for the all-stars. Speaking of Burch, his team, the Day Students, will tangle with "Peanut's All-Stars," a girls' team soon. We bet on the girls, for that "Li'l Bit" is really superb. Congrats to South-North for winning their first game the other night. Joe Dunn was the big cog in the win.

Bad news: Joe Golombek, who became seriously ill last year as a result of basketball's effect on an old army ailment, has been ordered by his doctor to stop playing basketball and will be lost to the Christians for the remainder of the season. Golombek has earned his letter in 16 games for the Christians this year and last year was awarded the McGee Fix trophy sweater as most valuable man on the team. Joe will be missed.



HIGH-POWERED ACTION is shown during Elon-Catawba game won recently by the Indians at Salisbury, 57-42. However, when Catawba invaded the Elon gym for a return battle last week (Christians came out on top, 35-32, for their third straight conference victory. Earlier in the week they had whipped Atlantic Christian and the league-leading Appalachian Mountaineers. Players identifiable in the picture are (for light-shirted Elon) Andrews (jumping) and Burns (7), and (for Catawba) Van Hoy (13), Speacht (3), and Feimster (17). (Photo by Bill Duncan)

Beats Apps By 34-32, Indians By 35-32 Edge

Elon's Fighting Christians thrust themselves into the middle of the hot North State basketball race with two brilliant upset victories last weekend. On Thursday, January 30, they handed Appalachian a 34-32 setback, the Mountaineers' first league loss; and on Saturday they rose temporarily to third place in the conference by tripping Catawba, 35-32. A subsequent 60-52 loss to High Point stopped the Christians' winning streak, but they are still very much in the fight for the title.

Off to a slow start, as both teams appeared ragged, Elon forged a 15-12 lead by halftime. Lou Savini paced the attack for the first half and continued his fine play in the second, running up 11 points. Appalachian, led by Leslie Wey, all-conference prospect, came from behind to take the lead at 24-21 midway in the second half. Wey, who threw in 18 points, made most of them from behind the circle, on one-handed shots that swished through without touching the rim. Coach Perry then inserted Lee Pope, whose entrance proved the turning point of the game. With Joe Golombek playing beautifully in the back court, Pope and Savini went to town, each scoring seven points, to put Elon ahead, 32-27. But Appalachian rallied to tie the score at 32-32 with a minute to play. At this point Roney Cates, completely bottled up with two men on him all night, was fouled, and he converted to put Elon ahead, 33-32. The Christians then put on a brilliant freeze. Warren Burns was fouled also as the final whistle sounded, and converted after the game was over to give Elon the final 34-32 margin.

In the Catawba tilt, a terrific second-half rally, after they had trailed, 27-20, gave the Christians the nod. Although a team victory, outstanding during the contest was Ed Drew, who entered when the Christians were behind, and who proceeded to throw some beautiful passes to Warren Burns and Roney Cates, as well as to hit the hoop for a couple of baskets himself. Cates and Burns led the scoring with 12 and 10 points respectively, and John Clayton, Leon Pope, and Lou Savini turned in some scrappy floor work. Needless to say, Joe Golombek was on the boards throughout the evening's play.

Catawba led at half time by 15-14, and, after Clayton scored on a beautiful tip-off play for Elon, the Indians ran the lead up to 27-20. Then the Christians really got hot, scoring twelve straight points to lead by 32-27. With the score at 35-32, Elon put on a freeze and held the ball for the remaining two minutes, while the stars were in an uproar.

ELON	G.	F.	PTS.
Burns, f	2	2	6
Savini, f	4	3	11
Russell, f	0	0	0
Cates, c	2	2	6
Drew, c	0	1	1
Golombek, g	0	0	0
Clayton, g	1	1	3
Pope, g	3	1	7
Totals	12	10	34

APPALACHIAN	G.	F.	PTS.
Hawkins, f	1	1	3
Hope, f	1	0	2
Wey, f	8	2	18
Filder, f	0	0	0
Brooks, c	1	0	2
Craven, c	1	0	2
Noir, g	1	0	2
Miller, g	0	0	0
Beach, g	1	1	3
Totals	14	4	32

ELON	G.	F.	PTS.
Burns, f	5	0	10
Savini, f	0	1	1
Cates, c	4	4	12
Drew, c	2	0	4
Clayton, g	2	0	4
Pope, g	0	2	2
Huyett, g	0	0	0
Golombek, g	1	0	2
Totals	14	7	35

CATAWBA	G.	F.	PTS.
Van Hoy	6	3	15
Richardson	1	1	3
Gudger	2	0	4
Marklin	0	2	2
Speacht	1	1	3
Feimster	2	1	5
Totals	12	8	32

Lenoir Rhyne Here Tonight

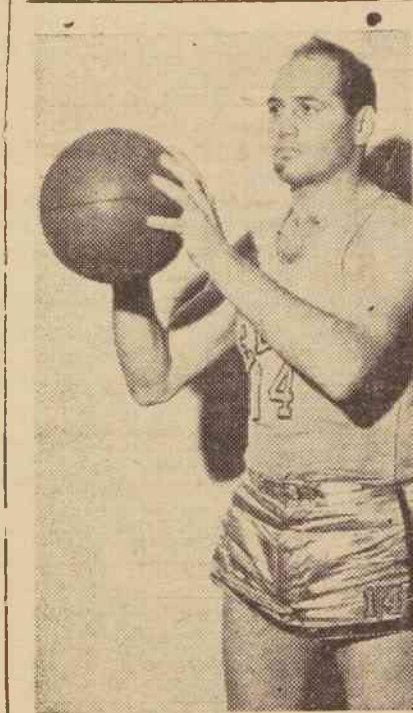
Lenoir Rhyne's Bears play in the college gym tonight, as the 1946-47 basketball season enters its final stages. Elon eked out a 43-42 overtime victory over the Bears at Hickory, and the game tonight should be another conference win for the Christians.

The Elon boys journey to Cherry Point for two tilts with the Marines next Tuesday and Wednesday, February 11 and 12, then meet the Guilford Quakers on the local court on Saturday, the 15th. A return game with Guilford, away, is slated for Thursday, February 20, after Elon tackles High Point's Panthers again in an all-important engagement here on Tuesday, the 18th. The final game before the North State tournament, February 24-26, will be at home on the 21st against A. C. C.



RONNEY CATES, Elon center, whose 280 points rank him first among scorers in state, seventh in nation.

High Point Halts Rally, Tops Christians, 60-52



LOST TO TEAM. Joe Golombek, whose doctor has ordered him to quit basketball. Joe has been Elon's defensive star for two seasons, and team will feel his loss.

SOUTH, CLUB HOUSE, OAK LODGE, MOONEY PACE INTRAMURALS

South Dorm bulled its way into a tie with Club House for first place in the American League, and Mooney topped three opponents in a row to pull even with Oak Lodge in the National League, during this week's intramural games.

Standings as of Wednesday:

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Club House	4	1	.800
South Dorm	4	1	.800
Kappa Psi	3	2	.600
Vets Court	3	2	.600
South-North	1	4	.200
I. T. K.	0	5	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Oak Lodge	4	1	.800
Mooney	4	1	.800
Sigma Phi	3	2	.600
Alpha Pi	2	3	.400
North-North	2	3	.400
Day Students	0	5	.000

JAYVESS WIN, 36-35, OVER LEES-McRAE

After trailing, 28-15, at halftime, Elon's Jayvees beat Lees-McRae Junior College, 36-35, in the college gym Wednesday night. J. P. Thompson and Bob Harris paced the win with 11 points each.

Defeated but not disgraced, was the Elon story in a cleanly played game at High Point last Tuesday. The Pointers won, 60-52, but received a scare as Elon rallied in the second half. Off to a poor start, the Christians trailed by 30-19 at half time. However, in the second half they got hot and pulled up to 43-40 as Roney Cates got hotter than a fire cracker, tossing in five baskets in a row. Unfortunately, Cates was withdrawn and the Panthers added just enough to their lead to hold on. In the fading minutes of the game, Warren Burns also found the range and threw in some pretty one-handers. Cates hit 20 points to boost his point total to 280 for the season. Burns dropped in 15.

Elon's J. V. team emerged the victor over High Point Jayvees, 35-25, in the preliminary game, Eriacher, Thompson and Harris showing the way with eight points apiece.

ELON	G.	F.	PTS.
Savini, f	1	0	2
Burns, f	7	1	15
Russell, f	0	0	0
Lentz, f	0	0	0
Huyett, f	1	0	2
Cates, c	8	4	20
Andrews, c	1	1	3
Clayton, g	2	0	4
Pope, g	2	0	4
Golombek, g	1	0	2
Drew, g	1	0	2
Totals	23	6	52

HIGH POINT	G.	F.	PTS.
Sheets, f	8	6	22
Hammond, f	3	0	6
Moran, c	7	1	15
Cale, c	2	0	4
Henry, g	3	0	6
Lombardy, g	1	5	7
Denny, g	0	0	0
Totals	24	12	60

ELON CAGERS BLAST ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN

Finally clicking on all cylinders, the Christian basketballers turned in their highest scoring performance of the year at Wilson, January 28, when they topped Atlantic Christian 72-61. Roney Cates broke his own collegiate record and set a North State conference mark by throwing in 36 points, half of the team total.

Atlantic Christian, which has the same team as last year, with the addition of Vic Colombo, professional baseball player, put up a whale of a fight and led at halftime by 36-34.

Girls' Sports

By BETTY BENTON

The cold wave that has been chilling Elon lately seems to have chilled our female basketball enthusiasts also. Of the five games scheduled since the last issue of the MAROON AND GOLD, only two have been played.

In the only Dormitory League game, Third Floor West defeated Second Floor West, 20 to 8, as "Little Bit" Isley paced the Third Floor girls with twelve points, and Charity Wheelass led the losers with 8 points.

The Tau Zetas nosed out Pi Kappa Tau sorority by a margin of three points, 16-13, in a close-fought game January 29. This game was a thriller up to the last whistle! Lois Casey led the scorers with seven points, leading Millie Johnson by one. Millie still seems to be high scorer when all the scores are added, however.

In the other three games the Pi Kappas forfeited to the B.O.B.'s, and the girls from Ladies' Hall received a forfeit from East. The Delta U.'s and the B.O.B.'s have postponed their

game until a later date. I haven't much space this issue, but with the little I have left I'd like to say something about our sportsmanship. It's up to us, as well as to the boys, to see that we not only win games but win praise for our sportsmanship. Remember the old saying about the iron hand in the velvet glove.

ELON DEFEATED AGAIN BY HANES

Hugh Hampton's hot hoopsters from Hanes Hosiery ran roughshod over Elon by a 73-47 score on January 25, at Winston-Salem. The Virgil Yow-coached and Hampton-captained Hosierymen were so far out of Elon's class as to make the game one of the most one-sided of the season. Roney Cates salvaged what glory there was for Elon by turning in a nice performance and hitting for 21 points, tops for both teams. Hanes led at halftime, 28-19, after taking a 24-2 lead.

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