



I'm Telling You

By ROCCO SILEO

Elon's defending North State baseball champions, this young and inexperienced 1950 edition of the Fighting Christians, are doing a great job of upholding the honors attained by their worthy predecessors.

Unpolished though it may be at the present, Coach Mallory's club has shown sparks of brilliance afield and touches of power at the plate to give every indication of another successful season on the diamond. Thus far, this latest Christian club, which sports no less than five new faces in its starting lineup, has been defending the coveted Conference title with the poise and art of an experienced and veteran club.

The infield quartet, composed of rookies Quackenbush, Rakes and Myers and the veteran Stewart, may never be likened to Elon's great infield quartet of the past season, but as soon as the rough spots are smoothed out, they will certainly stand up with any in the Conference. With constant practice and experimentation, Rakes and Myers, principals in the important keystone combination, should develop into the best double-play twosome in the league. Quackenbush, with much potential power at the plate, comes up from the high school ranks with an important fault around the hot corner, which Coach Mallory has been working on and should be polished off shortly. Stewart is a fixture at the initial sack, and, while the

slugging left-hander has not unleashed the power of last season, his importance is indicated by the fact that he led the team in runs batted in for the first seven games.

The outfield shapes up as somewhat stronger than that of last year. In the veteran Phillips and the rookies Brigman, Reid and Cassell, Elon has a much faster outfield, and their bats appear far more potent than their predecessors. Phillips, a steady left-fielder, who batted around .385 last year, has failed to hit his stride at the plate so far, but Brigman and Reid have carried the offensive burden well. Brigman, the fastest man on the club at times, and Reid, the classiest, are both capable of breaking up a ball game with a well-timed clout. The same is true of Cassell, Quackenbush and Stewart.

The acquisition of Hamrick, Walters and Weaver to support Siler and Taylor on the mound has bolstered the pitching staff considerably. The three rookie twirlers have already shown Coach Mallory enough stuff to give evidence that they will be front line pitchers throughout the long season.

So, given anticipated smoothness afield to blend with added power at the plate and depth on the pitching mound, Coach Mallory can mix, stir well and come up with a collection of characters capable of giving Elon her second consecutive North State baseball championship.

FIRE DESTROYS GRANDSTAND AT ELON BALL PARK



Flames, started by a carelessly thrown cigarette and fanned by a wind of near-gale proportions destroyed the main portion of the grandstand at the Elon College Ball Park on Monday night, March 27th, with a total loss estimated at \$25,000. Included in the loss was a quantity of uniforms and equipment belonging to the Wake Forest Deacons and to the Burlington Bees professional club.

Heroic efforts on the part of Elon's firemen and students, a led by firemen from Burlington and Gibsonville, saved the bleacher sections of the stands, leaving sufficient seating to accommodate the fans for the Elon home games. Contractors have already started building bleacher seats to replace the burned section in preparation for the opening of Burlington's professional season.

The fire was discovered about 6 o'clock that evening, shortly after the conclusion of the first basegame of the season between the Elon Christians and the Wake Forest Deacons. The dry timber in the stands burned rapidly, and shortage of water prevented any really effective efforts against the main portion of the blaze.

Elon Nine Off To Fine Start

By JOE SPIVEY

The 1950 baseball season for the Elon Christians got underway on March 27th, and thus far (as of last Wednesday) Coach Jim Mallory's boys are sporting a "won 4 and lost 3" record. Wins have been chalked up over Wake Forest, Lenoir-Rhyne, Ohio University and Catawba.

Only one of the losses is within collegiate circles, that being to Wake Forest in the opening game by a 5 to 0 score. The other two losses were to Greensboro 12-2 and to Burlington 4-0, both Greensboro and Burlington being professional teams.

In North State Conference standings, the Christians are defending last year's crown in true championship style. Lenoir-Rhyne fell on March 30th by a 12 to 7 score, and Catawba saw Elon rally on April 11th to walk away with a 4 to 2 victory and keep her Conference record unblemished.

WAKE FOREST 5, ELON 0
In the first game of the current season, Elon came up with the short end of the stick, losing to the defending champions of the Southern Conference from Wake Forest by 5 to 0. Harry Nicholson, the Deacons' Number One hurler was on the mound and held the Christians to six scattered hits.

The Deacs themselves started things off with a bang. Art Hoch and Bob Rogers singled, and Charlie Teague walked to set up a big first inning. After Hooks fanned, Joe Fulgum cleared the bases with a double, giving the Baptists three markers in the first. They added single scores in the fifth and ninth to total their five counters.

Co-Captain C. K. Siler started mound chores for Elon and was charged with the defeat, with Lefty Taylor and Bucky Walters also seeing service and allowing one run each. Billy Rakes had two of Elon's six hits.

R. H. E.
W. Forest 300 010 001—5 9 0
Elon 000 000 000—0 6 3
Nicholas, Kinlaw and Wrenn; Siler, aylor, Walters and DeSimone.

ELON 12, WAKE FOREST 3
The second meeting between Elon and Wake Forest was a different story, for Archie Brigman and Scotty Quackenbush each smacked out homers to pace Elon to a 12 to 3 victory.

It looked like a pitchers' duel between Freshman Hank Hamrick and Wake Forest's Dick McClenny until the fourth frame, when Elon moved ahead 3-2 on the two homers. Quackenbush hit his circuit blow with Wayne Phillips on base.

Wake Forest tied the count at 3-all in the top of the seventh before Elon's Joe Weaver, then doing mound duty, could settle down. And then came the eighth, when the bottom fell out! Everything went wrong for the Deacs, and Elon took advantage of good hittign, walks and miscues to grab

a 9-run lead and go on to win 12 to 3. Brigman had three hits and Quackenbush and DeSimone two each.

R. H. E.
W. Forest 000 200 100—3 6 3
Elon 000 300 09x—12 10 1
McClenny, Eller, Price and Wrenn; Hamrick, Weaver and DeSimone.

ELON'S 1950 BASEBALL LEADERS



Wayne Phillips (left) and C. K. Siler (right) are the co-captains of the Elon baseball squad, which is off to a fine start on its 1950 season. The squad handed Wake Forest the Deacons' only defeat in eleven start and bids fair to repeat the Christians' championship play of last season in the North State Conference.

Outfield Pair In Race For Elon Batting Lead

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

- Elon 0, Wake Forest 5.
- Elon 12, Wake Forest 3.
- Elon 12, Lenoir-Rhyne 7.
- Elon 16, Ohio U. 15.
- Elon 2, Greensboro 11.
- Elon 0, Burlington 4.
- Elon 4, Catawba 2.
- Elon 2, McCrary 5.
- Elon 5, ECTC 1.
- Elon 12, ACC 3.
- April 15—A.C.C., away.
- April 17—Appalachian, away.
- April 19—Sanford, away.
- April 21—High Point, away.
- April 22—Guilford, away.
- April 26—Catawba, here.
- April 27—Lynchburg, here.
- April 29—E.C.T.C., here.
- May 3—Siler City, away.
- May 6—McCrary, away.
- May 8—Appalachian, here.
- May 10—High Point, here.
- May 11—A.C.C., here.
- May 13—Lenoir-Rhyne, away.
- May 15—W.C.T.C., away (dh).
- May 17—Guilford, here.
- May 19—McCrary, away.
- May 20—McCrary, away.

Archie Brigman and Carroll Reid, a pair of slugging freshman outfielders, set a torrid pace among the regulars on the Christian diamond squad for the first seven games of the 1950 season, according to the averages, which were compiled after the Catawba game on April 11th.

That same pair of gardeners were also in a four-way tie with Gene Stewart and Hank DeSimone for runs-batted-in honors. Each of the quartet has hammered home seven runs in the first seven games.

Brigman and Reid also accounted for one homer each and tied with Scott Quackenbush for the leadership in that department, Brigman had accounted for the only three-bagger, and Reid led the way in two-baggers with three. To make the record a virtual "grand-slam" in their favor, each had stolen one base and were tied with Shag Myers and Billy Rakes for that crown.

While the two fleet-footed outfielders were staging their battle for statistical honors on the offense, five pitchers were sharing for statistical honors from the mound, with Co-Captain C. K. Siler, Lefty Taylor, Hank Hamrick, Bernard Walters and Joe Weaver splitting more or less equally in the pitching roles. Taylor, Hamrick, Walters and Weaver each accounted for one victory in early games, and Captain Siler went to the rescue once.

The complete statistical record through the Catawba game follows:

(Through Catawba Game)

Player	AB	R	H	Ave.
Matze	3	0	2	.667
Klutzt	2	1	1	.500
Weaver	2	1	1	.500
Taylor	5	1	2	.400
Brigman	24	8	9	.375
Cassell	8	1	3	.375
Reid	20	5	7	.350
Merrimon	3	0	1	.333
Stewart	27	5	8	.296
Rakes	33	6	8	.242
DeSimone	25	5	6	.240
Quackenbush	26	6	6	.231
Myers	28	4	6	.214
Phillips	24	4	4	.167
Hamrick	5	0	0	.000
Yalters	4	1	0	.000
Siler	2	0	0	.000
Bryson	1	0	0	.000

By the bottom of the eighth Elon was out in front to stay, scoring six runs before any man was out to clinch the game. Carroll Reid homered three runs home, and Gene Stewart sent two more in with a single. Stewart and Brigman each hit three times, as Lefty Taylor got credit for the win.

R. H. E.
Len.-Rne 006 000 010—7 11 4
Elon 003 301 26x—12 16 1
Barkley, Beeman and Kantoriski; Siler, Taylor, Hamrick and DeSimone.

ELON 16, OHIO U. 15

What started out as route in favor of Elon turned into a slugfest for both teams as the Christians downed Ohio University 16-15 here on hursday, April 6th. Elon sent sixteen batters to the plate and home forces added salt to the wounds by adding two runs in both the fourth and fifth innings.

Ohio picked up slowly, scoring three in the fifth, two in the seventh and three in the eighth, but many fans left the chilly stadium before things got hot in the ninth. Ohio added seven runs in that final rack before Steve Trytek popped up with the tying and winning runs on the sacks. Walters drew credit for the slippery victory, with Rakes, Myers, Stewart, Brigman and Quackenbush all hitting hard.

R. H. E.
Ohio U. .00 0 030 237—15 13 1
Elon0012 220 00x—16 15 6
Kovach, Hursey, Swank, Perman and Biskup, Trytek; Walters, Fowler, Jones, Siler and DeSimone, Frazier, Bryson.

GREENSBORO 11, ELON 2

Playing under the lights in Greensboro on Friday night, April 7th, the Christians dropped an 11 to 2 decision to the Greensboro professionals. The Patriot pushed over three runs in the first, two in the fourth and fifth and four in the eighth, while Elon could manage only a pair in the second.

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Club House Is Leader In Intramural Softball

By GEORGE STANLEY

After two weeks of play in the Intramural Softball League, Club House and Vets' Court-Cedar Lodge are the only undefeated teams, with the Club House on top with two wins and no losses, while the other leader has won one battle.

Club House chalked up its wins over Kappa Psi and the Vets' Apartment-Day Student combine, the latter by a close 5 to 4 score. The Vets' Court-Cedar Lodge outfit defeated North 6 to 5 in the only game so far.

Highlighting the season so far has been a pair of brilliant no-hit pitching performances. On the opening day Bernie Owens hurled a perfect game for Sigma Phi against South Dorm. He was in trouble only once or twice, due to walks, but he settled down nicely to overcome Lou Rochelli, South's mound star. Clem Moser starred at bat for the fraternity nine, with two hits in three trips.

On the second day of the season, Jim Murray equalled Owens' performance when he pitched I.T.K. to a 2 to 0 win over Oak-Carlton in a game that was called in the sixth due to rain. These and other good games have created much interest on the part of most teams, and intramural authorities appeal to all clubs that there be no forfeits.

STANDINGS

Club	Won	Lost	Ave.
Club House	2	0	1.000
Vets-Cedar	1	0	1.000
South	2	1	.667
I.T.K.	2	1	.667
Oak-Carlton	2	1	.667
Sigma Phi	1	1	.500
East	1	1	.500
Kappa Psi	0	1	.000
North	0	2	.000
Day St-Vets Apt.	0	3	.000

GOLFERS DEFEAT HIGH POINT, 15-12

The Elon golfers broke the victory ice here last Thursday afternoon when they defeated the High Point linksmen 15 to 12 in a meet over the Alamance Country Club course. Dave Monday and Cecil Lilly each had 80's to pace the Elon golfers to victory in this event, while Kupice led High Point with a 79 score.

This was the third meet of the year for the Christian golfers, who had previously dropped decisions to Ohio University here on Thursday, April 6th, and to Guilford at Greensboro on Tuesday, April 11th. The Ohio outfit won their meet 24 to 3, with Dave Mondy scoring Elon's points. Mondy, Lilly and Coyner turned in individual victories in the Guilford meet.

Gold Eleven Wins Spring Grid Game

Elon's most successful winter football practice came to a close on Saturday, March 25th, when two picked squads battled it out in the first annual "Maroon-Gold" game in Burlington Memorial Stadium, with Bill Barger driving over for the lone touchdown that gave the Maroon team a 6 to 0 victory.

Four full teams of Christian gridiron hopefuls saw action in the game, which was witnessed by several hundred interested spectators. The game was featured largely by defensive play, although Hal McRae turned in one beautiful cat hof a 31-yard pass from Barger to set up the Gold team's score.

There were defensive stars galore. (Continued On Page Four)