



**PLATT IS NAMED ALL-CONFERENCE**

John Platt, Elon's hard-running halfback from Kokomo, Ind., was named to the All-Conference grid squad for the North State loop, being chosen for the honor by vote of the Conference coaches and announced in the Greensboro Daily News.

The big Christian back, who was co-captain of the Maroon and Gold eleven in his senior season, was the only member of the Elon squad to rate the all-star squad. Revell Morrison, sophomore fullback from Leaksville, was given honorable mention.

The All-Conference squad was dominated by East Carolina and Catawba, the Pirates getting seven and the Indians five posts on the 22-man list. Appalachian and Lenoir Rhyne each had three men, Guilford got two and Elon and Western Carolina one.

**Cagers Show Offensive Ability In Early Games**

**Elon Cage Games**

The Elon College basketball squad, which lost all except one of its five starters of a year ago has shown offensive strength in playing five pre-Christmas games but Coach Doc Mathis at times has had trouble getting his defense to click against the opposition attack.

The Christian cagers got an even break in their first four contests which included the opener with the Belmont Abbey Crusaders here, a pair of home-and-home games with McCrary and a contest with Presbyterian College in South Carolina. They closed the pre-holiday campaign by meeting Belmont Abbey away on Monday of this week.

- Elon 78, Belmont Abbey 81.
- Elon 77, McCrary 67.
- Elon 63, Presbyterian 82.
- Elon 80, McCrary 65.
- Elon 65, Belmont Abbey 75. (Remaining Games)
- Jan. 7—Presbyterian, home.
- Jan. 9—East Carolina, away.
- Jan. 13—A.C.C., home.
- Jan. 16—Catawba, home.
- Jan. 18—High Point, home.
- Jan. 23—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
- Jan. 27—Appalachian, away.
- Jan. 30—Catawba, away.
- Feb. 1—Guilford, home.
- Feb. 3—Appalachian, home.
- Feb. 6—W.C.T.C., away.
- Feb. 9—Guilford, away.
- Feb. 11—High Point, away.
- Feb. 13—East Carolina, home.
- Feb. 15—A.C.C., away.
- Feb. 17—Lenoir Rhyne, away.
- Feb. 20—W.C.T.C., home.

**Grid Letters Are Awarded To 20 Men**

The award of football letters to twenty members of Elon's 1953 grid squad was announced last weekend by Coach Sid Varney. The list, one of the shortest in recent Elon football history, included eight players who had previously earned letters and twelve new monogram winners.

The letter winners, divided by class rank, included three seniors, one junior, seven sophomores and nine freshmen. Awards were made to two ends, four tackles, four guards, two centers, two quarterbacks, two left halfbacks, one right halfback and two fullbacks.

Players winning letters for the third time included Co-Captain Dwight Dillon of Martinsville, Va., and Marvin Moss, of Burlington, while letters were awarded for the second time included Co-Captain John Platt, of Kokomo, Ind., Mal Bennett, of Asheville, Gene Williams, of Morganton, J. C. Disher, of Winston-Salem, and Joe Smith and Charlie Michaux, both of Fayetteville.

Players winning the block "E" for the first time included Nick Theos, of Charleston, S. C., Homer Hobgood, of Oxford, Revell Morrison, of Leaksville, Jim Hawkins, of Norfolk, Va., Pat Cafasso, of Cedarhurst, Long Island, N. Y., Chuck Maynard, of Norfolk, Va., Glenn Varney, of Powell, Pa., Bob Kopko, of Monessen, Pa., Jerry Akromas, of Larksville, Pa., Bill Snyder, of Danville, Pa., Whitney Bradham, of Sumter, S. C., and Kerry Richards, of Mahanoy, Pa.

**All-Campus Grid Squad Lists Intramural Stars**

Four strong tag-football squads garnered all the berths on the 1953 All-Campus honor squad, with the championship North-Carlton combine from North Dormitory and Carlton House also leading the field in the number of honor players. The champions placed four men out of nine, with East Dorm and ITK-South gaining two posts each and Sigma Phi-Vets placing one man.

The North-Carlton outfit placed two of four men in the backfield and also picked up two other places in the line. Sigma Phi-Vets and ITK-South each placed a backfield man, while East Dorm claimed two positions in the forward wall. One line post went to ITK-South. The honor squad was named by members of the Intramural Council.

Speed was the keynote in choice of the All-Campus backfield, which lists Joe Harvey and Danny

Thomas, speedy North-Carlton stars, along with Nick Thompson, of ITK-South, and Don Johnson, of Sigma Phi-Vets. There were no repeaters in the backfield from previous all-star squads.

Teamed at the ends on the honor group are Leon Long, lanky North-Carlton flankman, and Bob Bergan, who anchored the East Dorm eleven at one end. Phil Carter, speedy and aggressive ITK-South pivot, was named for center; and flanking him on each side in the guard or tackle spots are Terry Thomas, of North-Carlton, and Curtis Young, of East Dorm.

Two of the nine men honored for their 1953 play are repeaters from previous years. Leon Long was an All-Campus end for the Oak-Carlton combine two years ago, and Terry Thomas was listed for all-star honors at end last year while playing for North

**SEEING SPORTS**



with **GARY SEARS**

Dear Santa:

Everyone seems to be writing letters to you, and so I thought that I would join them and send along my yearly letter too. I know that you'll be awfully busy, but I'd like for you to bring a few presents for some of my friends here at school. I know for sure that Coach Sid Varney would like nothing better than to have a winning team, and possibly the Conference championship next year in football. For Coach Doc Mathis to have a successful year in his debut as head baseball coach. He has a lot of good material to work with. For Co-Capt. Jack Malloy a berth on the All-Conference team, which would enable him to finish his college career in a blaze of glory. He's a swell guy and deserves the best.

Santa, Hank Hamrick is a returned G.I., so bring him lots of help to return to old form, when he was an All-Conference performer with the basketball and baseball teams. Bobby Jones, Jimmy Dalton, and Bobby Stewart signed pro baseball contracts—we'd like to have some able replacements for them, if they can be found. Also bring us some 400 hitters to replace Co-Capt. Carroll Reid. Charlie Schrader will be the lone returning letterman on the tennis team, and he'd like a book on "Learning to Serve" and with a little help from Russ Borjes, Bayard Hovesden and Skillet Malloy, our tennis team could have another successful year. Could you possibly bring Mal Bennett a new pair of track shoes? He's our "one man" gang in the North State meet. Better still, why not bring him a few boys who are willing to work with him in having a crack team on the cinder-paths.

St. Nick, I know you'll be loaded down, but try to bring "Big John" Platt a real try-out in pro football. He'd really appreciate this, and he proved his ability to the Elon fans this past fall.

Also bring Bubber Barnes a football season free from injuries. Bob Kopko would like a Spanish book that he can understand and Bob Westerman would like an engraved ping-pong paddle with

an everlasting ball, for 15c gets pretty expensive at times. The basketball team would like another successful year and to go to the finals in the Conference tournament. Speedy Langston would like another "Speedy Langston" to help him carry the load of school work he's trying to carry this year. Luther Conger wants two victories over East Carolina when baseball rolls around—real bad Santa. Sherrill Hall would like a berth on the All-Conference team. Leon Long wants his "two front teeth"—really Santa, 'cause he lost them in intramural football.

Joe Harvey would like a new set of golf clubs. He's the golfing Senior as is "Bo" Small, who hopes for a young "Sam Snead" in the family. Stacy Johnson would like a tackle to go along with his fullback. Santa, do you think you could bring a revised set of rules for football, too, including return to two-platoons, for we had some good defensive men lost in one platoon obscurity. J. C. Disher was a great defensive end, and P. D. Watts was fair to middlin' on the kick-off team. Furman Moseley would appreciate his "E", as would the Juniors who feel they deserve their white coat sweaters or is it jackets this year? Mr. Boyd would like seven good active members for his intramural council in order to give the students a well-balanced program. Virginia Jernigan and Annie Vince May would like two teaching certificates and a school in Wyoming. Santa, we know that this is a time of the year when all should be bright and gay. We're not selfish and feel that one other school in the North State Conference is looking for a gift. East Carolina practically went begging for a bowl bid. They failed in their attempts so they decided to be host team in their own bowl game to be played on January 2, 1954. They invited Morris-Harvey from West Virginia to be their opponent. Behind the scenes—Appalachian beat Morris Harvey by at least two T. D.'s; East Carolina beat Appalachian by four T. D.'s—Now Santa, we know East Carolina is

**Guilford Defeats Elon By 9 To 0**

The Guilford Quakers copped all the dressing to go with their Thanksgiving turkey when they made the most of a pair of breaks to defeat the Elon Christians 9 to 0 in their thirty-first annual Thanksgiving Day gridiron meeting on Thursday afternoon, November 26th.

It was the third successive year that the Guilford eleven had gained the nod over the Christians in their North State Conference gridiron battle, and it was won on Hobbs Field at Guilford as a chill wind blasted an estimated 1,000 chilled spectators.

The game was largely a defensive battle, with neither team able to get any sustained drive underway, but the grey-clad Quakers displayed greater alertness when there was a loose ball on the field, recovering four Elon fumbles during the fray, and two of these Christian miscues set up the two Guilford scores.

Leslie Everett recovered the first of four Elon fumbles on the Elon 4-yard line early in the first quarter, and then came the nearest thing to a sustained drive that the winners could muster. Bill Rogers and Carl Jones led the Quakers to a first down on the Elon eight, and Rogers carried to the six, but Wayne Martin, Elon end, broke through to smear Jones back on the seventeen.

**HOW IT HAPPENED**

Elon	Guilford
5	10
109	187
16	32
93	149
5	6
1	3
9	23
2	1
36	0
5	4
29.6	33.3
61	13
4	0
50	35
<b>Score by Periods:</b>	
Elon	0 0 0 0 0
Guilford	9 0 0 0 0
<b>Privott, Field Goal—Slade.</b>	

With fourth down and goal to go from that point, the Quakers called on Reuben Slade, their place-kicking artist, and Slade came through with a field goal. The kick was made from the 23-yard mark, from a slight angle and into the face of a sweeping wind.

The field goal sent Guilford out front 3 to 0, and until the waning minutes of the game it appeared

that it might be the final score, for neither team could show any offensive spark during the middle periods, play being confined largely between the rival 30-yard lines in the second and third quarters.

Elon moved the ball into Guilford territory six times during the game, but the furthest penetration was the Quaker 26-yard line at one point in the third period. A fumbled hand-off ended that Elon threat, and Guilford kicked deep into Christian territory.

The final Guilford score came in the closing two minutes of play when Charlie Strider recovered an Elon fumble on the Christian 8-yard line, and Mac Privott ripped straight through the middle on the first play for eight yards and a touchdown. The extra point failed, and the final score was written 9 to 0.

Bill Rogers, Mac Privott and Carl Jones were the top offensive stars for Guilford, while Charlie Strider proved best in the fighting Quaker line. Wayne Martin, freshman end, turned in several sparkling bits of defensive play for Elon, and Joe Smith did a fine job at guard for the Christians.

**ACTION IN OPENING CAGE BATTLE**



A bit of fast action in the sea on cage opener with Belmont Abbey shows Jack Mitchell (23), E on forward, going up for a rebound with Belmont Abbey's towering Jehnnie Coll. Dave Maddox (24) and Jim Lafferty (5), other Elon players are set for the rebound, while Jim Mead (21), Crusader forward, is in the back

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