

Christians Win Over East Carolina

Elon Eleven Takes Loop Game, 20-6

RICHARDS CARRIES MAIL AGAINST MOUNTAINEER FOES



Kerry Richards (14), speedy little Elon halfback, who was an offense spark in the victory over East Carolina, is pictured above as he took off for a six-yard gain around right end against the Appalachian Mountaineers in the game played at Boone on Saturday, October 2nd. Bill Snyder (15), Christian quarterback, is shown in the background after making the hand-off to Richards on the play. Bob Stauffenberg (35), Elon's freshman fullback, is shown in the left foreground as he drives a shoulder block into the midriff of an Appalachian defender. Joe Garwood (30), Appalachian fullback, is shown coming in from his linebacker position to make the tackle. The action show was caught by Tom Pitts, Winston-Salem Journal photographer.

By JOEL BAILEY
The Fighting Christians, outweighed and outnumbered, rose up in a mighty show of team play last Saturday night at Burlington Memorial Stadium to sink the good ship, "East Carolina" by a decisive 20 to 6 margin.
Throughout the game the Jolly Roger could be seen flying at half mast in memory of the dying hulk of the once proud vessel, which was being tossed about savagely on the waves of gridiron despair. The invading Pirates, defending their conference title, were treated with anything but respect by the Maroon and Gold from the the starting gun.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	East Carolina
13	First Downs 7
210	Yards Gained Rushing 101
18	Yards Lost Rushing 16
192	Net Yards Rushing 85
7	Passes Attempted 18
4	Passes Completed 5
82	Yards Gained Passing 78
274	Total Yards Offense 163
5	Opp. Passes Intercepted 0
31	Runback Intercepted Passes 0
8	Number of Punts 7
30	Ave. Distance Punts 38.6
124	Yds. Kicks Returned 96
2	Fumbles Lost 0
60	Total Yards Penalties 55

Score by Periods:
Elon 0 7 7 6—20
East Carolina 0 0 0 6—6
Elon Touchdowns — Richards, Michaux, Stauffenberg, Extra Points — Simpson 2, East Carolina Touchdown—Boado.

Elon gave an indication of things to come early in the initial period when the Christians launched a drive from their own 10-yard line to the Buccaneer thirty-seven as the quarter ended. The first quarter was highlighted by the fine running of Elon Bob Stauffenberg and the able quarterbacking of the Christians' Bill Snyder.

Kerry Richards, diminutive Elon halfback, brought an enthusiastic home crowd to its feet midway in the second quarter, when he gathered in a punt at midfield and scampered fifty yards to paydirt behind excellent blocking by his teammates. Jack Simpson split the uprights for the extra point, and the underdog Christians led by a 7-0 score at 7 minutes, 17 seconds of the same period.
Elon again proved equal to the occasion when a Pirate thrust carried deep into Christian territory with minutes remaining in the second quarter, for Whitney Bradham intercepted a Carolina aerial on his own two-yard line and got to the fifteen before being hauled

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Appalachian Is Winner Over Elon Footballers

The Appalachian Mountaineers, playing before a Homecoming crowd of 5,000 fans at Boone on October 2nd, displayed surprising power as they defeated the Elon Christians 20 to 6 and chalked their third North State victory in a row. The Christians lacked much of the sharpness shown in the opener at the Citadel and could never muster a sustained scoring punch.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Elon	Appalachian
6	First Downs 14
121	Yds. Gained Rushing 239
23	Yards Lost Rushing 10
98	Net Yards Rushing 225
6	Passes Attempted 10
2	Passes Completed 4
32	Yds. Gained Passing 46
130	Total Yards Offense 275
1	Opp. Passes Intercepted 1
17	Runback Intercepted Passes 0
8	Number Punts 5
25.5	Ave. Distance Punts 31.8
79	Yds. Kicks Returned 105
4	Fumbles Lost 2
15	Total Yards Penalties 40

Score by Periods—
Elon 0 6 0 0—6
Appalachian 6 7 7 0—20
Elon Touchdown—Stauffenberg, Appalachian Touchdowns — Pennell, H. Lackey, Nifong, Extra Points—Ollis 2.

The Appalachian gridders struck with dramatic suddenness after eight minutes of the first quarter when Aubrey Elam broke off right tackle and raced 67 yards to the Elon one, where the last Elon defender brought him down. On the next play Ned Pennell split the middle on a quarterback sneak play for the touchdown. Jim Ollis' kick for point was wide, but the Apps led by 6-0.

The Christians tied the score in the early minutes of the second period when Glenn Varney broke through to block one of Ollis punts and set the stage for an Elon touchdown. Ollis was kicking from the App 33-yard marker, but the ball bounced back to the seven, where Wayne Martin covered it for Elon. Bob Stauffenberg scored in two plunges, but the Elon kick was wide and the score remained tied at 6-all.

Elon Football

- Elon 13, Citadel 21.
 - Elon 6, Appalachian 20.
 - Elon 20, East Carolina 6.
- (Remaining Games)
Oct. 16—Newberry, away.
Oct. 23—Catawba, home.
Oct. 30—W.C.T.C., away.
Nov. 6—Guilford, home.
Nov. 13—Lenoir Rhyne, home.
Nov. 20—Davidson, away.

The tie was short-lived, for a scant three minutes later the Mountaineers moved to the front again. An Elon fumble on an Appalachian punt was recovered by the Mountaineers at the Elon 33-yard marker, and the black-jerseyed Apps went from there for his score. After chalking a first down on power, Ned Pennell whip-

Catawba To Be Elon Foe For Homecoming Contest

One of Elon's oldest and bitterest football rivalries will be renewed in Burlington Stadium on Saturday, October 23rd, when the Christians meet the Catawba Indians in a battle which will climax Elon's annual Homecoming festivities.

The teams have met nineteen times on the gridiron since the rivalry was begun, and the records for the series show that Elon holds a one-game advantage over the Indians in the number of victories. Since the first meeting in 1928, the Christians have chalked nine wins, Catawba has eight victories, and two games have ended in ties. A few games have shown overwhelming victories for one team or the other, but most of the battles have been close and hard-fought, as was the contest last year at Catawba, when the Indians came from behind for a 21-21 tie score.
The first game back in 1928 was one of the close ones, with Catawba winning 13-12, but Elon rolled for a 26-7 win the next fall. Catawba won the 1931 contest 31 to 0, and the two teams tied 0-0 in 1934, after which Elon copped three wins in a row by scores of 32 to 0 in 1935, 33 to 13 in 1936 and 22 to 2 in 1937.

The next four games were split evenly, with Catawba winning 26 to 6 in 1938 and 13 to 0 in 1940, while Elon copped wins by 26 to 7 in 1939 and 8 to 7 in 1941. There was a break in the play through World War II, with play resumed in 1946.
Following the war, Catawba moved ahead with three straight wins, copping by 40 to 0, 38 to 0 and 35 to 0, but Elon turned the tide in 1949 and also chalked three wins in a row. The Christian wins were by 20 to 14, 26 to 12 and 21 to 14 from 1949 through 1951. Catawba gained a 12 to 0 nod here two years ago, followed by last year's tie battle.

Digging With Doug In The Field Of Sports

Who'd a think it? Not the experts—not the fans—not me! Four days—four games! A world championship in four straight! WOW! Three cheers for the Durocher-men and their rooters, and our condolences to the Lopez-men and their fans. It's all over now, so 'nui said.

It was reported that there were no less than 5,000 football enthusiasts gathered at the Appalachian pasture to witness the Elon-App grid action on October 2nd. Wouldn't it be nice to see a throng that small gathered over at the Burlington sports emporium when our boys are holding forth there? Even with such an attraction as our 20 to 6 victory over East Carolina, we fell far short of the 5,000 figure in our crowd.

A major factor in contributing to the appeal of a football game is the color or atmosphere prevailing at the stadium. Such things as the crisp air (something that we've had little of lately), the bright green carpet of well-cared-for turf glistening in the arc or sun light, the strains of band music bouncing back and forth across the field, along with the great game itself make Saturday afternoon or evening a mighty pleasant time to be in the stands at the stadium.

In the past few years it seems that one very important phase of the color at Elon's games has not been quite up to snuff. It looks to this observer as though the fault has been not with the hard-working students who seem to work their hearts out each fall. It seems, instead, that there has been a lack of cooperation and backing on the part of the faculty, and in saying this I speak of nothing other than the Elon Band. In most respects our music faculty leaves nothing to be desired, but it has missed the boat in the past in this instance of the band.

All cannot be done by the students alone. A band should be one of the brightest lights of the entire school and not of the music department alone. Observers have been watching band activities this fall with interested eyes, and reports are that things appear to be different this year. Let's hope that in due time we can have a band to rival the best in the North State Conference.

Another fine intramural program appears to be under way this year. All those who can possibly do so should make every effort to participate fully in the program. Last year through the efforts of Prof. Scott Boyd and the intramural council we had one of the best intramural programs Elon has seen in several years. If Prof. Boyd and the intramural council repeat their fine performance we cannot fail to have another successful year.

Now let's take a look at the summer diamond exploits of some of our campus ball players. First the Major Leagues: Austin Brewer, who attended Elon three years ago, recently won his tenth game of the year, limiting the Philadelphia Athletics to four hits. Brewer's record, showing 10-9 for the season and 4-1 for this year against the A's, is outstanding for any rookie. He yielded only three hits as he shut out Philadelphia for eight innings, but weakened in the ninth, giving up a two run homer to Jim Finigan.

Now the Minors: Jack Mitchell, an Elon senior, reported to Shreveport at the beginning of the summer, but he played only exhibition games there and hit .333. Later, he was sent to Augusta, Georgia, to play in the South Atlantic League. Mitchell hit .262 and led the league in stolen bases.

Dick McCarthy, sophomore, began his first year in pro ball with the Greensboro Patriots of the Carolina League. The nineteen year old outfielder had a good season with a .297 batting average.

Bill Cayavec, sophomore, who played with Burlington-Graham of the Carolina League, was shifted to High Point of the same league this year. Bill hit 12 homers and batted .249.

Nelvin Cooper a veteran ball player and graduate of Elon, was a teammate of Cayavec at High Point and also hit .249.

Jack McKeon, another one of our campus ball players, spent half the season as reserve catcher for the Bur-Gra Pirates of the Carolina League. The parent organization of the Bur-Gra team, Branch Rickey's Pittsburgh Pirates, then shifted Jack to one of their Kansas ball clubs where he finished the season.

Fred Biangardi, another graduate of Elon, played in the Carolina League with Winston-Salem.

Semi-pro: "Speedy" Langston, who led the Christians batting last year with a .309 average, went on after graduation to play with Norwood, Gene Laughlin, who graduated along with Langston, also played with the Norwood club.

Nick Thompson, with a .307 batting average for the Fighting Christians last year, was with Albemarle this past summer.

Bobby Greene hit a lofty .480 for Ossipee this summer. Green led Elon in runs batted in, triples, and home runs last year.

Bill Snyder hit an impressive .426 with a semi-pro club in Danville, Pennsylvania.

Don Packard and Bill Armfield played for Gibsonville during the summer months and hit .333 and .350 respectively.

Larry Dofflenyer journeyed home to play with the Elkton Blue Sox. His batting average at the end of the season was .304.

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Tag-Football Grabs Interest In Campus Sports Program

With ITK and East Dorm chalked up opening-day victories, tag-football grabbed the interest last week in the campus sports scene, and action promises to be fast and furious in the 4-team league that is operating this fall.

The opening of the tag grid campaign pushed fall softball out of the picture after the ITK boys and the combined Faculty-Kappa Psi outfits topped the race in the softball battles that opened the year's intramural program.

Intramural officials, in commenting on the off-season softball play, mentioned a number of the faculty for their play in the loop, including Dr. Reynolds, Dr. Cunningham, Professors Fox, West, Boyd and Sox and Field Secretary Gibbs.
Prof. Scott Boyd, director of the

intramural program announced plans for an intramural track meet to be held within the next two weeks. He stated that about eight events would compose the program, which is likely to include only boys this fall. There were a number of girls events in the autumn meet last year.

The tag-football action got underway on Wednesday of last week with ITK defeating East Dorm in a preliminary non-league battle by a 12 to 6 count. It was a test game for the new grid rules in vogue in the league this fall, which forbid the use of more than four men in the defensive backfield. The rule is designed to open the defense and encourage more scoring.

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Homer Hobgood Anchor Of Christian Line



Holding down the important center position and anchoring the forward wall for Elon's Fighting Christians of 1954 is Homer Hobgood, a rugged 185-pounder from Oxford, who earned a regular starting position this fall after two seasons in a Maroon and Gold uniform.

Hobgood was handicapped by lack of weight when he joined the Christian squad as a freshman two seasons ago, and that first season saw him understudying Mike Moffo, the rough-and-tough Connecticut lad who started every game at center for the Elon eleven during his four years on the campus.

With Moffo graduated and gone from the scene last year, Hobgood split time at the pivot assignment during the 1953 campaign. In the late season games the Oxford boy climbed into a starting position, injuries having sidelined both of his competitors at the pivot position.

Reporting this fall with 185 pounds on a tough frame, Hobgood stepped into the starting role and has seen almost full-time duty in the early games on the 1954 schedule. Rated an excellent hand with the ball and a fine backer-up when on defense, the Elon pivot star should rate with the best in the North State Conference by season's end.

Hobgood also plays baseball, and last spring he was a regular catcher in the early battles played by the Christian nine, which swept to the North State Conference championship. An attack of appendicitis sidelined him in late season battles.