

Conference Grid Crown To Be At Stake Saturday Night

Elon And Lenoir-Rhyne Elevens Play For Title

The Fighting Christians will load up their bear guns and take off for Hickory this weekend, and their quarry on the "big game" hunt will be none other than the big, bad Bears of Lenoir-Rhyne.

It will be very definitely the big game of the year for the Maroon and Gold grid legions, for their hope for the 1951 championship of the North State Conference will ride on the decision in this Saturday night encounter at Hickory.

The Elon and Lenoir-Rhyne outfits enter the game with identical Conference records, each having chalked victories over four North State foes this fall, and each team has won five victories in six starts against all opposition.

The Fighting Christians, in addition to their grim determination to clinch the Conference leadership, will be after revenge for a 42 to 13 walloping that the Bears dished out on Elon's home field last year, and some of the Christians remember that 19 to 7 upset two years since when Lenoir-Rhyne broke a seven-game winning streak for the Elon outfit.

The Lenoir-Rhyne series has always been a bitterly contested one, but the Elon record shows a long lead in the series that started in 1921, for the Christians have recorded victories in fourteen of the games, while the Bears can show but eight wins. However, it is a black spot on the record that Elon has failed to win a single game from the Bears since World War II.

There were six Elon victories in a row to start the series, for the Christians rolled to victory by 39 to 0 in 1921, chalked a 48 to 6 win in 1926, eked out a thriller 7 to 6 in 1927, rolled again to win 26 to 6 in 1928, triumphed 13 to 7 in 1929, and then added a 20 to 7 victory in 1930.

Lenoir-Rhyne finally broke the string with wins in 1931 and 1932. The local records do not show the score of the 1931 game, but the count in 1932 was 12 to 7. After this Elon came back strong and won six more in a row, scores being 7 to 0 in 1933, 13 to 0 in 1934, 20 to 0 in 1935, 38 to 0 in 1936, 27 to 6 in 1937, and 14 to 6 in 1938.

The Bears copped again in 1939 by a 10 to 0 margin, but Elon won 8 to 6 in 1940 and 13 to 0 in 1941. Since World War II the Bears have won five in a row, winning 14 to 13 in 1946, 13 to 0 in 1947, 13 to 0 in 1948, 19 to 7 in 1949 and 42 to 13 last year.

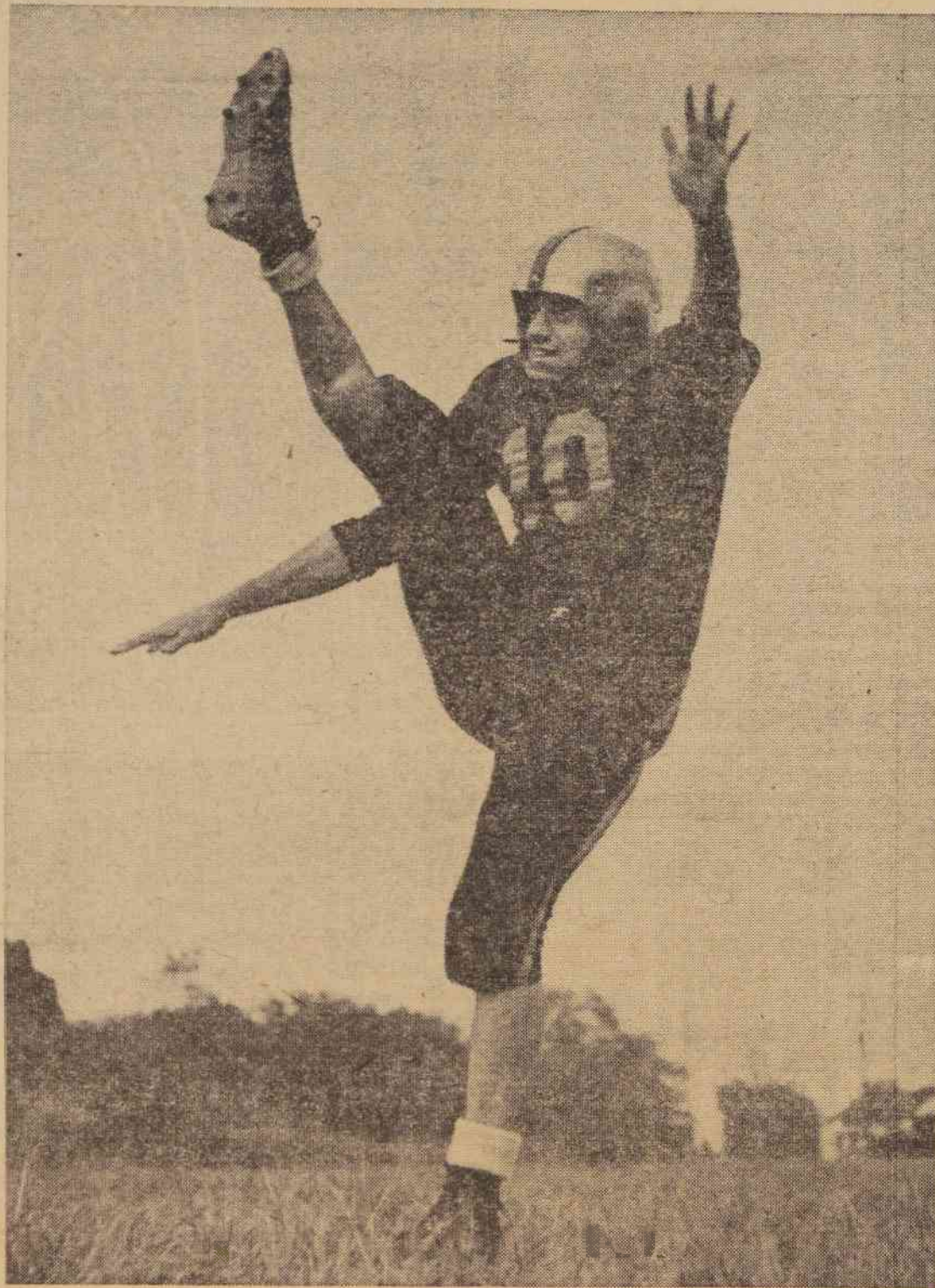
Elon Cagers Are Working

The Christian cage squad, which faces a tough thirty-game schedule, is already working in an effort to get ready for the opening contest against Hanes Hosiers here on Monday after Thanksgiving. Assisting Coach Doc Mathis with early practice is Jim Akers, former William and Mary star.

Coach Mathis will have nine lettermen from last year's squad as a nucleus for this season. The lettermen back are Larry Gaitner, Husky Hall, Billy Rakes and Ned Gaudin, forwards; Don Halthcox and Bob Lewis, centers; and Dave Mondy, Nelvin Cooper and Ben Kendall, guards.

Reserves who saw service last year are Jack Mitchell, Scott Quakenbush and Bill Blackstone, and promising newcomers include Don Packard, Jack Musten, Dec Atkinson, Wade Garrett, Robert Lamley and Jim Cooke.

ROCHELLI LEADS STATE IN TOTAL OFFENSE



Lou Rochelli, Elon's triple-threat ace, is now leading all backs in North Carolina collegiate ranks in total offense, having run and passed for a total of 963 yards in six games this season. His closest rival for ground gained on combined running and passing is Alex Webster, of N. C. State, who had gained 791 yards in seven games. Rochelli has handled the ball 161 times during the season to average almost exactly 6 yards per play, while Webster has had 190 plays and has averaged only 4.2 yards per try. Rochelli is also leading the state in total passing yardage, with 43 completions in 83 trials for a total of 719 yards, which is more than 250 yards ahead of Dickie Davis, of Wake Forest, who paces the North Carolina "Big Four" with 461 yards. Rochelli has also joined with Bill Blackstone for a joint kicking average of 39.9 yards on 48 kicks this season.

Christians Roll Over Catamounts To Keep Conference Record Clear

By JOE SPIVEY

Mix one triple-threat tail-back with one line-plunging full-back; add a blocking forward wall and a leather-popping defensive line, and the result is a 23 to 0 shut-out of the Western Carolina Catamounts by the Elon Fighting Christians at Reidsville's Kiker Stadium on Saturday, October 27th.

Lou Rochelli and Fred Biangardi were the chief ingredients that went into the cooking of WCTC's goose, as the Christians won their fourth straight in North State Conference competition and their fifth straight against all comers.

Rochelli, noted mainly for his deadly passes, became "Mr. Outside," as Fred Biangardi took over the role of "Mr. Inside" to gain the bulk of the 290 yards racked up by the Christian offensive foursome. One long Rochelli pass to Bill Blackstone did set up one score.

The first quarter saw a threat by each team, but not a single one materialized into a tally. The Christians penetrated to the Catamount eight the second time they had their hands on the ball, but a pass interception by Henry put out the fire.

After five minutes and ten seconds of the second quarter, the Christians were finally able to locate their scoring punch. From the West Carolina 32-yard line, Fugate punted out-of-bounds on the WCTC forty-five. From

HOW IT HAPPENED		
Elon		WCTC
17	First Downs	10
290	Yards Gained Rushing	125
23	Yards Lost Rushing	52
267	Net Yardage Rushing	73
16	Passes Attempted	27
6	Passes Completed	11
99	Yards Gained Passing	156
366	Total Gains Scrimmage	229
1	Opp. Passes Intercepted	3
5	Number Punts	8
47.2	Punting Average	39.9
0	Fumbles	0
0	Opp. Fumbles Recovered	1
55	Yards Lost Penalties	70

there the Christians rolled up their sleeves and went to work. Biangardi got five, Rochelli picked up four more, and the "Bayshore Bulldozer" made a first down on the Catamount thirty-four. Joe Parker lost one, and a Rochelli to Blackstone pass fell incomplete. The next play saw Rochelli plant the leather under his arm and squirt into the defending secondary behind some beautiful blocking. Thirty-five yards later, he was in the end zone, and Elon led 6-0. Sal Gero made it 7-0 with his point after from placement.

The third quarter opened with a determined effort on the part of the visitors to tie things up. Frank Parker recovered Biangardi's fumble on the Christian 17-yard line to put West Carolina in a threatening position. Two

plays later Singleton passed to Brown to put the ball on the Elon ten. An Elon penalty on the next play moved the ball goalward to the Christian five. Sal Gero broke through to throw Singleton for a four-yard loss on the next down, so Singleton took to the air again to pick up the loss on his pass to Brown. Rogers ran the ball to the Elon three on the following down, and Singleton was stopped cold on fourth down. The Elonites breathed a sigh of relief, but not for long. There was an official's flag on the ground, and the two teams lined up once more. Henry took the ball on a reverse, and with a host of blockers, set sail around his own left end. Bill Renn, Elon line-backer, broke through the screen to nail the ball carrier, and the Christians took over.

In the last minute of the third quarter, the Christians started rolling from their own thirty-one, and were never stopped until the goal line had been crossed. Biangardi passed to Bill Blackstone to get the fireworks underway, and "the Bull" plunged for nine to the Catamount forty-nine. Rochelli, on an attempted pass ran for eleven more, and Frank Tingley covered thirteen yards on a reverse. Biangardi and Tingley got twelve more on four plays and from the WCTC 13-yard marker, Rochelli scooted around his own

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Spying On Sports

by

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I take it for granted that everyone has heard of the Bob Lewis "rhubarb" in regard to his eligibility. Seems that it was perpetrated by one "Chubby" Kirkland, athletic director at Catawa College. Bob played in a JayVee game in his first year at Elon under a "Gentleman's Agreement" between Mr. Kirkland and "Gentleman Jim" Mallory, of our own beloved institution. 'Tis reported that Bob played against the Catawa Jay-Vees after Mr. Kirkland told Coach Mallory that to use players in Bob's category would be O. K., and to forget about it.

Mr. Kirkland himself forgot about it until a very opportune moment, presented itself. The opportunity: Catawa about to meet Elon. . . . Elon undefeated in the conference. . . . Catawa undefeated in the Conference. . . . Lewis caught two touchdown passes against East Carolina. . . . Lewis definitely a threat to Indian conference aspirations. . . . Lewis played in a JayVee game. . . . Lewis loses one year of eligibility. . . . this year. . . . this game. . . . Hail the Conquering Hero! . . . Kirkland wins championship for Catawa. . . . contract renewed.

Scene: Salisbury. . . . Place: The Catawa gridiron. . . . Teams: Elon and Catawa. . . . Score: 21-14 with Elon the victor. . . . Who scored the T. D.'s for Elon? Two substitute ends for Lewis, who was unable to play. . . . Result: A very chagrined Mr. Kirkland. . . . I was in the press box when Mr. Kirkland started throwing the phone all over the press box each time Elon scored. . . . Poetic

Bob Lewis Ruled 'Out' Of Football

Bob Lewis, Elon's great pass-catching end, has been ruled ineligible for further gridiron play under Maroon and Gold colors. The ruling came from the executive committee of the North State Conference and was announced last week in a letter from the Conference secretary. It applies only to football and does not affect games in which Lewis had already played.

Athletic Director Gordon Kirkland, of Catawa, protested Lewis just three days before the Elon-Catawa game, charging that the big Wilmington boy, who came to Elon from Wilmington Junior College, had only two years of eligibility and had already played both prior to this year.

The Elon coaches believed that Lewis was entitled to four years of play, since the Wilmington college has no football team, but they held him out of recent games while waiting a ruling. Actually, Lewis has played only one season prior to this one, the protest being based on a Jay-Vee game in which he played two years ago by an "agreement" of Catawa and Elon coaches, a game supposedly not to be considered.

Lewis had caught 14 passes for 273 yards this season and led the state in pass-catching yardage when he was protested. Fast enough to be 220-yard champion of the Conference, his loss robs Elon of a potent aerial threat.

Justice. . . . I think so. . . . What did Mr. Kirkland think? . . . I bet it's unprintable.

While I'm on the subject of the Catawa game, it was certainly a gratifying surprise to hear all the cheering from the Elon students who made the game. Why can't it happen at home?

On the other side of the picture, it sounded pretty awful when the Catawa students and fans started booing Sal Gero when he asked a question on a damaging penalty. Better not to yell at all than to make with the Bronx cheer.

One thing to compliment the Catawa aggregation on was the fine band they put on the field. Wonder if it will ever happen again at an Elon game with an Elon band?

The Christians are over four of the six hurdles in the conference race, and there are only two more to go. The supreme test will come in the Lenoir Rhyne game, but cellar-dweller Guilford can't be entirely ignored. The Quakers threw quite a scare into the Elon eleven last year before bowing 6-0.

The Lenoir Rhyne game promises to be the battle in the North State Conference, however. With such ball carriers as the Robinson Twins and Steve Trudnak lugging the leather for Lenoir Rhyne, and Lou Rochelli, Frank Tingley, and Fred Biangardi hauling for the Christians, the offensive fireworks will explode. The game is at Hickory, but many students have made plans to make the trip. The team will need the support, so let 'em have it!

Anybody play blocking-back in the single-wing system? There must be a jinx on the signal-calling slot. Ernie Gero opened the season for the Christians and was side-lined with a broken leg in the Norfolk Navy game. Marvin Moss took over commendably, but he missed the WCTC game with a sprained ankle. Jack Christy filled in, and he did a fine job. Try to stay in one piece, Jack.

You know, we have some beautiful trophies reposing in some remote places around the campus. Seems a shame that we can't show them off to visitors and the like. Here's a good chance for some club or organization to take over a worthy project of building or buying a trophy case to be put in either the rotunda of Aliamance or the lobby to the gym.

From the spectator's point of view, the WCTC game was just as thrilling and wide-open as any other brand of football to be found in the country. Long passes, scoring threats, and broken-field running were featured throughout, and the final score belies the excitement which was present. North State football has been vastly underrated, and it is my opinion that Southern Conference second-division clubs would do well to hold their own against many of the North Staters. Why don't the people attend the games? How far is up?

Whether we win, lose or tie, let's be good sports.