

Crucial Contests Coming In Conference Chase

Perry Riley Gains Lead In Team Batting Race

Perry Riley, a freshman first baseman from Schoolfield, Va., climbed out on top in the hitting records of the Elon College regulars during the past two weeks, but Coach Jim Mallory still can show not a single .300 hitter among his regular players. Pete Sykes, the slugging pitcher from Burlington, boosted his own mark above .400, but he has appeared in only a few games.

Riley was hitting at a steady 293 clip after last Thursday's battle with Appalachian, but he was barely three percentage points ahead of Carroll Reid, veteran right fielder, who boosted his average during the fortnight by a full fifteen points. Both Riley and Reid climbed ahead of Bobby Stewart, the leader two weeks since, as the youthful center fielder also slipped behind Quackenbush into a .267 tie with Ben Kendall.

The individual leaders in the various hitting specialties showed Bobby Stewart topping all competition in runs batted home with 15 to his credit; Carroll Reid boasting five two-baggers to lead the way in that department; Bobby Stewart and Shag Myers tied in the three-bagger race with one each; and Austin Brewer topping the home run department with a pair of round trip smashes. Quackenbush has four stolen bases to lead the way, while Carroll Reid and Hank DeSimone have each had two sacrifice hits.

The Elon pitchers continued to be the chief show for Coach Mallory's club, with Lefty Taylor, Hank Hamrick and Austin Brewer blazing a fast pace in the battle for mound honors in the North State Conference. Taylor and Hamrick both won All-Conference berths a year ago, and Brewer is bidding high for a place in the sun to give Elon three All-star pitchers for the second season in a row.

The complete averages through last Thursday's battle with Appalachian follow:

| Player | AB | R | H | Ave. |
|-------------|----|----|----|------|
| Sykes | 7 | 4 | 3 | .429 |
| Riley | 58 | 8 | 17 | .293 |
| Reid | 69 | 13 | 20 | .290 |
| Weaver | 7 | 0 | 2 | .286 |
| Quackenbush | 68 | 9 | 19 | .275 |
| Stewart | 65 | 6 | 17 | .267 |
| Kendall | 46 | 7 | 12 | .267 |
| Rogers | 28 | 6 | 7 | .250 |
| Brigman | 51 | 5 | 10 | .196 |
| DeSimone | 57 | 7 | 11 | .193 |
| Myers | 73 | 7 | 14 | .192 |
| Taylor | 17 | 3 | 3 | .176 |
| Hamrick | 12 | 3 | 2 | .167 |
| Brewer | 48 | 9 | 7 | .146 |
| Laughlin | 8 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Fritts | 6 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Schrader | 5 | 1 | 0 | .000 |
| Rakes | 3 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Stricklin | 1 | 0 | 0 | .000 |

RUNS BATTED IN—Stewart 15, Quackenbush 10, Reid 7, Myers 5, Rogers 5, Brewer 4, Brigman 3, DeSimone 3, Riley 2, Hamrick 2, Kendall 1, Taylor 1. **TWO-BASE HITS**—Reid 5, Stewart 3, Quackenbush 3, DeSimone 3, Riley 2, Brewer 1, Brigman 1, Taylor 1, Myers 1, Hamrick 1, Rogers 1, Weaver 1, Kendall 1. **THREE-BASE HITS**—Stewart 1, Myers 1. **HOME RUNS**—Brewer 2, Stewart 1, Rogers 1, Quackenbush 1. **STOLEN BASES**—Quackenbush 4, Stewart 1, Brewer 1, Reid 1. **SACRIFICE HITS**—Reid 2, DeSimone 2, Brigman 1, Reid 1. **BASE ON BALLS**—Taylor 17, Brewer 17, Sykes 15, Hamrick 12, Weaver 9. **STRIKE OUTS**—Hamrick 42, Brewer 41, Taylor 37, Sykes 8, Weaver 7. **HITS—OFF** Taylor, 22 in 41 1-3; off Hamrick, 22 in 41 1-3; off Brewer, 22 in 23 1-3; off Sykes, 20 in 17 1-3; off Weaver, 19 in 18. **GAMES WON**—Hamrick 4, Brewer 3, Taylor 2, Sykes 1. **GAMES LOST**—Weaver 3, Brewer 3, Sykes 1, Taylor 1.

MINOR SPORTS

GOLF SCHEDULE

Elon 6, N. C. State 12.
Elon 1, Ohio U. 26.
Elon 5 1-2, N. C. State 21 1-2.
Elon 14, Catawba 13.
(Remaining Matches)
April 30—E.C.T.C., away.
May 1—E.C.T.C., away.
May 10—Catawba, home.

TENNIS SCHEDULE

Elon 0, N. C. State 9.
Elon-Guilford (rain).
Elon 2, Lenoir-Rhyne 5.
Elon 2, High Point 5.
Elon 0, Catawba 6.
Elon 1, Guilford 6.
Elon 1, Carolina Frosh 6.
Elon 0, Carolina Frosh 9.
Elon 0, High Point 7.
Elon 2, Lenoir-Rhyne 5.
(Remaining Matches)
April 30—E.C.T.C., away.
May 1—E.C.T.C., away.
May 7—N. C. State, home.
May 10—Catawba, home.

CO-CAPTAINS OF ELON'S DEFENDING CHAMPIONS



Shag Myers and Hank DeSimone, left to right in above picture, are co-captains of Elon's Fighting Christian baseball team, which is defending its North State Conference championship. The Christians have won the crown for two years in a row, but the champions have a rough road ahead during the final two weeks of the 1951 season as the Christian captains lead their mates in a series of crucial games, any one of which may make or break the Maroon and Gold chances for a third straight title.

Indians And Bears Are Christians' Chief Rivals

BASEBALL GAMES

Elon 0, Springfield 6.
Elon 6, Ohio U. 11.
Elon 1, Ohio U. 4.
Elon 3, E.C.T.C. 2.
Elon 5, Lexington 8.
Elon 6, High Point 0.
Elon 1, Greensboro 3.
Elon 8, Reidsville 5.
Elon 8, A.C.C. 1.
Elon 4, Guilford 3.
Elon 8, Burlington 10.
Elon 6, W.C.T.C. 2.
Elon 7, W.C.T.C. 0.
Elon 0, E.C.T.C. 8.
Elon 5, A.C.C. 8.
Elon 4, Norfolk Navy 0.
Elon 12, Swepsonville 4.
Elon 9, Appalachian 1.
(Remaining Games)
April 28—Catawba, away.
May 1—High Point, away.
May 4—McCrary, away.
May 5—Lenoir-Rhyne, away.
May 7—Appalachian, away.
May 10—Lenoir-Rhyne, home.
May 11—Catawba, home.
May 14—Guilford, home.

The final two weeks of the 1951 baseball season, looming just ahead of Elon's Fighting Christians, assume all the proportions of a "Battle of the Bulge" in the race for the 1951 championship in the North State Conference, with no less than five titular battles slated within the fortnight.

The Catawba Indians and the Lenoir-Rhyne Bears are the chief rivals and the big threats that the Christians must face in this final two-weeks of the season, and no less than three of the five remaining Conference contests will be with these powerful combinations from Salisbury and Hickory. Coach Jim Mallory's boys will meet the McCrary Eagles at Asheville tonight in the only non-championship battle, and after this contest the Maroon and Gold ball tossers round the final turn and head down the home stretch, which includes two games with the Lenoir-Rhyne sluggers and single contests with Catawba, Guilford and Appalachian.

The first of two battles with the Lenoir-Rhyne outfit is slated for the Hickory field on Saturday of this week, and then Coach Mallory will lead his boys over the hills to Boone for a return engagement with the Appalachian Mountaineers next Monday.

Both Lenoir-Rhyne and Catawba will visit the Christians' own park here at Elon the latter part of next week. The Bears will be here on Thursday, May 10th, followed the next day by the Indians from Salisbury. The final game of the year will be played with Guilford here on Monday, May 14th.

Any one of these coming games can spell rule or ruin for the Mallory men. They were breezing along in first place and looking like a "shoo-in" for a third straight crown until after a disastrous invasion of Eastern Carolina ten days ago. That invasion resulted in losses to both East Carolina and Atlantic Christian, and since that time the pressure has been very definitely on the Elon ball tossers.

Alpha Pi Leads Way In Softball

The Alpha Pi Delta softball squad moved out front in the Intramural softball league during the past two weeks, and with the spring season already at the midway point the fraternity tossers appear the team to beat for the crown.

The Alpha Pi outfit has already chalked wins over each of the other fraternity clubs, but it must still encounter the powerful Orphans team and a capable combination from North Dorm. The Orphans are still undefeated, but they have won only two games thus far, having been blocked in two tilts by rain and wet grounds.

The standings for the seven-team league, figured up to last Thursday, April 26th, are as follows:

| | W. | L. | Ave. |
|--------------|----|----|-------|
| Alpha Pi | 4 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Orphans | 2 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Kappa Psi | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| North | 2 | 1 | .667 |
| I.T.K. | 1 | 2 | .333 |
| Sigma Phi | 1 | 2 | .333 |
| Day Students | 0 | 6 | .000 |

Elon Pitchers Still Hold Spotlight As 1951 Season Reaches Mid-Point

Track Team Will Enter Title Meet

Spying On Sports

by JOE SPIVEY



A GLANCE AT THE RECORDS: For the figure-minded (numerical, that is) we offer a picture of the 1948, 1949, and 1950 baseball team records for comparison with our Fighting Christians. These are the teams that Coach Jim Mallory has coached since coming to Elon.

In 1948 the Christians had an overall record of eighteen wins against seven losses. In conference play, the Elon nine copped nine while losing four.

In 1949 the Christians listed twenty wins against all competition, and won thirteen in the North State Conference, losing only two.

In 1950 the Christians posted twenty-one victories and seven losses against all comers. The spotlight, however, points with pride to the conference record which sports a fifteen won-one loss record.

We don't believe the Christians will break any records this year, but they're still in the running for the North State Conference Championship.

Hank "Slugger" DeSimone appears to be the most improved player on the current Elon nine. Hank went hitless at the beginning of the season for a long time, but his batting average is climbing slowly as the games go by. If Hank keeps up the good work along with his hustle and chatter behind the plate, he's our nomination for All-Conference.

Other nominations might include Bobby Stewart in centerfield, Scott Quackenbush, third base; Hank Hamrick, pitcher; Lefty Taylor, pitcher; and Austin Brewer, utility. The main thing though is that we're behind the whole team 100 per cent.

Will wonders never cease? I mean the game with the Burlington Bees. Who should show up in the Bees' battery, but our own Charlie Schrader, sub catcher.

Seems the Bees' regular catcher was out with a split finger (Now who would want to go out with a split finger?) and they had no replacement. Charlie gave a fine account of himself, despite all the razzing. You didn't sign anything, did you?

Is football season really over? One wonders when the scores in some of the ball games are published. A 14-6 or 21-10 finale is becoming a common occurrence in the present-day sports world. Baseball has also fallen into the hands of the offense-minded.

Word has it that Lefty Taylor may not be with us next year. Seems that Lefty might grab one of the pro contract that people have been waving in front of his face.

Bob Marshall, freshman football letterman last year, is in the Air Force stationed at Lackland Air Base in Texas. Bob is a prospect for the base football team.

While on the subject of football, it might be fitting to say that we missed the annual Maroon and Gold inter-squad game, which usually culminated the spring football practice. Seems the coach can't get enough players together. Has been rather hot lately, hasn't it?

Al Zilian, former junior varsity basketball player, has been released by Dallas, Texas, a Cleveland Indian farm team, and is said to be seeking to re-enter Elon.

Along the same line, Gene Stewart, former baseball star for the Christians, has been released by the Greensboro Patriots to New Bern of the Coastal Plain League.

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

The Elon College track squad is priming for the annual North State Conference meet, to be held at Guilford on Saturday afternoon, May 12th. The Christians were nosed out for first place last year by two points when the Guilford Quakers won the mile relay.

Priming for the big meet, the Christians rolled to a 72 to 57 victory over Guilford in a dual meet last Friday, April 27th. The Christians copped ten first places out of fifteen events and gained many seconds and thirds to add to the score. Leonard Greenwood topped the individual scorers with three firsts, one third and one fourth place for a total of 15 points. Bob Lewis claimed two first places. Bill Topping led Guilford with 13 points.

The summary:
Shot Put—Ludwig (E), Haithcox (E), Erickson (E), Venuto (G). Distance—36 feet.
Broad Jump—Topping (G), Hamrick (E), Diamond (E), Greenwood (E). Distance—19 feet 4 inches.
Discus—Haithcox (E), Baker (G), Garber (E), Etheridge (E). Distance—98 feet, 1-4 inch.
Mile Run—Armstrong (G), Watkins (E), Brown (G), Lowe (E). Time—5 min., 20 secs.
High Jump—Greenwood (E), McLeod (G), Taylor (E), Diamond (E). Height—5 feet, 10 inches.
Low Hurdles—Greenwood (E), Dillon (G), Crutchfield (G). Time—28 secs.
100 Yard Dash—Lewis (E), Blakeslee (G), Bragg (E). Time—10.8 secs.
880 Yard Run—Lake (E), Breedon (G), Eवाल (G), Kindley (G). Time—2 min. 11.3 secs.
Mile Relay—Guilford (Breedon, Kindley, Vogel, Findley). Time—3 min. 49.3 secs.
220 Yard Dash—Lewis (E), Bragg (E), Blakeslee (G). Time—21.7 secs.
High Hurdles—Greenwood (E).

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The Elon pitchers continued to hold the spotlight in the Fighting Christian baseball games as the 1951 season passed the midway point, for the Maroon and Gold chunkers turned in one three-hit performance, three four-hit games and one five-hit job on the mound during the past two weeks.

Hank Hamrick worked the three-hit game in mastering Western Carolina, and he added the five-hit game in gaining a win over Appalachian. Austin Brewer had two of the four-hit games, dealing only four safeties in each of his games against Western Carolina and Norfolk Navy. Pete Sykes also dealt out just four hits to the Swepsonville outfit.

BURLINGTON 10, ELON 8
The Fighting Christians stepped out of the collegiate ranks on Monday, April 16th, when they absorbed a 10 to 8 defeat at the hands of the Burlington Bees of the Carolina League.

Bob Rogers and Austin Brewer both homered for Elon, both round-trippers being terrific smashes inside the park.
R. H. E.
Elon 220 012 010— 8 9 4
Burlington 022 002 04x—10 11 5
Sykes, Taylor, Weaver and DeSimone; Leach, Gorski and Schrader.

ELON 6, W.C.T.C. 2
With Austin Brewer pitching four-hit ball, the Fighting Christians downed the Catamounts from Western Carolina on Wednesday, April 18th, in the first of two games here at Elon. Brewer fanned fifteen men in gaining the North State Conference victory, and he was in hot water only one time. This was in the first inning, when the visitors worked him for three walks.
R. H. E.
W.C.T.C. 200 000 000—2 4 1
Elon 003 002 01x—6 10 1
Pardue and Page; Brewer and DeSimone.

ELON 7, W.C.T.C. 0
The Elon ball tossers gained their second straight victory over the Western Carolina aggregation here on Thursday, April 19th, when Hank Hamrick pitched his second shut-out of the season to win by a score of 7 to 0. The visitors failed to get a runner as far as second base as the Elon southpaw whiffed twelve batters and

allowed only one base on balls.
R. H. E.
W.C.T.C. 000 000 000—0 3 5
Elon 004 110 01x— 7 8 1
Pressley, Howard and Whittington; Hamrick and DeSimone.

E.C.T.C. 8, ELON 0
The Christians caught a Tartar in the person of Jimmy Byrd, freshman pitching ace of the East Carolina Pirates, in a battle at Greenville on Friday, April 20th, and Elon went down before Byrd and the Pirates by an 8 to 0 score. It was the first Conference loss of the year for Elon and also the first defeat chalked against Lefty Taylor, Elon's southpaw mound ace.
R. H. E.
Elon 000 000 000— 0 3 3
E.C.T.C. 200 000 24x— 8 8 2
Taylor, Sykes and DeSimone; Byrd and McSwain.

A.C.C. 8, ELON 5
Misfortunes never come singly, according to an old adage, and it was proven true for the Christians as they wound up their road trip down East by losing to the A. C. C. Bulldogs 8 to 5 in a contest played at Wilson on Saturday, April 21st. It was significant that both defeats on the trip came on eight runs by the opponents, for the lickings put Elon very definitely behind the eight-ball.
R. H. E.
Elon 000 031 001— 5 13 1
A.C.C. 012 020 03x— 8 13 1
Weaver, Hamrick and DeSimone; Horne and Callahan.

ELON 4, NORFOLK NAVY 0
Austin Brewer turned in another four-hit pitching exhibition as the Christians turned back the Norfolk Naval Air Station nine here on Tuesday, April 25th, by a 4 to 0 margin. Brewer struck out nine men in a masterful mound show.
R. H. E.
Curley Alton, Norfolk mound ace, worked nicely in the early innings, but he threw wild to third in the fourth inning and balked in the fifth, to help Elon move ahead.
R. H. E.
Norfolk 000 000 000— 0 4 4
Elon 000 310 00x— 4 6 0
Alton, Eldridge and Bacho; Brewer and DeSimone.

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