

SEEING SPORTS

with

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With the New Year underway and our thoughts centered on basketball, and with everyone taking inventory of things that happened in the past year, I've decided to turn back the clock and recall some of the sporting events of the year just gone. How well do you remember when—

Ben Kendall and Don Haithecox set new scoring records in basketball annals of Elon.

The Elon basketball team defeated East Carolina and earning the right to represent the North State Conference in the NAIB meet in Kansas City.

Ronnie McIntyre's last-second shot to give Elon a win over Guilford.

As the basketball season slowly faded out last spring and our favorite national pastime rolled into season, we found:

Five freshman pitchers as the nucleus of our mound staff.

Jimmy Dalton, one of the smoothest and most natural looking second basemen in the North Carolina area.

Carroll Reid setting a blistering pace to lead the Elon batters.

The Conference for the first time divided into two divisions in baseball.

Elon not winning the Conference bunting for the first time in four years.

The gallant band of harriers that went over to High Point and finished second to Lenoir Rhyne in the annual Conference track meet.

Yes, these and many other interesting things took place in Elon sports during the year just ended, such as:

Lenoir Rhyne dominating all four major sports.

High Point continued lock on tennis title.

Guilford fielding a team of seventeen men for football and beating . . . (You know who).

Appalachian, long a "big dog" in wrestling circles, dropping the sport due to lack of competition.

East Carolina, a "dark horse" in football and being called "Homecoming Wreckers" because the Pirates on such days beat Appalachian and (again you know who).

It was certainly a great year for remembrances in sports circles, and in the North State Conference we had many. Schools of national prominence had their football oddities, and here at Elon we were not to be denied. It was during a hectic moment in the Catawba game that one of our backs suddenly charged from the bench to make a tackle. Yes, this

was quite a year for sports.

The Fighting Christians of the hardwood were hard hit when notified of the ineligibility of Bob Burgess. Seems that Bob was "counted out" after it was learned that he had participated in sports too early in the season. Burgess being a transfer student had to be withheld from action for a calendar year, whereas our authorities figured one school year. What are the plans for Burgess? Maybe a junior college and then back to action for Wake Forest. The sports staff and student body wish for him the best in whatever the sports future holds for him.

"Family Feud"—Bob Rogers, senior line-backer for Elon and his older brother, Bill Rogers, also a line-backer for the Quakers over at Guilford. Wonder what their topic of discussion is concerning football?

Jimmy Rhodes really deserves a lot of credit for his work with the band. I realize that this is a sports column, and that's exactly where Jimmy comes in with the school band. It certainly did add to the football games, as no one can hardly deny. Now that the band has begun to appear at the home basketball games, it lends much to the atmosphere. It is a great help, for it not only gives support, it will also bring support.

And speaking of basketball—we surely have a crackerjack ball club, with a few steady players, and the rest, some of whom get little recognition, deserve a lot of credit. The substitutes, even though they do not play a lot, really make the team with the stiff practice sessions they give the regulars. Think that over, and that next time you attend a basketball game, look at the regulars and then at the "benchwarmers" and be mighty proud we've got 'em.

Varsity 'E' Is Awarded Members Of Grid Squad

Thirty-seven Fighting Christian football players from the 1952 squad have been awarded the block "E" monogram for their services during the grid campaign that closed with the Guilford battle last Thanksgiving, according to an announcement from Coach Jim Mallory.

There were sixteen of the players who received their varsity letter for the first time. Those men, listed in alphabetical order, were Hubert Cooper, J. C. Disher, Goley Gattis, Don Graf, Walter Harding, Jim Handy, Jim Hutchens, Charlie Michaux, Jerry Miller, Dave Padrick, John Platt, and Gene Williams.

Twelve others received their letter for the second time. Also listed in alphabetical order, they were Charlie Atkins, Luther Barnes, Nat Burwell, Dwight Dillon, Joe Durso, Bryce Hurd, Alfred Male, Marvin Moss, Joe Parker, Bobby Rogers, Richard Smith and Joe Widdfield.

Nine others, all of them seniors who had received three or four letters, received their final E awards. They were Fred Biangar-

VIEWS OF FAST ACTION AS ELON DEFEATS PRESBYTERIAN CAGERS



Action was fast and furious at times as the Elon cagers defeated Presbyterian 73 to 48 here last Wednesday night, January 7th. Two views of the action are shown here, as caught by the Maroon and Gold's alert photographer. At the left Ben Kendall goes up for a jump with Beaumont, of Presbyterian, while Billy Hawkins (2) and Dee Atkinson (24) are poised to grab the tip. At the right Atkinson and Ned Gauldin (14) are ready to contest with Beaumont and Thompson, both of Presbyterian, for a rebound off the Presbyterian backboard.



Elon Cage Games

- Elon 70, Lynchburg 65.
 - Elon 73, Va. Tech 61.
 - Elon 95, A. C. C. 56.
 - Elon 76, Lynchburg 64.
 - Elon 81, High Point Y 69.
 - Elon 63, Guilford 48.
 - Elon 73, High Point 83.
 - Elon 73, Presbyterian 57.
 - Elon 62, Erskine 74.
 - Elon 47, High Point Y 55.
 - Elon 64, Appalachian 61.
 - Elon 76, DuPont 43.
 - Elon 73, Presbyterian 48.
 - Elon 75, East Carolina 76.
- Remaining Games
- Jan. 12—McCrary, away.
 - Jan. 15—High Point, away.
 - Jan. 17—Catawba, away.
 - Jan. 19—Dupont, here.
 - Jan. 22—McCrary, here.
 - Jan. 24—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
 - Jan. 26—W. C. T. C., away.
 - Jan. 27—W. C. T. C., away.
 - Jan. 29—Erskine, here.
 - Jan. 31—Catawba, here.
 - Feb. 4—Appalachian, here.
 - Feb. 7—Guilford, away.
 - Feb. 11—High Point, here.
 - Feb. 14—East Carolina, away.
 - Feb. 16—A. C. C., here.
 - Feb. 18—Lenoir Rhyne, here.
 - Feb. 21—Guilford, here.

Elon Cage Squad Boasts Ten Wins And Four Defeats In Early Season

The Fighting Christian basketball squad suffered its first defeat in North State Conference competition last Saturday night with a heart-breaking 76 to 75 loss to East Carolina here. This gave the Maroon and Gold cagers a record of two wins and one loss in the Conference and an overall season mark of ten wins and four defeats.

The fourteen games played thus far have shown the Christians to be a potent scoring unit. They have averaged 71.9 points per game, compared with an average of 63.4 points in the first fourteen games last year. Non-opponents have averaged 61.9 points this year, compared with 63.7 at the same point last season.

ELON 73, PRESBYTERIAN 67

The Christian tossers got hot in the closing period to defeat the Presbyterian College quintet 73 to 67 at Clinton, S. C., on Monday night, December 15th. Presbyterian held a slim lead for three quarters, but Elon dropped 22 points in the fourth quarter to win.

Four Elon regulars hit double figures, with Dee Atkinson pacing the attack with 21 points. Jack Malloy chipped in 18 and Ben Kendall and Billy Hawkins 10 points each.

Pos.—Elon (73) Presbyterian (67)
F.—Kendall (10) Nye (23)
F.—Malloy (18) Thompson (21)
C.—Atkinson (21) Counts (3)
G.—Musten (6) Toole (6)
G.—Hawkins (10) Beaumont (7)
Half—Presbyterian 32, Elon 31.
Elon subs—Brown (1), Mitchell (5), McDaniel (2), Maddox, McIntyre, Whitley. Presbyterian subs—Jones, Stone (4), Sloan (3).

ERSKINE 74, ELON 62

Erskine's Flying Fleet employed a fast break defense and got away to an early lead to defeat Elon 74 to 62 at Due West, S. C., on Tuesday night, December 16th. The loss was the second of the year for the Christians.

Captain Billy Hawkins led the Elon attack with 15 points, while Ben Kendall had 14 and Jack Malloy 12 for the night. Bob Cathers led Erskine with 21 points.

Pos.—Elon (62) Erskine (74)
F.—Kendall (14) Robinson (9)
F.—Malloy (12) Storms (8)
C.—Atkinson (4) Moore (10)
G.—Musten (5) Cathers (21)
G.—Hawkins (15) Vermillion (8)
Half—Elon 37, Erskine 36.
Elon subs—Gauldin, McDaniel

(5), Brown (2), Mitchell, Maddox (3), McIntyre (4). Erskine subs—Blackburn (3), Fells, Minervini (4).

HIGH POINT Y 55, ELON 47

The High Point Y cagers evened the season count with Elon by defeating the Christians 55 to 47 at High Point on Tuesday night, December 30th, in the first game following the Christmas holidays. The High Point boys were paced by Billy Hunsucker, former Catawba star, who got 17 points, while Ben Kendall led the Christians, also with 17 markers.

Pos.—Elon 47) High Point Y (55)

F.—Kendall (17) Hawks (10)
F.—Malloy (4) Hunsucker (17)
C.—Atkinson (7) Swartzburg (8)
G.—Musten (6) Cooper (6)
G.—Hawkins (7) Watson (5)
Half—High Point Y 27, Elon 20.

Elon subs—Gauldin, McDaniel (1), Brown, Maddox (1), Quakenbush (4), Mhitley, Packard, McIntyre. High Point subs—Embler, R. Hartley, Cockerham, Haithecox (5), Byerly (4), S. Hartley, McDonald.

ELON 64, APPALACHIAN 61

The Fighting Christians defeated Appalachian 64 to 61 at Boone on Saturday night, January 3rd, giving Elon its second Conference victory of the year and the first win over Appalachian at Boone in more than five years.

Jack Musten dropped in six successive free throws in the final minutes to clinch the win for Elon, as Dee Atkinson and Jack Malloy paced the scoring with 17 and 16 points.

Pos.—Elon (64) Appalachian (61)
F.—Kendall (4) Trammell (17)
F.—Malloy (16) Stanley (13)
C.—Atkinson (17) Campbell (3)
G.—Musten (13) Wallace (13)
G.—Hawkins (6) Hodges (6)
Half—Elon 38, Appalachian 37.

Elon subs—Mitchell (1), Gauldin (2), Brown, McDaniel (1), Maddox, Quakenbush (4). Appalachian subs—Brown (8), Phillips (1), Haithecox, Holmesley.

ELON 76, DUPONT (43)

The Elon cagers chalked their ninth win in twelve starts when they defeated DuPont 76 to 43 here on Monday night, January 5th. The Christians moved to an early lead and widened the margin as the game progressed.

Jack Malloy topped the Christians with 16 points, while E. B. McDaniel had 14, Billy Hawkins 11 and Jack Musten 10 markers.



Fast Races In Campus Cage Loops

Intramural basketball play was resumed immediately after Christmas holidays, with action hot and heavy the first day as the Oak-Carlton lads tried the "iron man" stunt of playing two successive games and found themselves on the short end of the second game.

In the initial encounter Oak-Carlton downed Sigma Phi "AA" in a close game by 47 to 45, as Leon Long and John Platt led the winners and Joe Parker and Lou Rochelli looked good for Sigma Phi.

The second game found the edge boys opposing a strong ITK outfit, and the fraternity boys were ready. The score was 8 to 0 before the Oak-Carlton five scored a basket, and six points proved the final difference as ITK won by a 23 margin. Ralph Rakes and Bill Blackstone led ITK, while Nel Cooper paced the losers.

Over in the "A" league it looks as if an underdog Alpha Pi-Kappa Psi combination may run away with the league leadership. C. K. Siler and Sammy Nelson have been the chief scorers for this squad. Runner-up in this loop is the Sigma Phi "A" group, which has "Sheepy" Peters as the top point producer for both leagues.

Individual scoring leaders in the "AA" league are Blackstone (ITK) 74; Burgess (Day Students) 2, Rakes (ITK) 43, Long (Oak-Carlton) 42, Stoffel (Sigma Phi) 4 and Thomas (North) 25. Individual leaders in the "A" league are Peters (Sigma Phi) 79, Siler (Alpha Pi-Kappa Psi) 48, Nelson (Alpha Pi-Kappa Psi) 47 and Dalton (North) 38.

The standings of the two leagues through January 7th were as follows:

"AA" LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Oak-Carlton	3	1	.750
TK	3	1	.750
Sigma-Phi	2	1	.667
Day Students	2	2	.500
Vets Apts.	0	2	.000
North	0	2	.000

"A" LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
K.P.-A.P.	4	0	1.000
Sigma Phi	2	1	.667
North	2	1	.667
South	1	3	.250
East	0	4	.000

Table Tennis Meet Starts

Sixteen of the top performers in Elon's table tennis competition started action on Monday of this week in the annual ping pong tournament, which will settle the individual championship of the campus for this season.

Joe Harvey and Bayard Haysdesven drew the two top-seeded positions, with Joe Smith and Hiram Greene ranking third and fourth in the pre-tournament ratings. The positions on the bracket were determined by ladder positions earned in early-season play.

Upper bracket pairings for the first round of play show Joe Harvey vs Bob Peters, Jack Malloy vs Bob Powell, Dee Atkinson vs Cooper Walker and Joe Smith vs Robert Westerman. The second round will send the Peters-Harvey winner vs the Malloy-Powell winner, while the winner of the Atkinson-Walker pair meets the Smith-Westerman winner.

The lower bracket pairings show Bayard Haysdesven vs Bob Burgess, Buck Keeton vs Johnnie Meadows, Bob Robertson vs Richard Newman and George Nail vs Hiram Greene. Winners in the Haysdesven-Burgess and Keeton-Meadows matches meet, while the Robertson-Nail winner meets the Nail-Greene winner.

Two former Elon students, both of them veterans of Korean service, are back in school this quarter. They are C. K. Siler, former baseball and football star, and Al Godwin, who was active with both the Maroon and Gold, the Elon players and the cheerleaders.

SCORING

(Thru January 7th)

Player	Games	PG	FT	TP
Kendall	13	68	51	187
Atkinson	13	63	47	173
Malloy	13	65	41	171
Hawkins	13	38	31	107
Musten	13	32	30	94
Burgess	5	16	19	51
Maddox	12	11	9	31
Gauldin	12	8	6	22
McDaniel	8	8	6	22
McIntyre	11	3	8	14
Hall	6	7	0	14
Brown	7	4	2	10
Whitley	3	0	0	0
Packard	2	0	0	0

ELON TEAM	13	336	259	931
OPONENTS	13	284	223	791