

# Elon Baseball Squad Bids For Fourth Conference Title

## New Christian Schedule Shows 27 Tough Battles

The Elon baseball squad, which will go after its fourth successive North State Conference championship this spring, will play 27 tough games during the coming 1952 diamond season, according to the schedule made public this week by Coach Jim Mallory.

The new schedule marks the beginning of a new plan for the Conference baseball race, with the far-flung North State loop split into eastern and western divisions for the regular season, with winners of the two divisional titles meeting after close of the schedule in a series to decide the title for the entire Conference.

The division was decided upon last season, and the 1952 campaign will see Western Carolina, Lenoir Rhyne, Appalachian and Catawba playing in the western group, while Elon, Eastern Carolina, Atlantic Christian, Guilford, and High Point will comprise the eastern loop. Such a division removes the necessity for the Elon team to make the long jumps to Boone, Hickory and Cullowhee.

The Christian ball tossers will play a Conference season of sixteen games, meeting East Carolina, Atlantic Christian, High Point and Guilford four times each, two games at home and two

away with each team. Other collegiate games for the Christians include two games each with Springfield College and N. C. State and a single collegiate contest with Ohio University.

The other six contests of the regular season finds the Elon lads tangling with strong professional and semi-pro and service outfits. The professional opposition comes in two games with Reidsville and one game with Greensboro. Also included are two games with Norfolk Naval Air Station and a single game with the McCrory Eagles.

The season gets underway with two home battles against Springfield College here on Thursday and Friday, March 20th and 21st, followed by a battle with N. C. State at Raleigh on Saturday, March 22nd. Altogether the schedule calls for fourteen games at home and thirteen away.

Facing this rugged schedule, Coach Mallory has only five lettermen back as a nucleus for the 1952 Christian squad. These five monogram veterans include Bobby Stewart, Carroll Reid and Bobby Rogers, outfielders; and Ben Kendall and Billy Rakes, infielders.

Gone are all of last year's pitchers, along with a veteran catcher, a first baseman and third baseman, positions which must be filled if Coach Mallory's outfit is to bid for the 1952 crown. Included in the list of those departed are all five of last year's All-Conference men, a list that included Hank DeSimone, catcher; Scott Quakenbush, third base; and Lefty Taylor, Austin Brewer and Hank Hamrick, pitchers.

Coach Mallory has already started his battery men working indoors in the old gym in North Dorm, with a group that includes Lefty Swicegood, Richard Smith, Sherrill Hall, Luther Conger, Billy Byrd and Ronnie McIntyre, pitchers, all from the freshman class; and Bobby Jones and Charlie Schrader, catchers. Jack Musten, another catcher, will report when basketball is over.

The complete baseball schedule follows:

- March 21—Springfield, home.
- March 22—N. C. State, away.
- March 28—N. C. State, home.
- March 29—E. Carolina, home.
- April 2—High Point, home.
- April 4—East Carolina, away.
- April 5—A. C. C., away.
- April 9—Reidsville, away.
- April 11—Greensboro, away.
- April 12—Ohio Univ., home.
- April 14—Reidsville, away.
- April 16—Guilford, home.
- April 19—A. C. C., home.
- April 23—Guilford, home.
- April 24—High Point, away.
- April 25—McCrory, away.
- April 26—E. Carolina, home.
- April 29—Norfolk Navy, home.
- April 30—Norfolk Navy, home.
- May 2—High Point, home.
- May 3—A. C. C., home.
- May 5—High Point, away.
- May 7—Guilford, away.
- May 9—East Carolina, away.
- May 10—A. C. C., away.
- May 12—Guilford, away.

## Jay-Vee Cage Squad Closes Great Season

The Elon Jay-Vees concluded a highly successful season last Thursday night when the Maroon and Gold youngsters, coached this year by Jim Akers, former William and Mary cage star, defeated Guilford a second time to run their season record to sixteen wins and six losses.

The Elon juniors showed two victories each over Lynchburg JV, Greensboro High, Catawba JV, and Guilford JV, with single victories over Jacksonville High, Graham High, White Oak "Y," Leaksville "Y," Hargrave Military Academy, High Point JV, Burlington High and Whitmel High. Defeats included two at the hands of Wingate Junior College and Carolina JV and single losses to High Point JV and Lees-McRae.

The Little Christians scored 1,333 points in the 22 games for an average of 61 points per game, which was almost nine points better than their opponents, who counted 1,153 points for an average of 52.4 points per game.

The individual Jay-Vee scoring records follow:

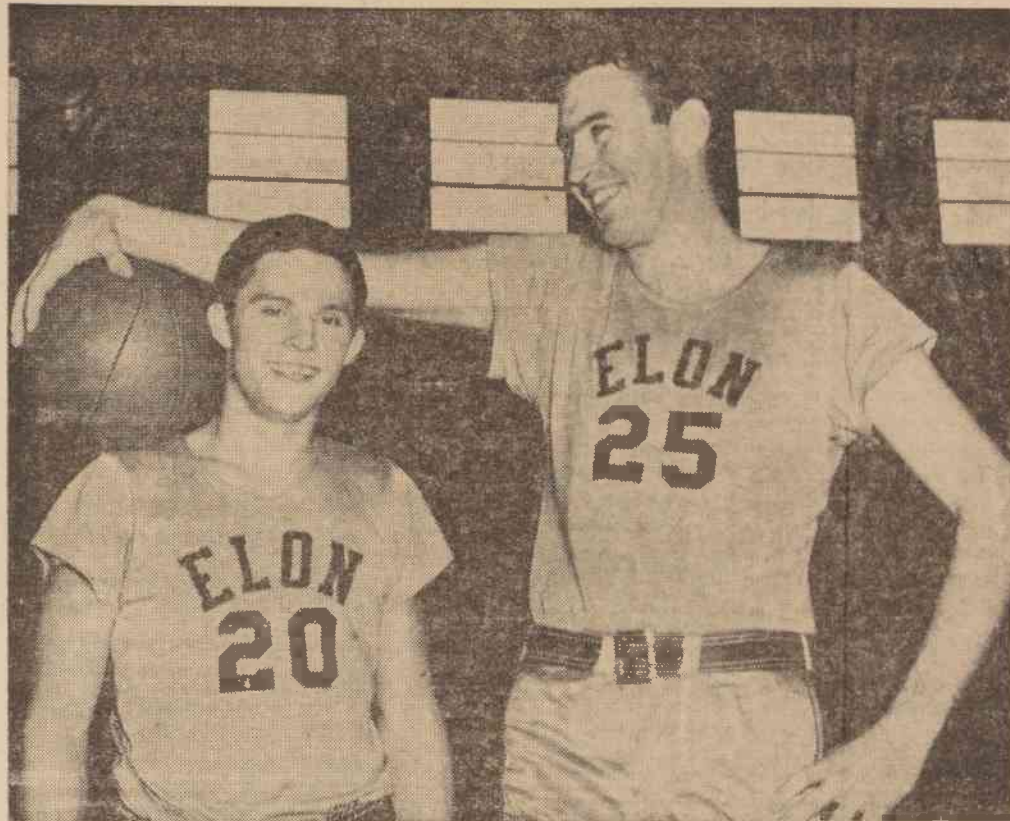
Player	Games	FG	FT	TP
Maddox	22	110	61	281
Quakenbush	16	75	30	180
Garrett	22	68	42	178
Packard	20	72	31	175
Mitchell	19	75	23	173
McIntyre	21	36	12	84
Harvey	20	27	14	68
Lamley	10	25	14	64
Stoffel	17	22	10	54
Fogleman	15	9	9	25
Barnes	4	12	1	25
Hammond	2	7	1	15
Gauldin	2	4	2	10
Atkinson	1	4	0	8
Musten	1	2	3	7
B. Rakes	1	1	2	4
Widdfield	5	1	1	3
Long	1	1	1	3
Carroll	1	1	0	2
R. Rakes	1	0	1	1
Hovedeson	1	0	0	0
Canupp	1	0	0	0

## B. X. E. Leads Girls Cagers

The Beta Chi Epsilon lassies sports the girls' basketball championship of the campus for 1952, having clinched the title on four straight wins in the opening portion of the loop race. The final half season games were cancelled due to approaching examinations.

Emma Jean Packard was the outstanding scorer for the Beta Chi outfit, which took time off from the typing and shorthand classes long enough to give a fine lesson to the girls in physical education and other departments of the college.

### THE LONG AND SHORT OF A ONE-TWO PUNCH



The long and short—or maybe it's the short and long—of a one-two scoring punch is shown above in the persons of Ben Kendall (left) and Don Haithecox (right), who have set the scoring pace for the Elon Christians during the 1951-52 cage season. Both boys are over the old Elon scoring record for the year, both having smashed Roney Cates' old mark of 457 points in the Christians' first game with Guilford here on Saturday night, February 16th. Henceforth this season new records will be established in each game as the Elon scoring aces continue their assault on the baskets.

## Here's Exactly How And When Of Elon's New Season Scoring Record...

"The king is dead. Long live the King

With such an expression, it is customary to greet new sovereigns, and some sort of sentiment like that was in the hearts and on the lips of practically every basketball fan who watched Ben Kendall and Don Haithecox in a successful double assault on Elon's all-time season scoring mark over in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday night, February 16th.

There was a basketball game in progress, with Elon and Guilford battling in typical Christian-Quaker style through the first three quarters of the contest, but there was another contest—and a double one at that—underway that drew the attention of many of the fans.

Back in 1947 another great Elon team swept through a successful season, and that year lanky Roney Cates set a new season scoring record of 457 points for the Maroon and Gold. That record had held through the succeeding seasons, but that Saturday night in the Elon-Guilford game the fans could sense a new record in the making.

Most of the fans knew that both Ben Kendall and Don Haithecox were near to Roney Cates' old mark, that Kendall needed only 10 points and Haithecox just 20 points when the game started to dethrone Elon's all-time scoring ruler. It was Kendall and Haithecox against Father Time and the old record, and that contest almost out-ranked the Elon-Guilford contest itself in the interest of the fans, and more than one fan was keeping separate score on the two Elon aces.

Haithecox was away first with a free throw for his first point after 30 seconds, but Kendall followed just one minute later with his first point. At two minutes Haithecox hooked a two-pointer, and again at 5:40 on the clock it was Haithecox with a free throw for his fourth point. Time was running out in that first quarter when Kendall dropped a push shot to make it

### BULLETIN

Don Haithecox and Ben Kendall, adding to their already impressive scoring record for the season, moved within striking distance of the 500-point mark when both scored heavily in last Thursday's thrilling victory over Guilford.

Haithecox, playing before his own home folks, hit for 31 points while Kendall added 22 points for a 484 total. Both had a chance to top 500 in the final regular season battle with Lenoir Rhyne.

6 points for the night. Haithecox then started a drive that netted three field buckets and a free throw within two minutes forty-two seconds. The big boy dropped his 11th point at exactly 3:32 on the clock in that second quarter. It was Ken-

### SCORING

Player	Games	FG	FT	TP
Kendall	30	189	106	484
Haithecox	30	202	86	490
Hawkins	22	75	42	192
Cooper	23	75	36	186
Atkinson	29	51	60	162
Mondy	25	53	20	126
Gaither	25	33	21	87
Hall	23	31	15	77
Gauldin	27	29	18	76
Musten	26	25	20	70
Rakes	19	24	11	59
Q'bush	12	10	7	27
McIntyre	10	7	2	16
Mitchell	10	4	4	12
Packard	7	1	3	5
Maddox	2	1	2	4
Hammond	1	1	1	3
Garrett	2	0	0	0

## Spying On Sports

by

JOE SPIVEY

The Fighting Christians on the "hardwood" have been off their usual form since the last issue of the M.&G. came from the presses, but Coach Doc Mathis still has his boys in the thick of the championship fight.

The Elonites dropped two contests on the home courts of East Carolina and High Point, and that has kept the Christians from retaining sole ownership of the North State Conference lead. At the time this was written, Elon was in a three-way tie with Appalachian and East Carolina, and fans were pulling for wins in the two final games to hold the tie for first.

Of note is the fact that the Christians will gain a seeded berth in the North State Conference tournament to be held at Statesville for the first time since the 1946-47 season. This is a certainty. The four seeded teams will be Elon, High Point, Appalachian, and East Carolina. Final pairings had not been released at this sitting.

## Campus Cage Race Shows Four Squads

By GEORGE ETHERIDGE

Four teams are battling for the intramural crown, which will not be determined until the first week of the Spring Quarter, at which time the top four teams in the loop will play three games.

At that time I.T.K. will meet North and Oak-Carlton, while Sigma Phi "A" takes on North. All these teams are still very much in the race, and any one of the quartet could emerge as league winners after these games. Probability indicates, however, that two teams may emerge in a tie, necessitating a single-game playoff.

After leading the league until next to the last week of play, the two unbeaten teams from Oak-Carlton and I.T.K. were defeated by North Dorm and Sigma Phi "A," each of which had lost one game. These two games left three of the teams tied for the top and North barely half a game out.

In the game between Oak-Carlton and North, the lads from North Dorm took a one-point lead at the first quarter and never lost the lead. The North outfit hit 13 points on ten shots from the floor in the second quarter to gain the margin that resulted in the final 42-35 victory. Jack Mallory topped North with 18 points, while Barnes and Long had 11 and 10 for Oak-Carlton.

The I.T.K. quintet, playing with Bill Blackstone, their scoring ace, just could not hit and were dumped by the Sigma Phi, who could not seem to miss. Sigma Phi gained an early lead and held it all the way to win by 48 to 34. Sheepy Peters and Lou Rochelli topped Sigma Phi with 14 and 11 points, while Bob Reece had 12 for the I.T.K. five.

### STANDINGS

(Through Feb. 20)

	W.	L.	Ave.
Oak-Carlton	5	1	.833
North	4	1	.750
Day Students	5	2	.714
Kappa Psi	3	4	.429
Alpha Pi	2	6	.250
East	1	6	.167
Sigma Phi "B"	0	8	.000

Speaking of Don and Ben, the "Long and Short" of the netters, both broke the all-time Elon scoring in the Guilford game on February 16th. It had been held by Roney Cates since 1946-47 with a 457 total for the season. Ben ran his tally to 462 points when he hit for 14 points during the game. Don ran his total markers to 459 points when he swished the nets for 21 points. Congratulations, boys, keep adding to the string in the remaining games, and may the new records go over the 500 mark!

Conference records have been falling too. Ronald Rogers of West Carolina and Ed Sueta of High Point have continued their battle from last year. Both broke the old conference mark last year but Sueta came out on top in the final tally. Both boys can add more points to the record in the coming North State tournament. If High Point gets in the N.A.I.B. tournament, Sueta will probably emerge the victor once more, although Rogers is now in front with a total of 602 points.

Warm weather . . . sunny days . . . the crack of the horsehide against a bat . . . kill the umpire! That means BASEBALL! And it won't be long before the Christians put the North State Conference crown on the block to make it four years in a row. The pitchers and the catchers have already started workouts in the old gym over at North Dorm. After exams, the rest of the baseball hopefuls will join Coach Jim Mallory at the ball park for full scale practice. It will be the old shoulder to the wheel, for Coach Mallory will be working with many youngsters in an effort to build another championship team.

Such pitching stars as Lefty Taylor, Austin Brewer, Hank Hamrick, and Pete Sykes will be gone from the fold, along with infielders Shag Meyers, Perry Riley, and Scott Quakenbush and outfielders Archie Brigman. Hank DeSimone behind the plate will also be sorely missed.