

Appalachian To Be Elon Foe In High School Day Battle

Cage Squad Plays Five Successive Home Games



Spying On Sports

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Nine Teams In Campus Cage Loop

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Nine teams are entered in the Intramural Cage League this year, comprising one of the fastest fields ever to compete for campus honors at Elon, and early games indicate that the campus fans will see a great brand of sports entertainment before the 1952 title is awarded.

Individual stars are plentiful, and an all-star team might be named that would give any club a tough evening. Such a team could draw from a group that includes Bill Blackstone, Jim Akers, Bob Lewis, Lou Rochelli and Bob Burgess. A brief round-up of the nine teams follows:

DAY STUDENTS: This team is built about Bob Burgess, an All-Stater from Burlington. To date the team has a 2-1 record, having lost to ITK by two points. Burgess has dropped in 51 points in three games, with able assistance from Overman, Perry and Hovedeson.

ITK: The last year's champions are bidding high for a second crown, despite the loss of Pete Marshburn, last year's ace who graduated. Bill Blackstone, ex-varsity, compensates for Marshburn's loss, with DeSimone, Reese, Christy and Dillon rounding out the team.

SIGMA PHI "A": Joe Deaton's boys have a well-rounded and fast team, but they lack height. It is paced by Lou Rochelli, last year's high scorer, Joe Durso and newcomer Sheeple Peters.

KAPPA PSI: Bob Lewis and company may have what it takes to cop the intramural crown. Lewis, who was high scorer in the intramural loop two years ago, played varsity ball last winter. Aiding him are Bob Rogers, Garmon Wooten and Frank Tingley, experienced ball-handlers.

ALPHA PI: This team features sharpshooters Lefty Taylor and Sammy Nelson, and it is dangerous any time, capable of upsetting any team. The Alpha Pi team dropped a heart-breaker to Sigma Phi by two points.

SIGMA PHI "B": This team is merely Sigma Phi's junior varsity and is made up of a husky crew that plays basketball for the love of the game. Included are Raleigh Ellis, Archie Morgan, Scoop Scott and Larry Nightlinger.

NORTH DORM: The North outfit, which includes J-V Coach Jim Akers, Jack Malloy, Sonny Morgan and Bill Byrd, is another top contender, and this group must be watched all the way.

OAK-CARLTON: The biggest and roughest crew in the league comes from Oak-Carleton, and it will be hard to stop. In its lineup are such boys as John Platt, Bubba Barnes, Joe Widdifield, Leon Long and J. C. Disher.

EAST-SOUTH: The East and South Dorms have combined their forces this year, with Elbert Lake, a three-year veteran, leading a crew that is composed largely of freshmen.

Rev. P. S. Kennett, 61, former member of the Elon College faculty, died in Asheville on January 21st after a brief illness.

THEY TOP ELON CAGERS IN SCORING COLUMN



DON HAITHCX



BEN KENDALL



BILLY HAWKINS

The three Fighting Christian aces shown above have been top scorers for the Elon basketball squad throughout the first half of the season. Ben Kendall (center), who has played both guard and forward, held first place in scoring after nineteen games were on the books, with a total of 239 points to his credit. Don Haithcox (left), a towering center, ranked second at the same time, with a total of 259 points; and Billy Hawkins (right), speedy guard who came to Elon from Wingate this fall, held third rank with a mark of 162 points. No other member of the squad was pushing these three when statistics were compiled after the second Erskine game.

Christian Cagers Win Four Straight Games As Post-Holiday Slump Ends

Rising from the depths of a post-holiday slump that saw them drop five out of six games, the Fighting Christian cagers bounced back to the same winning stride that characterized their play in early season.

The Maroon and Gold squad hit victory trail again with a thrilling one-point win over McCrary at Asheboro and then added consecutive wins over Lenoir-Rhyne, Norfolk Navy and Erskine within a seven-day period. These victories gave the Christian basketballers a mark on January 26th of twelve victories in nineteen games for the season.

CATAWBA 71, ELON 69

The Catawba Indians struck hard in the last three quarters to defeat the Fighting Christians 71 to 69 here on Saturday night, January 12th. Elon moved ahead early in the game and held a twelve-point lead midway the second quarter, but Catawba rallied to go ahead and win.

Pos.—Elon (69) Catawba (71)
F.—Cooper (8) Hunsucker (21)
F.—Gaither (6) Hodgin
C.—Haithcox (12) Pleasants (17)
G.—Hawkins (8) Taylor (12)
G.—Kendall (19) Graham
Score at half: Elon 33, Catawba 32.

Elon subs—Hall (4), Gauldin, Rakes (7), Atkinson (3), Mondy, Musten (2). Catawba subs—Oxendine, Fuller (9), Popp (12).

PREBYTERIAN 68, ELON 50

The Presbyterian Blue Stockings made it two wins in a row for season when they defeated the Elon cagers 68 to 50 here Tuesday night, January 15th. The Presbyterian cagers, boasting one of the most powerful teams on the Elon schedule, moved out front in the first quarter and held the lead all the way.

Pos.—Elon (50) Presbyterian (68)
F.—Rakes (6) Groninger (6)
F.—Gaither (1) Hawkins (6)
C.—Haithcox (17) Hill (10)
G.—Kendall (10) Nye (8)
G.—Hawkins (3) Blewett (23)
Score at half: Presbyterian 32, Elon 25.

ELON 63, McCRARY 62

The Fighting Christians broke back into the win column with a thrilling 63 to 62 victory over the McCrary Eagles at Asheboro on Thursday night, January 17th. The win avenged an earlier loss to the Eagles and also broke a three-game losing streak for the Maroon and Gold cagers.

Pos.—Elon (63) McCrary (62)
F.—Cooper (8) Sheets (4)
F.—Kendall (18) Miller (10)
C.—Haithcox (10) Williams (18)

G.—Mondy (6) Henry (6)
G.—Hawkins (17) H. Nance (19)
Score at half: Elon 29, McCrary 29.

Elon subs—Packard (2), Atkinson, Quakenbush (3), McIntyre (1), Garrett. McCrary subs—Raines, Slaydon (3), Moran (1), O'Quinn (1), D. Nance.

ELON 77, LENOIR-RHYNE 68

Hitting the high mark of the season in shooting, floor play and defense, the Elon Christians halted a Lenoir-Rhyne hot streak by defeating the Bears 77 to 68 here on Saturday night, January 19th. The win boosted the Christians back to an even break in North State Conference games for the season.

Pos.—Elon (77) Lenoir-Rhyne (68)
F.—Kendall (23) Sellari (26)
F.—Hall (7) Probel (13)
C.—Haithcox (22) Newsome (12)
G.—Hawkins (15) Hassell (5)
G.—Mondy (2) Reid (4)
Score at half: Elon 38, Lenoir-Rhyne 32.

Elon subs—Packard, Atkinson (3), Musten (2), Gaudin (2). Lenoir-Rhyne subs—Barker, Pawlak, Lutz (2), Lojpeberger (6).

ELON 61, NORFOLK NAVY 57

The Fighting Christians made it three victories in a row as they defeated the Norfolk Navy Flyers 61 to 57 here on Monday night, January 21st. It was a bitter battle.

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Elon Cage Games

- Elon 61, Hanes Hosier 68.
- Elon 53, Norfolk Navy 57.
- Elon 72, Atlantic Navy 61.
- Elon 49, Presbyterian 63.
- Elon 62, Erskine 45.
- Elon 75, Lynchburg 72.
- Elon 84, High Point "Y" 67.
- Elon 78, A.C.C. 61.
- Elon 81, Citadel 49.
- Elon 65, Hanes Hosier 71.
- Elon 54, McCrary 63.
- Elon 81, Lynchburg 63.
- Elon 68, Appalachian 81.
- Elon 69, Catawba 71.
- Elon 50, Presbyterian 68.
- Elon 63, McCrary 62.
- Elon 77, Lenoir-Rhyne 68.
- Elon 61, Norfolk Navy 57.
- Elon 74, Erskine 47.

(Remaining Games)

- Jan. 26—Catawba, away.
- Jan. 28—W.C.T.C., here.
- Jan. 29—W.C.T.C., here.
- Feb. 2—East Carolina, here.
- Feb. 4—High Point, here.
- Feb. 6—Appalachian, here.
- Feb. 9—East Carolina, away.
- Feb. 11—High Point, away.
- Feb. 13—A.C.C., here.
- Feb. 16—Gullford, here.
- Feb. 21—Guilford, away.
- Feb. 23—Lenoir-Rhyne, away.

Winter Grid Work Now In Progress

Winter football practice is now in full swing, with Coach Jim Mallory and his Fighting Christian gridiron hopefuls brewing new and powerful medicine for the pigskin wars of 1952.

The genial Christian grid mentor is seeking in these off-season workouts to find replacements for the senior stars lost from last fall's combination. These include Frank Tingley, wingback; Bob Reece, Len Greenwood and Bob Lewis, ends; Sal Gero and Hal McRae, tackles; Raleigh Ellis, guard; and Dick Lee and Harry Farmer, line backers.

Mallory has twenty-six lettermen due back for next season, most of whom are taking part in the winter drills. The lettermen include five ends, five tackles, five guards, two centers, and nine backs.

The linemen working out in the drills includes Bill Blackstone, Joe Durso, Jack Christy, Sheeple Peters and J. C. Disher, ends; Fred Burmeister, Joe Widdifield, Tom Haymore, Richard Smith, Dwight Dillon and George Stewart, tackles; Al Ludwig, Isaac Braxton, Charlie Atkins, Ted Webb, Nat Burwell, Jesse Hiatt and Jim Hardy, guards; and Mike Moffot and Bill Renn, centers.

The backfield hopefuls, listed by positions played last year, include Lou Rochelli, Carroll Reid and Alfred Mael, tailbacks; Fred Biangardi, Bryce Hurd and John Platt, fullbacks; Marvin Moss, Graham Heath and Walter Harding, blocking backs; and Joe Parker, Stacy Johnson, Bob Rogers, Leonard Morgan and Dickie Bradsher, wingbacks.

The early work this winter has stressed fundamentals, with some experimentation with varied offensive formations, all of which are designed to give the Fighting Christians of 1952 greater speed and deception along with the driving power of their attack.

Sal Gero, Elon's Little All-American tackle, was one of the college players drafted by the Washington Redskins of the National Football League.

The Appalachian Mountaineers will invade Elon's Alumni Memorial Gymnasium next Wednesday to battle the Fighting Christian cagers in the big feature of the annual "High School Day" program, a game which should furnish the high school guests with a full evening of thrills.

This game, which is one of the crucial battles in the North State Conference season, will mark the end of a long home stand that shows the Maroon and Gold cagers playing five consecutive Conference contests on the home court, a series of battles that will go far toward determining the final league standing for the Elon ball tossers.

The home series opened this week, with the Western Carolina Catamounts playing on the Christian court on both Monday and Tuesday nights. It will continue with the East Carolina Pirates at Elon on Saturday night of this week and the high-flying High Point Panthers playing here next Monday night.

The Western Carolina games this week were expected to prove tough tests for Elon, for the Catamounts bumped High Point out of top spot in the Conference standing last week by defeating the Panthers at Cullowhee. The Catamounts brought the leading individual scorer to the campus in the person of Ronald Rogers, who won All-American mention among the smaller colleges last winter.

However, the acid test of Elon strength comes in the next three games, with contests that bring the three leading teams in the Conference standings into the local stronghold. No three games in a row could be tougher than the ones with East Carolina, High Point and Appalachian.

The Christians have not met either East Carolina or High Point this season, but no two games in the recent cage history of Elon College have been more thrilling than the battles with these two teams here last year. The Elon cage squad defeated the Pirates here last year 75 to 74 and won from High Point 68 to 66 in one overtime period.

Appalachian has won seven of the last eight games from Elon, the Christians' lone victory coming in the first round of the Conference tournament last year, and the Christians would like nothing better than to bump the Mountaineers in the "High School Day" meeting. Appalachian won the first game this year 81 to 68 at Boone.

Girls Cagers Open Season

The girls' intramural basketball season got underway on the campus last week, with four teams competing for the 1952 championship in a schedule arranged under the direction of Dolly Westmoreland. A free throw tournament will follow the regular games.

The teams participating include Delta Upsilon Kappa, managed by Rachel Matthews; Beta Chi Epsilon, managed by Betty Jo Shepherd; Second Floor West, managed by Louise McLeod; and Third Floor West, managed by Virginia Jernegan.

Beta Chi Epsilon defeated Delta Upsilon Kappa 35 to 15 in the season opener, with Emma Jean Packard hitting 15 and Patti Moore 12 points for the winners. Pat Gates topped Delta Upsilon with 9 markers.

Another early game saw Second Floor West win over Third Floor West 30 to 17, with Betty Jo Dillard ringing 14 points for the winners and Julia Smith hitting 9 to lead the Third Floor lassies.

CHAMPIONS OF GIRLS' VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT



Campus volley ball champions after winning the annual girls' tournament was the spritely crew from Second Floor West, which defeated both Second Floor West and Tau Zeta Phi in the play-offs for the crown. Members of the championship team (left to right in above picture) are as follows: FRONT ROW: Laverne Brady, Jemette Wilson, Betty Jean Boyce and Kay Massey. BACK ROW: Louise McLeod, Emma Lou Sockwell, Annie Vince May and Sue Moore.

At this writing, three of the Maroon and Gold cagers are still
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