

START CONFERENCE PLAY AT WILSON

MAROON AND GOLD Sports



By ED MULFORD

Who said Elon had no pitchers? Maybe appearances are deceiving, but Elon won a couple of beautiful shut-out jobs last weekend at Cherry Point against a pretty good club. A long and heavy schedule faces the Christians, and we can't expect to go through the season without some reverses; but with a bunch of good stickers like Elon has and with good fielding, chances are we may come out a lot higher in the North State standings than a lot of people dared hope for. Time alone will tell, but meanwhile get out to that ball park and root your head off.

School spirit at Elon is about the poorest in the North State conference. We aren't sure what the cause is, but the point remains that Guilford and Appalachian students raise a lot more ruckus in their desires for victory than we do. Let's change that—let's get out there and raise H—Baseball, basketball, football: all of them are wonderful games, yet Elon students don't seem to give half a darn if the Christians win or lose. We've been a student at a few different colleges and we KNOW that things are not the same here. What do you think is the reason behind this? Let us know and we'll print your ideas too.

And speaking of opinions, personal and otherwise, a lot of people ask us why we don't raise an editorial fuss about a lot of things they don't approve of in Elon's athletic life. Well maybe we just haven't got the guts, but our own policy usually is: "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all!" For the time being we don't feel like sticking our editorial neck out and also don't want to hurt anyone (and we mean anyone) in anyway. If you're from Elon, the MAROON AND GOLD staff is for you one hundred per cent.

Coach Pierce is readying a fine intramural softball schedule for all the intramural teams. Here's hoping all the teams show up and as much interest and success is effected as was apparent during the intramural basketball season. South Dorm looks like the potential powerhouse on the softball field with such crackerjacks as Fred Clayton and Mike Kozakewich for their infield and Lefty Hollander on the mound.

Speaking of Hollander, he and the Elon Vets Softball team have their schedule in the making. The Vets will meet the High Point Weaving outfit (one of the best in the state), Saturday afternoon, April 19, at the Elon High School field, and will be a decided underdog.

Our basebatters have a night game carded with the Burlington Bees on April 21 that really ought to pack the fans. Please, faculty, take it easy on the homework—these Elon varsity and Burlington Bees games just have to be seen.

Atlantic Christian, pre-season favorite for the North State Crown, meets the Christians four times again this year. They will be tough.

Last year's leading hitter for Elon was Steve Walker. So far, his injured hand doesn't seem to have hampered him too much this year. He may be in there for another good season.

Ed Ellis is our idea of an accomplished third baseman; he's really smooth.

Hey, Hap! why not keep Frank Roberts and Bill Anderson on the

coaching line when not pitching they have the old chatter.

Saw Graham Erlacher and Lou Savini pole a couple the other day... looks like power to us, and Johnny Clayton seems to be returning to his pre-war form. John might turn pro after this season.

Mac McSwain, first baseman, has his own theatre in Robbins, N. C. ... Between you and me, the reason Mac is hitting the ball this year is those midnight tips from his roommate... "Stand just one-half inch closer to the plate, Mac"... "Hold the bat one-fourth closer to the handle, Mac"

Congratulations are due to Oak Lodge for their winning the Intramural basketball championship. Ellis, Wright and Wilkins played fine ball, while Dick York was just short of terrific. Even "Lard" Watkins got in there and moved around like a pro. South Dorm also should be lauded for winning the intramural tournament, but their victory may have escaped your eye that evening, for I hear there was some kind of bombing raid. Just to expose someone... Fred Register and Jack Freeman were the ringleaders! Fine then, you Senate members... 60 waterbags... 60 bucks!

Beef Section (poison pen): Those new softball fields are in pretty bad condition; let's have them fixed up before a bad bounce tears somebody's head off.

Joe Golombek heaved the discus 160 feet according to "Big Operator" Mobley's figures, and will enter the Southern Invitational meet. Olin Leonard and W. D. Little put on an interesting 100-yard race the other day. Close and pretty fast. Who's the fastest man on the baseball team? We don't know, but you have to hustle to beat Warren "Duke" Ellington.

ALPHA PI, SOUTH GRAB LEAD AS SOFTBALL OPENS

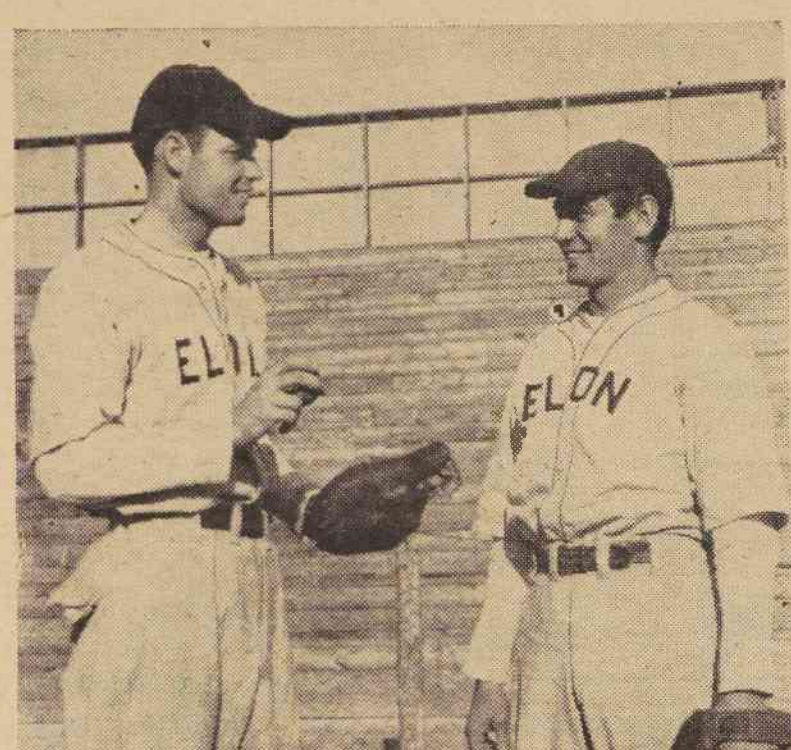
Men's intramural softball commenced this week on the two fields behind the Club House. In the American League, South Dorm quickly assumed the lead, defeating Kappa Psi, 14-11, and whipping Vets Court, 22-6. I. T. K. opened with a 13-5 win over South-North, which had won a similar 13-5 victory over Vets Court the day before. Alpha Pi won two games to top the National League, defeating Sigma Phi and Mooney. Mooney had started the season with a 13-11 triumph over Oak Lodge. Day Students forfeited their opener to North-North.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
South Dorm	2	0	1.000
I.T.K.	1	0	1.000
South-North	1	1	.500
Kappa Psi	0	1	.500
Vets Court	0	2	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Alpha Pi	2	0	1.000
North-North	1	0	1.000
Mooney	1	1	.500
Day Students	0	1	.000
Oak Lodge	0	1	.000
Sigma Phi	0	1	.500



CHATting ABOUT THE WEATHER? No, Jack Andrews (left) and Bill Anderson, ace Elon pitchers, are probably talking about how to stop Atlantic Christian in North State conference baseball tilts being played at Wilson this weekend. One game was slated for yesterday, one for today, with Andrews and Anderson both likely to see plenty of mound duty against the Bulldogs, who beat Elon four times last year. This time maybe the tables will be turned. (We hope!)

Pope's Last-Inning Hit Gives Elon 5-4 Triumph

Elon '9' Bows To Burlington Bees, 3 To 2

Playing before a crowd of 1,500 fans, the Fighting Christians gave a splendid exhibition Monday as the Burlington Bees lucked out a 3-2 victory. Both clubs collected five hits in the contest, but the Elon infield and outfield looked much smoother than that of the professionals. Charlie Waddell and Joe Parise both of whom saw action with the Bees last year, were the flies in the ointment for the Perryman, as Joe's single and Charlie's triple broke up a pitching duel between Jack Andrews and Pete Bryant. Andrews pitched five excellent innings and Claude Comer and Pep Watkins also pitched with some degree of success. Bryant, one of the leading pitchers in the Carolina league last year, stopped Elon, but Ken Deal, also an ace with last year's Bees, let the Christians tee off on him for two runs in the eighth inning as John Clayton came through with a timely double. The Christians put on an additional rally in the ninth when Graham Erlacher smashed the hardest blow of the game down the first base line. Erlacher reached third and Coach Perry elected to squeeze him home. The play might have worked; but Deal threw a high pitch, the batter failed to offer at it, and Erlacher was nipped at the plate. Nevertheless, the Burlington Bees' ball fans went home singing the praises of Elon's good looking ball club as the Christians looked a lot better in losing than the Bees did in winning. The two clubs will meet again later in the season.

VARSITY TENNIS SCHEDULE

Coach Pierce has announced the following schedule for the Elon varsity tennis team:

- April 22: Open.
- April 26: Greensboro at Elon.
- April 29: High Point at High Point.
- May 2: Open.
- May 5: Guilford at Elon.
- May 7: Lenoir-Rhyne at Elon.
- May 10: Greensboro at Greensboro.
- May 13: Guilford at Guilford.
- May 15: High Point at Elon.
- May 17: Lenoir-Rhyne at Hickory.

Also in May, North State Tournament.

Leon Pope came through with a sizzling double down the right field line, scoring Lou Savini and Ed Ellis with the tying and winning runs, as Elon came through Tuesday with a ninth-inning rally to defeat the Hanes Knitters of Winston-Salem by a 5-4 count. Hanes had grabbed a four-run lead in the seventh inning with an assortment of hits, but a three run uprising in the eighth, highlighted by James Thurcel McSwain's two-run single, put the Christians back in the ball game.

Anderson, Price, and Vaughn saw action on the mound, Vaughn getting credit for the win. Several fielding gems were turned in and two double plays thrilled a good sized audience. The work of Cross behind the plate was of considerable merit.

The box:

Hanes Knitters	AB	R	H
Newsome, cf	5	1	2
Yale, 3b	5	1	2
Waggoner, 2b	4	0	2
Stevenson, rf	3	0	2
Nelson, lf	4	0	0
Pegram, c	3	0	1
Owens, 1b	4	1	0
Nunn, ss	4	1	1
Walker, p	2	0	0
Christman, p	1	0	0

Elon	AB	R	H
S. Walker, 2b	5	0	2
York, rf	5	0	1
Clayton, ss	4	2	2
Savini, cf	4	1	1
Ellis, 3b	5	1	0
Pope, lf	5	0	1
McSwain, 1b	4	1	1
Cross, c	3	0	2
Anderson, p	1	0	0
Price, p	0	0	0
Vaughn	1	0	1
Totals	37	5	11

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ELON BOWS TO PROS

Elon College's baseball team opened their season at Reidsville March 29th when they bowed to Reidsville's Tri-State team by a 12-2 score. The defeat was no disgrace, however, as the "Luckies" are a class B team and include such fine ball players as "Tige" Harris, Jesse Plummer, Don Calaman, Bernie Loman, and Hendrix of last year's Carolina League pennant winners at Greensboro. as well as several class A ball players and Lee Gamble, formerly of the Cincinnati Reds. Jim McSwain, Elon first baseman came through with three solid blows to lead the Elon cause.

Christians Face A. C. C. In Two Week-end Games

Baseball Team Whitewashes Marines Twice

The Fighting Christians started the regular 1947 baseball season off with a bang last weekend with two successive shutouts over the Cherry Point Gyrenes by a 6-0 count. The pitching staff took most of the laurels as Bill Anderson and Jack Andrews combined in the first contest to limit the New Bernites to five hits, and in the second contest veteran Frank Roberts mounted the hill to turn in a fine two-hit job in his first performance as a starting pitcher.

Pounding out eleven hits in the first contest, the Elonites sewed it up in the fourth stanza with a four-run uprising, and added two more in the fifth for a 6-0 shutout. In the second contest a run in the second, one in the eighth, and another four-run blasting in the ninth clinched that one.

Steve Walker led the hitters with five safe smashes in the two games; and Clayton, York, Cross, and Savini also came through with base knocks. Leon Pope beat out two bunts for his share in the wins.

The boxes:

Elon (6)	Pos.	AB	H	R
Walker, 2b		4	2	2
Erlacher, 2b		0	0	0
York, rf		4	1	2
Ellington, rf		1	0	0
Clayton, ss		5	1	2
Sileo, cf		0	0	0
Savini, cf		4	1	1
Ellis, 3b		3	0	1
McEntee, 3b		0	0	0
McSwain, 1b		4	0	0
Pope, lf		4	1	2
Thompson, c		0	0	0
Cross, c		3	0	0
Anderson, p		2	0	1
Andrews, p		2	0	0

Cherry Point (0)	AB	R	H
Delese, rf	3	0	0
Strau, ss	4	0	0
Ring, 2b	3	0	1
Davis, c	3	0	1
Langston, cf	3	0	1
Hoolowoy, 3b	4	0	1
Barnard, lf	4	0	0
Wigmore, 1b	4	0	0
Marasco, p	1	0	0
Fenn, p	1	0	0
Fauvelle, p	1	0	1
Stone, p	1	0	0

SECOND GAME

Elon (6)	AB	R	H
Walker, 2b	5	1	3
York, rf	4	2	1
Clayton, ss	5	1	1
Savini, cf	5	0	1
Ellis, 3b	4	1	0
McSwain, 1b	3	1	0
Pope, lf	4	0	0
Cross, c	4	0	1
Roberts, p	2	0	0
Cherry Point (0)	AB	R	H
Blossfield, rf	4	0	0
Ring, 2b	3	0	1
Strau, ss	4	0	0
Davis, c	4	0	0

Elon's Fighting Christian baseball players, off to a good start for the 1947 season against non-conference opposition (have their first crack at North State competition this weekend with a two-game series against the Atlantic Christian Bulldogs at Wilson. The first game was slated for yesterday afternoon, while this paper was going to press, and the second will be played today.

Following the league openers, the Christians return to Elon Monday to meet the McCrary Eagles, then go to Winston-Salem on Tuesday for a return clash with Hanes Knitters, whom the Perry men nosed out, 5-4, in their first meeting.

Next Friday and Saturday, Elon will visit Salisbury for two conference games with the Catawba Indians. A night contest on Monday, April 21, is scheduled against the Burlington Bees as the first of four home games for the Christians, who will play host to the High Point Purple on the 22nd and Atlantic Christian on Friday and Saturday, the 26th and 26th.

OAK LODGE WINS TITLE BUT LOSES TOURNEY TO SOUTH

Capturing the playoff game from South Dorm, 36-25, Oak Lodge, champions of the National League, won the men's intramural basketball crown. The score was tied, 14-14, at halftime, but Oak Lodge's "Squirrels," led by Dick York on offense and "Pep" Watkins on defense, pulled away in the last twenty minutes.

South Dorm, American League titleholder, gained a measure of revenge on their intramural conquerors on March 28, when they downed Oak Lodge, 28-25, in the finals of the "fun" tournament which closed the basketball season. South was strengthened during the tourney by the presence of Pete Marshburn and Mike Kozakewich, two men ineligible during the regular season. The "Boys From Across The Tracks" earned their final berth by drubbing Club House, 39-22, in the opening round of the tournament, and by overpowering Vets Court in the semi-finals, 49-32. Oak Lodge beat Day Students in the first round, 36-25, and took a thrilling 35-34 decision from Kappa Psi in the semi-finals. Vets Court reached the semis by topping North-North in the opening round, 39-33, and Kappa Psi was a 55-42 first-round winner over South-North.

VETS WIN OPENER

The Elon Vets won their opening game of the season Thursday, topping Haw River by a 12-3 count as Tony Cockrell twirled an eight hitter.

Langston, cf	4	0	0
Barnard, lf	3	0	0
Green, 1b	3	0	1
Hooloway, 3b	3	0	0
Hurst, p	2	0	0
Davis, p	1	0	0
Gooch, p	0	0	0
Welpert, p	1	0	0

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