



I'm Telling You

By ROCCO SILEO

This fine edition of the Fighting Christians baseballers, the mighty '49ers, should go down in history as one of the greatest diamond combinations ever to be produced at Elon.

The newly crowned conference champs should be likened to the great pre-war championship clubs of '40 and '41. The '40 team, which was composed of such stars as Emo Showfety, Tal Abernethy, Johnny Clayton, W. L. Hobson, Joe Tomanchek and Warren Burns, compiled a 20-1 record, one of the finest ever recorded by a college team anywhere.

According to Johnny Clayton, freshman sensation who led the '40 club with a .450 average, both pre-war teams have the edge on hitting, mainly because of a couple of notoriously powerful hitters named Showfety and Hobson. However, he added that Coach Jim Mallory's crew are at least on a par, if not better than, Horace Hendrickson's Christians in the fielding department.

All in all, we're mighty proud of the new champs, who have finally cast aside the domineering Catawba Indians and have taken over as undisputed champions of the North State Conference.

Now that Coach Hal Pope is definitely leaving, I'd like to see Johnny Clayton, a fine athlete and a gentleman, remain as basketball coach.

I think the popular athlete, who graduates this year, deserves at least the chance to prove he has the ability to handle a college team. For the past two years Clayton has been in charge of the basketball team at the outset, drilling the prospective candidates in conditioning and fundamentals, only to step aside in favor of the head coach in charge.

Coaching a college team is a big assignment and a bigger headache, but I'm willing to give odds that my candidate could overcome both and go on to be a successful mentor who can give of' Elon the brand of basketball so lacking in these post-war years.

Then too, Clayton could continue to assist Coach Mallory with the baseball team, as he has been doing for the past two seasons, and possibly serve as an assistant football coach if needed.

However, if some of the players don't change their attitudes of the past year, I don't believe Coach Pope, Clayton, Rupp or Case could bring winning basketball to Elon.

College Coeds In Tourney

Jeanne Pittman, Lacala Wilkins and Jean Harris represent Elon College at Greensboro College on May 14 in a tennis tournament. Three schools were entered in the tournament: Greensboro College, Woman's College and Elon.

This was the first tennis tournament for the Elon coeds and they put up a good fight, even though they left Elon with the feeling of being the "underdogs" at the tournament.

Results of the singles were: Miller (W. C.) over Pittman (Elon) 7-9, 6-1, 6-4; Ingram (G. C.) over Wilkins (Elon), 1-6, 6-3, 6-2; Hailey (W. C.) over Harris (Elon), 6-1, 6-0.

Once Over: Intramurals Of The Year

By GEORGE STANLEY

The Intramural sports program, under the guidance of Coach J. L. Pierce, has just concluded one of its most successful years. Following is a resume of Intramural activities throughout the year.

Last fall, South Dormitory ran through its regular schedule undefeated and then went on to defeat Vet's Apartments for the championship of the Touch-football league. The champions placed four men, Ernie Klutz, Bill Hopkins, Larry Gaither and Rocky Donato, on the Maroon and Gold's first annual All-Intramural Touch-football team. Other berths went to Jack Hanel, Billy Rakes, Chubby Brown Steve Walker and Tubby Johnson.

East Dormitory emerged victorious in the volley-ball tournament by defeating Alpha-Pi in the play-offs. Rounding out the first four were Sigma Phi and Vet's Apartments.

East continued their winning ways by copping basketball honors from favored South Dormitory. Some of the stars during the season were Winstead, Huyett and Reese of East; Mondy, Clayton and De Marco of South; Andrews of et's Apartments; York and Walker of Sigma Phi; and McCracken and Melvin of I. T. K.

A March of Dimes benefit game, which brought together the best performers of each of the Intramural leagues, rounded out the basketball activities for the season.

Ollie Bass won the table tennis tournament by defeating defending champion Pete Marshburn. In a challenge match, Elon defeated High Point in table tennis and badminton at Elon's gym. Representing Elon were Bass, Marshburn, D. Hooker and Taylor.

Softball took the spotlight as the Intramural program went into its final stretch. The strong I. T. K. nine, with but one loss in regular season play, took top honors in the league. Sigma Phi and Day Students were deadlocked for second place and East was fourth in the race.



Shown above are the Elon College 1949 co-captains, Steve Walker and Ed Ellis. Walker, a second baseman, is from Milton, N. C., and third baseman Ellis is from Ramseur, N. C. Both played semi-pro ball in the Albemarle league last summer and both are expected to be in professional circles shortly. In fact, Ellis, who batted over .400 with the Christians, has signed and is now playing with the Greensboro Patriots.



Coach Jim Mallory's championship club of 1949 posted a season record of 20 wins and five defeats and a 13-2 conference record which gave the Christians their first championship since 1941. Left to right: (first row) Hank DeSimone, Wayne Phillips, Raleigh Ellis, Ed Ellis, Bill Anderson, Fred Paul, Rocky Sileo, Jack White, Burley Dunn and Dick York; (second row) Russell Lucas, C. K. Siler, Billy Matze, Nelvin Cooper, Jack Andrews, Leon Taylor, Dick Lee and Steve Walker; (back row) Calvin Williams, Gene Stewart, Gene Caviness, J. P. Thompson, Harry Frazier, and Larry Gaither.

D. Mondy Crowned Champion

By GEORGE STANLEY

Dave Mondy didn't say die after shooting an unimpressive 84 in the first round of the recent 36-hole North State Conference Golf Tournament at the Star Mount Course in Greensboro.

Instead the young Freshman star came back in the second round and shot a spectacular sub-par 70 to beat favored Billy Stalls of Eastern Carolina and a field of 20 entries representing Elon, High Point, Eastern Carolina, Catawba and Guilford. Mondy, who posted a 154 total, defeated Stalls by one stroke.

He played perfect golf the second day to win the tournament. On the 9th (par 4 hole), Mondy missed an eagle by a few inches. The ball hit the pin on his second shot and rolled out. He putted for a birdie. He shot a 36, one over par, on the first nine.

On the back nine, he parred the 10th, sank a 20-foot putt on the 11th for a birdie, parred the 12th, and again on the 13th Mondy missed an eagle by inches. Again he putted for a birdie and followed with still another on the 14th hole. The champion's drive on the

BOX SCORE

Following are the final unofficial batting averages of the championship Elon College club. The records do not include the second Appalachian tilt.

Table with columns: Player, ab, r, h, av. Rows include Gaither, Siler, Paul, Ellis, Anderson, Phillips, Stewart, Taylor, Matze, Cooper, Caviness, Walker, DeSimone, Lee, York, Andrews, White, Fowler, Thompson, Frazier, Foster.

Runs batted in: Ellis 19, Phillips 16, Stewart 14, Cooper 13, Anderson 9, Siler 7, Caviness 6, Matze 4, DeSimone and York 3, Paul 2, and Lee 1. Two base hits: Stewart and Phillips 7, Ellis 5, Cooper 4, Cavines and Anderson 3, Taylor and Siler 3, Matze, DeSimone and Paul 1. Three base hits: Ellis 6, Phillips 3, Anderson 2, and Walker 1. Home runs: Caviness 2, Cooper and Phillips 1. Stolen bases: Phillips 5, Walker and Ellis 4, York, Stewart and Cooper 2, Caviness, DeSimone and Anderson 1.

15th went into the woods, but his second shot landed on the edge of the green where he encountered trouble for the first time and ended up with a bogie. He also bogied 16 but parred the 17th hole.

Coming into the home stretch, Mondy needed a birdie to win the tournament and a par to tie Stalls. After a perfect drive, he followed with a shot which carried into a sand trap. The champ calmly chipped up to the pin and sank his putt for a birdie to finish the back nine with a terrific two-unday-par 34 to take the title.

Ray Scarborough Was Student Here

Ray Scarborough, a native Tar Heelian and now ace pitcher for the Washington Senators, was a summer school student at Elon College in 1938. He pitched for the Tower Hosiery Mill baseball team of Burlington that summer.

Racqueteers Win Eight, Lose Seven

While the sports department of Maroon and Gold was in moth balls, Elon's tennis team kept busy, ending their season last Saturday.

The varsity netters began the season with a win over E. C. T. C. and ended with a victory over Guilford, but their mid-season activities were not always so pleasant.

All in all, the team played 15 matches of a scheduled 22 (the remainder being either rained out or cancelled), winning eight and losing seven. In Conference play the record was five wins to three losses. The redoubtable High Point Panthers administered two of the licks and E. C. T. C. the other.

The schedule was highlighted with a swing up through Virginia with a baseball team. Randolph Macon and William and Mary (Norfolk Division) were met and defeated, but the Elonites bowed to Norfolk Navy and Lynchburg College.

The North State Conference Tennis Tournament, under the direction of Coach J. L. Pierce, was held here on May 6-7 on the three new clay courts.

Elon's Billy Joe Winstead was seeded first in the singles, but was upset by Jake Steele of High Point in the semi-finals. Elon's doubles entry of Walter Temple and Bill Godfrey also fell before Melvin and Maddox of High Point in the semi-finals.

The team was led again this year by Winstead, the elongated swatter from Roxboro. Bill was beaten only three times during the season, and he avenged one of

Mallorymen Cop Pennant For First Time Since '41 In Final Guilford Scrap

Our Fighting Christians of Elon College clinched the 1949 North State Conference baseball championship last Saturday with a 3-1 victory over the Guilford Quakers.

Elon Golfers Win 3, Lose 7 For The Year

Although they failed to rack up an impressive season record, the Fighting Christian golfers fared much better than in 1946, their initial year on the greens.

The team scored three victories against seven losses and a tie. Elon was leading going into the ninth hole of their opening season match with Eastern Carolina, which was called off because of darkness.

Freshman Dave Mondy was top medalist for the team followed by Cecil Lilley and Chips Chabalko.

The team, which used the Alamance Country Club as its home course, includes: Captain Cecil Lilley, Dave Mondy, Chips Chabalko, Jack Platt, Bill Rogers and Ed Brannick. Leo Kampman and Johnny Zurlis served as substitutes.

'E' Men's Club Elect B. Cook

Billy Cook, rising Junior from Whiteville, was elected president of the "E" Men's Club at a recent meeting of Elon's lettered athletes.

Other officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Pete Marshburn, Senior from Greensboro, vice-president; Mac McCracken, Junior from Sanford, secretary; Gene Hardy, Senior from Reidsville, treasurer; and C. K. Siler, Junior from Siler City, sergeant at arms.

During the meeting, retiring president Claude Manzi of Upper Darby, Pa., donated \$100 to the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium fund on behalf of the "E" Men's Club.

those losses by soundly thrashing the Conference Champion Henry Maddux in the second match with High Point.

Two newcomers to the team were Freshman Frank Tingley of Thomasville and Walter Temple of Sanford. During the season each showed promise of better things to come.

Other members of the team were Jack Spirko, who came along fast toward the end of the schedule, Pedro Godwin, who came out of self-imposed retirement after the season was underway, Rodney Southerland, Johnny McAdams and Bill Godfrey.

The victory climaxed a brilliant season for Coach Jim Mallory's great club. It also gave the Fighting Christians their first conference baseball title since 1941, while serving as sweet revenge on the pesky Quakers, who proudly administered one of the two conference defeats suffered by the Christians.

The other loss was engineered by the always troublesome Catawba Indians, who managed to put on another typically dramatic upset by scoring twice in the ninth to win 2-1.

The 13-2 conference record posted by the Fighting Christians was their best in four post war years, as was their over all season record of 20-5.

If records can serve as a comparison, the Christian nine of '49 should go down in history as one of the greatest diamond combinations ever assembled at Elon College. In that case the memories of this great club will go up on a pedestal along with Elon's championship clubs of '38, '40, and '41. The 1941 team, which ran up 19 straight wins and a season record of 20-1, was probably the greatest of our championship clubs.

As usual, Ed Ellis provided the necessary offensive punch. He added three singles to a lusty 400-plus batting average, his best in four years of competition at Elon.

The following box score of the game in which Elon clinched the crown may be dead news, but it will make an excellent souvenir.

Box score for the game between Elon and Guilford. Columns: ABRHOA. Rows: Phillips, York, Ellis, Stewart, Cooper, Anderson, Walker, DeSimone, Andrews, Totals.

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E—Ellis, Chatham, Stamey, Davis 3, Wolfe. RBI—Ellis, Anderson, Walker. SB—York, Ellis, Cooper, S—Stewart. BB—Off, Andrews 2, Wolfe 1. SO—By Andrews 8, Wolfe 7. LOB—Guilford 12, Elon 8. Wild pitch—Andrews 2. PB—DeSimone, Davis. U—Ridenhour and Ridenhour. T—1:58.

Big Jack Andrews Signs With Patriots Of Carolina League

Jack Andrews signed a professional baseball contract with Greensboro Patriots for an undisclosed sum Wednesday to become the second member of our North State championship club to turn "pro" within a week.

ITK Wins In Finals Over Day Students

I. T. K. defeated the Day Students for the second time Tuesday to win the post-season intramural softball tournament.

The tournament champions, who also topped the regular season play, had previously defeated Sigma Phi twice in the semi-finals of the play-offs.



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