



Spying On Sports

by JOE SPIVEY

A portion of the Fighting Christian baseball schedule is now history, but there is more to come.

On the dark side is the fact that the Elon nine dropped three straight games—something that has not happened since before Coach Jim Mallory came to Elon in 1948.

On the bright side is the fact that the Christians have been faring pretty well in Conference play, and they are the big team in the race as the Mallorymen seek the conference crown for the third straight year.

If the Christians ever find their batting eyes, they will be hard to stop. Hits seem to be plentiful, but they have an odd habit of becoming scarce in the clutch.

The pitching department seems to be the most settled issue, with Hank Hamrick, Lefty Taylor, and Joe Weaver getting the nod.

Now we've seen everything! I mean that East Carolina game, and the time Elon had the bases loaded with nobody out.

Former Elon Athletes in the News: Al Zilian, Jay-Vee basketballer of the past season is playing ball with Dallas, Texas, a Cleveland Indian farm camp.

Jack Mitchell, also a Jay-Vee basketball player, and who later got into the varsity games, is with the Greensboro Patriots.

Gene Stewart, of the championship Elon baseball team of '48 and '49, is also playing with the Patriots.

Warren Burns, who once captained basketball and was an All-North State Conference player, has been named to coach the West All-Star basketball team in the North Carolina high school circuit.

Al Johns, quarterback and half-back of Guilford College's football teams for the past four years has signed a professional grid contract with the Washington Redskins.

Hope he shows up better than Justice did. Good luck, Al!

Paul W. Lentz, assistant director of men's physical education and head basketball and baseball coach at Guilford College, has been called back into active service with the U. S. Marine Corps.

Along with the above report came the news that C. Q. "Tex" Smith had resigned as Coach at High Point College, another of Elon's close neighbors.

Jack Boone, baseball coach at Eastern Carolina, was very unhappy over the results of the encounter with Elon on March 31st.

Well, Mr. Boone, I didn't hear any "booming." No one sat behind the catcher and waved handkerchiefs.

Softball is now in the intramural spotlight, and if the field ever gets dry enough, play will soon be in high gear.

Whether we win or lose, let's be good sports and good supporters of Elon teams.

Bobby Stewart Paces Elon Regulars At Bat

Not a Christian regular was hitting .300 after eight games of the 1951 baseball season, with Pete Sykes pacing the squad on the basis of one hit in three trips and a .333 percentage.

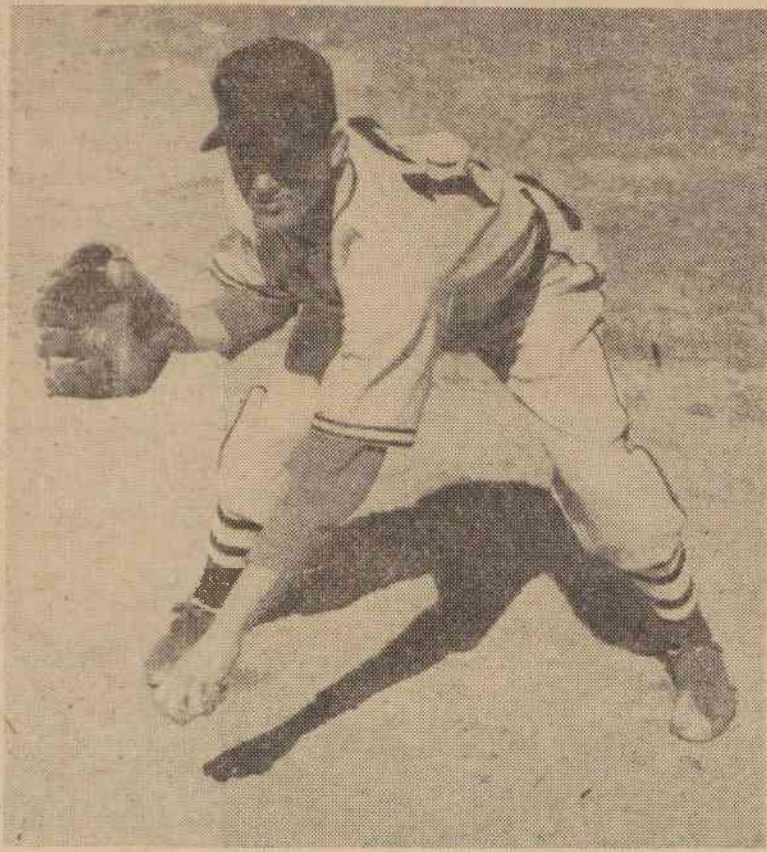
This same Stewart, a freshman outfielder from Sanford, was also leading the way in runs-batted-in, and was tied with Austin Brewer for the home run leadership.

The complete average through the first eight games follow:

Table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, Ave.

Four Conference Tilts This Week

ELON'S SOUTHPAW ACES SHINE IN EARLY GAMES



Lefty Taylor (above) and Hank Hamrick (left), a pair of southpaw aces of the Elon pitching staff, really shined in the early baseball battles.

MINOR SPORTS

GOLF SCHEDULE and TENNIS SCHEDULE tables.

Great Pitching Feature Of Early Games Of Elon's Baseball Season

With the work of the Elon pitchers as a special feature of the play, the Elon College baseball squad battled to an even break in its first ten games of the season.

Four of the five victories came against North State Conference rivals, and the Fighting Christians were still undefeated in championship games after last three weeks of the 1951 season had passed.

The baseball season got underway on Friday, March 23rd, when the visitors from Springfield College of Massachusetts, walked away with a 6 to 0 victory.

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The Mallory-men showed some signs of life in the ninth inning, when Archie Brigman cleared full bases with a double to start the fireworks.

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on Thursday, March 29th, by a 1 to 1 margin. The visitors got all their eight hits off Austin Brewer, Elon's starting pitcher.

The Fighting Christians finally broke into the win column on Saturday, March 31st, when Lefty Taylor went the full route to set the Pirates down 3 to 2 in a fifteen-inning battle.

The pros up Lexington way had to stage a rally in the eighth to down the Christians 8 to 5 on Wednesday, April 4th.

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Western Carolina Plays Christians Here Twice

The final four days of this week can make or break the 1951 championship chances of Coach Jim Mallory's Elon College diamond crew.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Table listing baseball games: Elon 0, Springfield 6; Elon 6, Ohio U. 11; etc.

The Elon outfit has already met the Burlington Bees in a game at the local park on Monday night of this week.

The strong Western Carolina Catamounts come to Elon for Wednesday and Thursday games this week, and the Maroon and Gold ball tossers will face Coach Jim Gudger's boys.

Following the two tilts with the Catamounts in the local park, the Christians will take to the road for a two-day invasion of the eastern part of the state.

Next week is also slated as a busy one for the Elon nine, with three games on deck.

R. H. E. scores for various games: Ohio U. 020 020 000-4 8 2; etc.

GREENSBORO 4, ELON 1

The Christians went up against another pro team when they tackled the Greensboro Patriots in Greensboro on Friday, April 6th.

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Seven Teams In Softball Competition

The Intramural Council laid plans for a seven-team softball league at a meeting held on Monday, April 2nd, and play is already underway in the loop.

Each of the four fraternities is represented by a team, with North Dorm, Day Students and an independent team called the Orphans rounding out the loop.

Four games are already in the books. Alpha Pi defeated Sigma Phi 11 to 8 and then knocked off Kappa Psi 7 to 6 in a pair of well-played games.

The standings up to last Thursday, April 12, are as follows:

Table showing softball standings: W, L, Ave. Alpha Pi 2 0 1.000; etc.